

The opposition is developing draft laws to implement the EU's recommendations

By LIZA MCHEDLIDZE

The parliamentary opposition is starting to develop draft laws to implement the recommendations of the European Union. The meeting of the working group was held where they discussed the elimination of corruption and the reform of the judicial system.

The ruling Georgian Dream party did not participate in the meeting.

Opposition member Giorgi Vashadze hopes that the Georgian Dream will be pressured into supporting the laws:

"There were many cases when the ruling party was forced to adopt a law that they did not want to adopt. They voted for the constitution in the first reading and voted for it. They did not want to switch to a fully proportional low-barrier system, but they had to. Therefore, we must create mechanisms that force them to fulfill all 12 recommendations to get candidate status" said the leader of Strategy Aghmashenebeli.

According to Giorgi Botkovelevi, a member of the United National Movement, all opposition parties that come up with any initiative will work in a coordinated manner.

"Any group that will meet today in the opposition format will not meet under the leadership of anyone. It will be a coordinated group that will work on what the opposition will do additionally and jointly



Giorgi Vashadze

in order for us to move forward in the process that our country needs most today," he said.

The non-governmental sector also participates in the process of developing draft laws for 12 recommendations.

The Georgian Young Lawyers Association say that they will share their vision regarding the constitutional, judicial or anti-corruption direction with any political group.

Georgian Dream is working separately

to complete the recommendations from the European Union. They have already held a meeting regarding the judicial system, however, without inviting non-governmental organizations and the ombudsman.

Gov't to amend the law on diplomatic service

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According to the press service of the government administration, the ministers discussed the amendments to the law on the diplomatic service to regulate the rotation cycle in the diplomatic service, as well as "the manner and terms of sending employees to the diplomatic missions of Georgia on long-term business trips".

It is not yet known what changes will be made in the law.

The Government of Georgia has a constitutional dispute with the President of Georgia regarding the appointment of ambassadors.

The constitutional lawsuit "Government of Georgia against the President of Georgia", which evaluates the constitutionality of the president's refusal to appoint ambassadors and diplomats submitted by the government, was accepted by the plenum of the Constitutional Court for consideration on June 25, 2022.

The government requests an explanation regarding the appointment and dismissal of Georgian ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions, separation of powers between the President of Georgia and the Government of Georgia.

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Soso Gogashvili Releases Statement

By MESSENGER STAFF

Soso Gogashvili, the current prisoner and former deputy chief of the State Security Service, has issued a statement.

Gogashvili claims that Grigol Liluashvili, head of the security service, and Vakhtang Gomelauri, minister of internal affairs, carried out the 'illegal task' of Bidzina Ivanishvili, the former chairman of Georgian Dream and that now it is the turn of prosecutor general Irakli Shotadze and judge Mikheil Chinchaladze.

Gogashvili talks about Minister Vakhtang Gomelauri and claims that he did abduct and torture his daughter's fiance a few years ago, so he is not shocked by him.

"Another illegal task of



Bidzina Ivanishvili was performed blindly by Liluashvili and Vakho, now it's the turn of Shotadze and Chinchaladze to fabricate evidence and sentence me illegally. By the way, external and internal surveillance cameras caught how illegal items and documents were brought in, and my family members also saw it, but the cameras have now been damaged and the recordings deleted by the Operational Technical Department, just like during the previous illegal assignments, such as 1) the beating of Gela Khvedelidze because of swearing at Bidzina on the phone, which was carried out by Partskhaladze's gang and was erased by the Operational Technical Department, and 2) Bidzina's task - the kidnapping of Mukhtarli, which was also erased by the Operational Technical Department," reads the statement.

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According to the Georgian government, in the last one year,

the president has repeatedly left the ambassador candidates nominated by the government without responding.

Salome Zourabichvili's administration soon responded to the government's allegations, saying that accusing the president or her administration of lying which lacks politeness and

is nonsense, causes unwanted tension in the society, especially when much more important issues are being resolved.

For information Salome Zourabichvili refused to appoint Davit Bakradze, current ambassador of Georgia to the United Nations.

According to Zourabichvili,

after she became the president, 37 ambassadors were nominated and she signed the appointment of 36 of them. The president of Georgia explained Davit Bakradze's nomination dismissal by stating that Bakradze "has done nothing for US-Georgia relations during his 5 years of work in the USA."

The News in Brief

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European Union market tenders worth €2-trillion now open for Georgian companies

The European Union market tenders worth €2-trillion have been opened for Georgian companies.

The decision was made by the Georgia-EU Association Council.

According to the Minister of Economy of Georgia, Levan Davitashvili, during the year, more than 250,000 public purchasers in the European Union purchase products worth two trillion euros.

According to the decision of the Association Council, Georgian companies now have the opportunity to fully access this market.

"We think that this will be a new incentive for Georgian companies. At the same time, this is an important step forward in terms of Georgia's integration

into the European economic space," said the Minister of Economy Levan Davitashvili.

President Zourabichvili condemns Russian Annexation in Bichvinta and calls international community to react

The President of Georgia Salome Zourabichvili reacts to the transfer of the government country house "Bichvinta" in the occupied Abkhazia to the ownership of the Russian Federation and calls on the international community to take an immediate response.

"What we're seeing in Bichvinta is a form of annexation of Georgian territory by Russia. We see a strong popular reaction to the developments. This is the result of continued occupation

I strongly condemn this and call on the international community to strongly react to this," wrote Zourabichvili on Twitter.

In January 2022, a document was signed in secret between the government of the occupation regime of Abkhazia and Russia, according to which the government country house Bichvinta will be transferred to the ownership of the Russian Federation.

Opening Ceremony of the Project for "Provision of Community Eco Bus in Keda Municipality" Within the GGP Grassroots Human Security Grant Program Of the Embassy of Japan in Georgia



On July 25, the Keda Municipality officially received the Eco Bus, purchased within the Grassroots Human Security Grant Program (GGP) of the Embassy of Japan. The Handover Ceremony was attended by the Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Mr. Imamura

Akira, Mayor of Keda Municipality Rolandi Beridze and his First Deputy Imeda Vasadze, Head of the City Council of Keda Municipality Amiran Tsintsadze; Also, Members of the Parliament of Georgia and the Supreme Council of the A/R of Ajara – Anzor Bolkvadze and Pridon

Futkaradze. By providing the energy-efficient bus which is fully adapted for people with disabilities, this project aims to improve the mobility of the local people to gain access to the goods, essential services and critical facilities. Moreover, by introducing an electric bus in rural Georgia, this project creates a good precedent for replication, to reduce air pollution and emissions of harmful greenhouse gases. Grant amount: 77,235 USD.

The "Grassroots Human Security Grant program" (GGP) provides assistance to relatively small projects and aims at the improvement of human security in Georgia in the following priority fields: environment protection, agriculture, infrastructure, healthcare and education. Since 1998, within the GGP program alone, the Japanese Government has funded more than 200 projects, in total amounting to around 25 million USD.

Weather

Wednesday, July 27

Day Partly Cloudy
High: 30°C

Night Partly Cloudy
Low: 20°C

Thursday, July 28

Day Partly Cloudy
High: 33°C

Night Clear
Low: 20°C

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