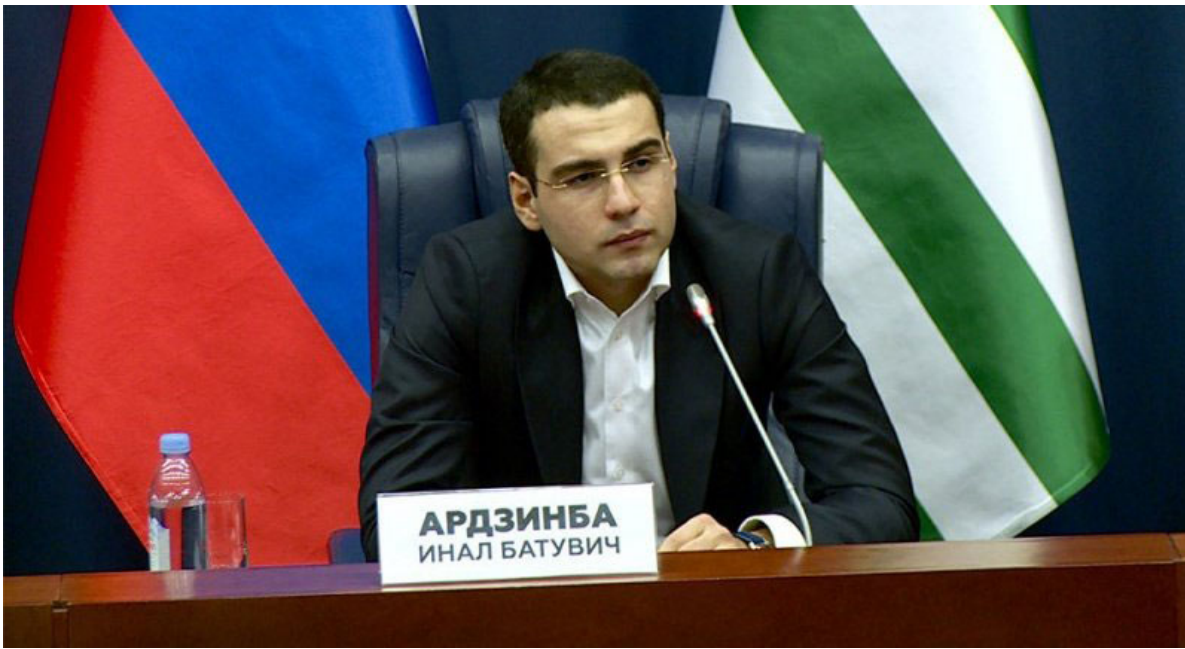


'We call on Georgia to sign a bilateral agreement on the non-use of force', so-called Foreign Affairs Minister of Abkhazia says



Inal Ardzinba

BY LIZA MCHEDLIDZE

According to the publication ASOVA, the so-called Minister of Foreign Affairs of the occupied Abkhazia, Inal Ardzinba, called on Georgia to sign the non-use of force agreement. Regarding the statement of the Minister of Defense of Georgia, Juansher Burchuladze, that Georgia intends to produce its own drones, Ardzinba said that the so-called government of Sokhumi considers this a direct threat.

"We call on Georgia to sign the agreement on non-use of force within the framework of the Geneva negotiations. Abkhazia is a peace-loving country, we are not going to attack anyone. But we will protect our homeland, our people and our native land to the end," said Ardzinba.

According to the so-called minister, Sokhumi acts in accordance with the agreement of August 14, 1997, signed by

Vladislav Ardzinba and Eduard Shevardnadze.

According to him, with this agreement, the parties took responsibility not to use force in case of disagreements, "all differences should be resolved only through peaceful political ways, through negotiations" - said Ardzinba.

The representative of the so-called Abkhazian government also warned the population of Abkhazia that a hybrid war is going on in the world and more than 50 countries are "fighting on the side of Ukraine and neo-Nazis". According to Ardzinba, in case of a military conflict with Georgia, which is not excluded, these countries will help Georgia.

"This is a collective Western war machine. Groups of foreign mercenaries, military units are trained according to the standards of the North Atlantic Alliance. In the event of a military conflict with Georgia, which we

cannot rule out, all these countries will support our adversary," Ardzinba said.

