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PM Gharibashvili meets with Hungary's PM Viktor Orban

The Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Gharibashvili along with the government delegation arrived in Hungary for an official visit.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban stated that the European Union's decision to grant candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova, but not to Georgia, was discriminatory and disrespectful to the country.

"We all know that a very bad decision was announced in Brussels. I would say that this decision was discriminatory, when the candidate status was granted to Moldova and Ukraine, and not to Georgia. This cannot be morally justified and is a harmful decision. Our guest and this country deserve the candidate status. Because they have been working very hard in recent years and this decision was disrespectful to Georgia, the Georgian nation, and the Georgian state.

We will continue to support Georgia so that it receives candidate status and joins the European Union as soon as possible. We will be able to do this with expert help, 16 Hungarians are working on Georgian issues within the European Union, and we are doing everything to start negotiations in this direction soon", said Viktor Orban.

Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Gharibashvili responded to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's assessment that denying Georgia candidate status in Brussels was a very bad decision:

"We appreciate your evaluations related to the decision made by the European Council. I also want to say that it was important for us to give a European perspective", said Irakli Gharibashvili at a joint briefing with the Prime Minister of Hun-



gary." Gharibashvili said.

According to him, the prime ministers signed the declaration of strategic partnership, which will deepen the cooperation between the two countries.

"Today we signed the declaration of strategic partnership and I believe that the already existing close cooperation and friendship between us will be further strengthened and will give an additional impetus to

Georgian-Hungarian relations. I want to tell you, Mr. Prime Minister, how much we personally appreciate your support for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of our country.

You have always been and are a loud supporter of Georgia's European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations, and your messages are always important to us. We appreciate it very much. We appreciate your comments related to the decision made by the European Council. I also want to say that it was important for us to be given a European perspective," Gharibashvili said.

According to Gharibashvili, the government is working on 12 recommendations, which were determined by the European Council and the European Commission. According to him, non-governmental organizations and

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"We are doing our best to get Georgia status as soon as possible. I also want to say that today we have to live and work in very difficult times, governments have a great responsibility towards their people and the country," he said. Gharibashvili also told Viktor Orban that he respects Orban's politics.

EU is observing Judicial system reforms in Georgia very closely, Pawel Herczynski says



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The Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia, Pawel Herczynski, when asked how Georgia is fulfilling the 12 recommendations issued by the EU for Georgia's EU membership candidacy so far, said that it is too early to talk about the progress.

"It is too early to talk about it, I know that the process is ongoing, the work is organized in the Parliament of Georgia, in the parliamentary committees. I know that the Georgian side has set itself very tight deadlines. Yesterday, I had several meetings in the Parliament of Georgia, and I will go to the Parliament tomorrow as well. Of course, we are watching all this very closely and we hope that the

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The News in Brief

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MFA Minister Darchiashvili evaluates PM Gharibashvilis visit to Hungary



The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Ilia Darchiashvili, evaluated the visit of the Head of Government of Georgia, Irakli Gharibashvili to Hungary. "The official visit of the Prime Minister of Georgia to Hungary has ended. Hungary is our country's prominent supporter of Euro-Atlantic integration. Accordingly, this visit was of special importance," he said.

According to him, the mentioned visit will bring concrete tangible results on the path of Georgia's European and Euro-Atlantic integration. In addition, the minister noted that the existing successful cooperation between the two countries will

move to a new level. "In the bilateral relations that we have established over the years, we will have new concrete impulses that will bring our two countries even closer, cooperation will be even stronger," Darchiashvili explained, emphasizing that trade and economic relations, as well as cooperation in the educational field, will be Georgia's and priority directions

for strengthening ties between Hungary.

"We had very interesting and in-depth discussions on strengthening and deepening relations. I am sure that after this visit, we will have even more dynamic, more result-oriented cooperation. We count on Hungary as a strong supporter of our country.

In order for Georgia to successfully continue moving in the direction of its foreign priorities, Hungary, together with other partners, will be one of the countries that will be able to support and help our country in a very loud and effective way," said Ilia Darchiashvili.

Abkhazian language is in danger of extinction, President Zourabichvili writes

Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili wrote on social media that the Abkhazian language is in danger of extinction:

"Today, when the Abkhazian language is in danger of disappearing, the Abkhazian language day should be a day of reflection for us, Abkhazians and Georgians, because there is no survival of the Abkhazians without the survival of the Abkhazian language," President wrote.

According to President

Zourabichvili's explanation, the Abkhazian language faced the threat of extinction for the first time in its many thousand years of existence.

"It is symbolic that the river

Georgia, while deepening its European integration, should be able to make the survival and development of the Abkhazian language an important topic of the common European cultural agenda.



Engur, which separates us today, was called the underground river of wisdom in the Sumerian language. Wisdom should bring us closer to each other, lack of wisdom has led us to disaster, and in its many millennia of existence, the Abkhazian language has faced the threat of extinction for the first time.

As I stated last year in "UNESCO" regarding the establishment of the International Day of Caucasian Languages, it is possible to save the Caucasian languages, including the Abkhazian language, only with the involvement of the international community", wrote President Zourabichvili.

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process will be very inclusive and transparent, with the participation of all stakeholders, including the opposition parties, and they should work very constructively.

The evaluation process will be carried out next year. The first assessment will be from the European Commission, and then it will be discussed by European leaders, and then a decision will

be made on what the next steps will be on Georgia's European integration path," the ambassador noted.

Pawel Herczynski was also asked about Judicial system reforms in Georgia and said that the European Union is observing this process very closely.

"The European Union is trying to help Georgia to reform its judicial system. Reform of the judicial system is one of the 12 recommendations. That's why we are watching this process very carefully," Herczynski said.

According to him, the judicial system in Georgia should be professional and independent. "It is extremely important that the judicial system in Georgia is very professional and independent," the Ambassador noted.

Tbilisi to encourage investment in renewable energy

The first Renewable Energy Investment Conference takes place today in Tbilisi, Georgia.



The three-day event – co-funded by the European Union – brings together 200 energy regulators and high-level policymakers to find ways for-

ward to accelerate the energy transition and catalyse investments in renewable energy projects in Europe, Eastern Part-

financial resources will include creating new technology frameworks and enhancing capacity-building among different state and private actors.

The event is organised by the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) on behalf of the European Commission's EU4Energy Programme – "Promoting the Clean Energy Transition in the Eastern Partnership Countries", the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) and the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC).

The Conference will also celebrate 25 years of independent regulation in Georgia since the foundation in 1997 of the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission.

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Weather

Friday, October 28

Day ☀️ Clear High: 18°C

Night 🌙 Clear Low: 8°C

Saturday, October 29

Day ☀️ Clear High: 17°C

Night ☁️ Partly Cloudy Low: 6°C

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