

PM Irakli Gharibashvili meets with Czech Republic Justice Minister Pavel Blazek



ing support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia and emphasized the importance of the Czech Republic's participation in the EU monitoring mission.

The conversation touched on the important progress achieved by Georgia on the path of European integration. It was noted that the European Council, by giving Georgia a European perspective, confirmed that the future of Georgia is in the European Union, and this decision laid the foundation for a new stage that should bring Georgia to EU membership. The role of the Czech Republic as the EU Council chairman country and the importance of Czech support in the European integration process were emphasized.

The conversation also touched on the first summit of the European political union initiated by the European Union, which was held in Prague. According to the Prime Minister, this summit is of special importance and will contribute to unifying efforts to ensure peace and stability on the European continent.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic Zuzana Fiserova, the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Georgia Petr Mikyska and the Minister of Justice of Georgia Rati Bregadze.

BY LIZA MCHEDLIDZE

The Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Gharibashvili met with the Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic Pavel Blazek.

At the meeting held in the

government administration, the main directions of the dynamic partnership between the two countries were reviewed.

It was noted that bilateral visits between Georgia and the Czech Republic have become sig-

nificantly more active recently. The willingness to further deepen the existing cooperation and political dialogue was expressed. The significant assistance provided by the Czech Republic in the direction of insti-

tutional, socio-economic transformation and reforms of Georgia on the path of European integration was emphasized.

The Prime Minister thanked the Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic for his unwaver-

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According to "Georgian Dream" MP Archil Talakvadze, the "artificial inclusion of Mikheil Saakashvili's issue in the PACE resolution had a toxic effect on the resolution".

According to him, the representatives of the opposition have different motives when talking about the resolution. According to Talakvadze, some of them want to cover Russian revenues, some want to cast a shadow on Georgia's foreign political successes, and some want to please Saakashvili.

"Actually, the comments we hear are lies, and it's a pity that on a decision on such an important issue as Ukraine, support for Ukraine, where all the member states of the Council of Europe were

united and had full support for this resolution at the meeting of the apolitical committee, it's a pity that "After artificially introducing the issue of Saakashvili, it had a very toxic effect on the resolution," he said.

According to him, the delegation of Georgia supported the original version of the resolution, therefore the statements made are "wrong". Talakvadze says that there are no question marks about their support for Ukraine because they also supported "more weighty" resolutions.

"In reality, many people know that Saakashvili was not Putin's main opponent, but his main ally in Georgia for years. Because the cases and violations that he and his team committed were



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only in Russia's interests. Accordingly, what statements are made is wrong," said Talakvadze.

On October 13, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) supported the resolution, which provides for the declaration of the current Russian regime as a terrorist and the provision of weapons to Ukraine.

In the Parliamentary Assembly, 99 deputies supported the resolution under the name "Another escalation of the Russian Federation against Ukraine".

The Assembly also voted to amend paragraph 7 of the resolution on "Further aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine", calling on the Russian Federation and other countries to review the cases of political prisoners opposed to Putin, including Mikheil

Saakashvili and Vladimir Karamurza, and release them.

This paragraph talks about the increasing repression in the Russian Federation, within the framework of which the Russian government is fighting the opposition, the media, and civil organizations, the purpose of which is to sow fear in society.

According to the 4th amendment, the sentence was added to this clause:

"The Assembly calls on the Russian authorities to release Vladimir Karamurza immediately. The Assembly also calls on the Russian Federation and other countries to review the cases of other anti-Putin political prisoners and release them (including Mikheil Saakashvili, a citizen of Ukraine and former president of Georgia).

Finally, with 56 votes in favor and 27 against, the appropriate amendment was made to the resolution.

The News in Brief

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Opposition parties present candidates for public office



"Lelo", "Strategy Agmashenebeli" and "United National Movement" will nominate Ana Abashidze, Nazi Janezashvili and Giorgi Burjanadze as candidates for public defender.

As a result of consultations, they decided that the opposition will be supported by the candidates nominated by non-governmental organizations.

Giorgi Vashadze, the leader of "Strategy Agmashenebeli", said that only 3 candidates deserve his trust and he cannot deceive the public and name the fourth because he has to fill 7 candidates.

According to Davit Usupashvili and Levan Bezhashvili, members of "Lelo" and UNM, other parliamentary subjects will be obliged to fill the number of candidates to 7.

According to the procedure, from among the candidates evaluated by the 9-member commission, the 7-member group of opposition, factions, political groups, and non-partisan MPs

will be able to nominate candidates for public defense, which should not be less than 7, by October 21.

According to the amendment to the regulations, candidates for the position of Public Defender in

"Lelo" demands revision of draft law on creation of anti-corruption agency

"Lelo" demands the initiation of consideration of the draft law on the creation of an anti-corruption agency in the parliament. This bill was initiated in the parliament in 2021.

The political secretary of the party "Lelo", Salome Samadashvili, said that the "Georgian Dream", which is the center of corruption, does not think that this is the country's problem, however, according to her, the Vake Park tragedy showed the opposite.

"This is the corruption that deprives our children of the chance to live in a normal country. As it turns out, this corruption is dangerous for people's lives.

It is a fact that until now the

"Georgian Dream" did not consider it necessary to consider this initiative when corruption kills people and when the European Union tells us that if we do not fight corruption, this country

has no future in the European Union, but the Georgian Dream, which is itself the center of this corruption, does not. He thinks that this is the problem of this country," she said.



2022 were submitted to the Parliament of Georgia in accordance with the order of the Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia.

Germany assists Georgia with a 2,3 Million EUR grant for the installation of equipment and capacity building at the largest chemical enterprise of Georgia



The German government will allocate a grant of 2,3 million EUR to Georgia in order to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

The money will be spent on re-equipment of "Rustavi Nitrogen", the largest chemical enterprise 25 km away from Tbilisi. Rustavi Azoti is the biggest producer of mineral fertilizers in the region.

"The Rustavi Nitrogen" signed a memorandum of cooperation with the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) in connection with which the grant was allocated.

According to the agreement, the "Rustavi Nitrogen" will finance the program with additional circa 2 million EUR. Accordingly, 4 million euros will be spent on installation of the systems, which will enable to reduce emission of nitric oxide into the atmosphere. This will ensure a state of the art facility in Georgia and help to secure about 2000 jobs at Rustavi Azoti.

Weather

Wednesday, October 19

Day Partly Cloudy High: 18°C

Night Light Rain Low: 11°C

Thursday, October 20

Day Partly Cloudy High: 22°C

Night Light Rain Low: 12°C

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