According to Inal Ardzinba, against this background, it is especially important to strengthen the defense capabilities of the so-called Republic of Abkhazia, as well as "maintain and strengthen good, fraternal relations with the allied Russian Federation".

"We cannot take steps that will be considered as an unfriendly attitude towards Russia. Russia is a guarantee of our security, it helps us to strengthen the sovereignty of our state. Today, the Russian Federation stood up to world injustice. This is a fight for truth, this is a fight for justice. And as you know, there is power in the truth," said Anil Ardzinba.

The Minister of Defense of Georgia, Juansher Burchuladze, on June 9, during his speech in the Parliament in the "Minister's Hour" format, said that Until the end of the year,

Georgia will produce Georgian unmanned aerial vehicles, drones.

According to Burchuladze, "one of the most important priority directions of the agency in terms of increasing the self-defense capability and strengthening the defense forces is the development and strengthening of the direction of intelligence means - operational and tactical unmanned reconnaissance and combat aerial vehicles".

The so-called foreign affairs minister of occupied Abkhazia said on September 16 that "taking into account the current international conditions, the probability of war with Georgia is quite high". According to Ardzinba, Georgia is in consultations with NATO, increases contracts for the purchase of weapons and unmanned aerial vehicles, and has activated its intelligence.



Eduard Shevardnadze and Vladislav Ardzinba

Committee of Ministers of Council of Europe makes decision on war case "Georgia against Russia"



BY LIZA MCHEDLIDZE

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe The Ministry of Justice of Georgia has made a decision on the "Georgia against Russia" war case.

According to the information released, the Committee of Ministers strongly called on Russia to submit a full-fledged action plan for the implementation of the decision of the Grand Chamber of January 21 as soon as possible and to start taking effective steps to eliminate the main basis of the violations (i.e. continuous occupation) and to prevent the recurrence of similar human rights violations.

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“As the public was informed, on January 21, 2021, the European Court of Human Rights published its decision on the case - “Georgia v. Russia (II)” (the so-called “war case”). The decision refers to the administrative practice of massive human rights violations against the population of Georgia during the August 2008 war and subsequent occu-

pation by Russia, which exercised effective control over the Tskhinvali region and Abkhazia.

At the meeting of the Committee of Ministers in September of this year, the Georgian side spoke about the importance of the decision and stated a clear position that despite the termination of the status of a member of the Council of Europe for the Russian Federation, the re-

spondent state still has an unconditional obligation to strictly implement the court’s decision.

It is significant that the Committee of Ministers fully supported the Georgian side and emphasized the severity and scale of the established violations.

The Ministerial Committee strongly called on Russia to submit as soon as possible a comprehensive action plan to imple-

ment the decision of the Grand Chamber of 21 January and to start taking effective steps to eliminate the root cause of the violations (i.e. the continued occupation) and to prevent the recurrence of similar human rights violations.

The committee also expressed deep concern that the Russian Federation, which exercises effective control over Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali region, still

does not allow the internally displaced ethnic Georgian population to return to their homes and called on Russia to implement effective measures in this direction in order to implement the decision.

At the initiative of the Georgian side, the committee will return to the consideration of the “war case” at the next session, in December 2022,” the statement reads.

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Rally at Enguri bridge aims to destabilize situation, Abkhazia’s de-facto government says

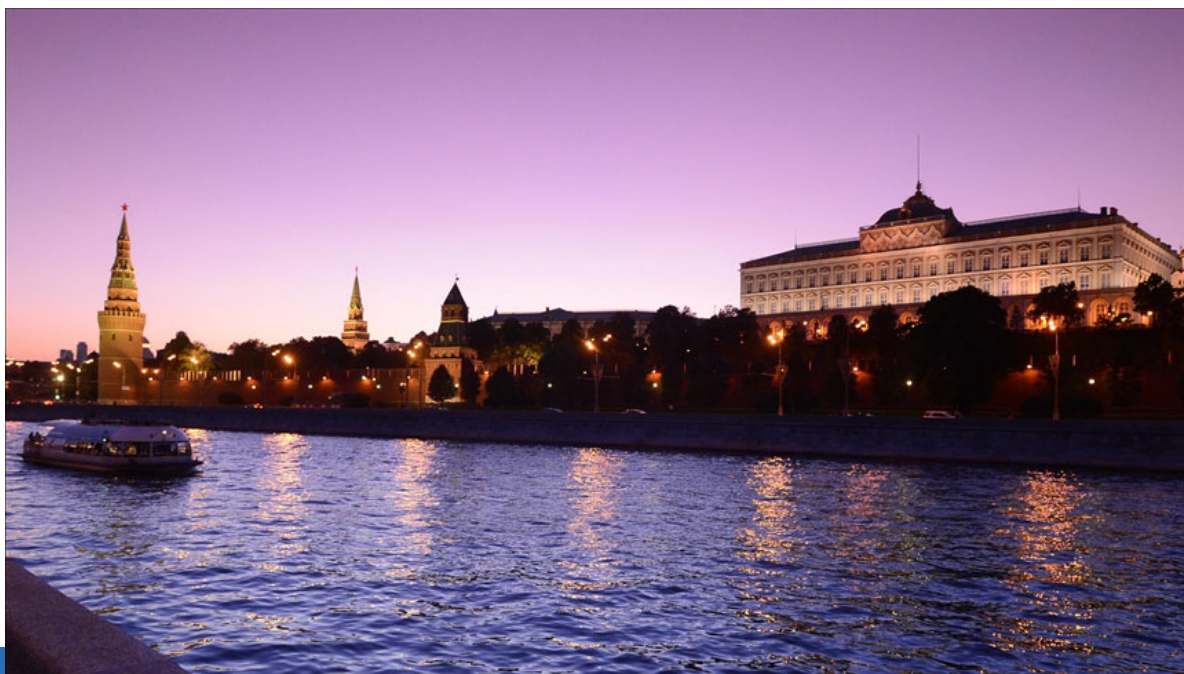
The so-called Ministry of Foreign Affairs of occupied Abkhazia responded to the protest held by the activists near the Enguri bridge and assessed it as “another provocation”.

In the statement released by the de facto ministry, it is noted that “such actions are aimed at

destabilizing the situation in the border zone”.

“Despite the statements of the high officials of Georgia that Georgia wants to resolve the existing contradictions in a peaceful way, in practice Georgia takes various steps that can undermine the foundations of security in our region.

According to the available information, the US Embassy and USAID instructed Georgian public activists to activate the issue of the return of refugees to Abkhazia. The provocations stimulated by the American curators cause an extremely negative reaction in the Abkhazian



“Abkhazia is Georgia” and once again protested the Russian occupation.

Kremlin allegedly considering mobilization of Abkhazia and so-called South Ossetia residents, Meduza publication writes

According to the source of the Meduza publication, the Kremlin wants not only to mobilize Russians, but it is also considering the possibility of mobilizing the residents of so-called South Ossetia and Abkhazia. According to the publication, the source is a person close to the administration of the President of Russia.

According to the source, there is a possibility that several thou-

sand people are forcibly drafted from Abkhazia and the so-called South Ossetia.

On September 21, Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilization in Russia. The decision was followed by protests in several Russian cities, including Moscow. Partial mobilization refers to the enlistment of military personnel who have already undergone some military training.

After partial mobilization was announced in Russia, Russian citizens began to massively leave the country, including in the direction of Georgia. In the past few days, footage from the North Caucasus was circulated, which shows the rows of Russian citizens crossing to Georgia. BBC writes, based on a local correspondent, that there is a 10-kilometer line of cars on the Georgian-Russian border.

Weather

Monday, September 26

Day ☀️ Clear
High: 22°C

Night 🌙 Clear
Low: 11°C

Tuesday, September 27

Day ☀️ Clear
High: 26°C

Night 🌧️ Partly Cloudy
Low: 13°C

society and pose a direct threat to peace and stability in the region,” the statement reads.

The rally was held on September 24 near the Enguri bridge,

Samegrelo-Abkhazia administrative border. The participants brought the flags of Georgia, the European Union and Ukraine, a banner with the inscription

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