Penitentiary Service responds to Saakashvili's lawyer's claims that the ex-president had been poisoned

By Liza Mchedlidze

The Special Penitentiary Service responded to the information released by Mikheil Saakashvili's lawyer regarding the possible poisoning of the ex-president.

The agency stated that no one has provided them with an official report confirming the veracity of the information about the poisoning.

The Special Penitentiary Service stated that Mikheil Saakashvili is in the hospital under medical supervision and appropriate medical measures are being taken.

"In order to avoid misinforming the public, we call on everyone to refrain from spreading unverified and unsubstantiated information," the statement reads.

Mikheil Saakashvili's lawyer, Valeri Gelbakhiani, said that Saakashvili was poisoned.

"Experts directly indicate that the signs that characterize poisoning are the elements found in Mikheil Saakashvili's body as a result of biopsy research. The dynamics that followed his diseases in terms of health deterioration is the reason to say that he is poisoned, otherwise no disease would develop like this.

If the duration coincides with the period of stay in Vivamed, naturally, then Vivamed will be responsible for it, if not,



then the place where it was placed before," Gelbakhiani said in an interview with TV Pirveli. The ex-president's mother, Giuli Alasania, said that Mer-

cury was found in Mikheil Saakashvili's body.

The Empathy Center will publish a report on Mikheil Saakashvili's health

condition. Along with the Georgian doctors, Saakashvili's condition was examined by doctors invited from abroad.

Mikheil Saakashvili's mother speaks about ex-presidents health condition



By Liza Mchedlidze

A ccording to Giuli Alasania, the mother of the third president of Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili, ex-president Saakashvili lost 40 kilograms in the clinic, has fever, weakness and cannot stand up.

As she told journalists at the rally in support of Mikheil Saakashvili near the government administration, she is grateful to the doctors of the Vivamed clinic, however, she thinks that for Saakashvili's complete recovery, it is necessary to transfer him abroad.

"The rally is completely peaceful, completely removed from politics. The goal of this campaign is to save a life. Examinations are being conducted at the Vivamed clinic. I am satisfied and grateful to the doctors, but the problem is that the condition has not improved, it is still serious. Carrying out the appropriate treatment is how I understand that a person should be cured. He lost 40 kg during his stay in the clinic, he constantly has a fever, as well as weakness, he can't stand up, he can't eat," Alasania said.

She also responded to the information about Saakashvili's possible poisoning and noted that he does not know anything about it. In addition, Giuli Alasania stated that they are waiting for the toxicologist's report.

"We do not know exactly where, who and how, in any case it is not known to me. We are waiting for the toxicologist's report. The goal is to place him in the appropriate clinic, where his condition will improve," said Giuli Alasania.

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Kobakhidze: UNM should continue to weaken and we will facilitate this process

"For example, they promised us the same hot autumn, but it's autumn, and still it didn't seem very warm from the political point of view.

The weaker the 'movement' is, the more peaceful it is, if you look closely. The main key to depolarization lies in the

PM Gharibashvili: The time is over when we have to fulfill directives harmful to the country

of course, there is a big difference between us, between us and the radical anti-state force. What is foreign to them is organic to us, natural. We prove with our work that we serve the national interests of the



According to Irakli Kobakhidze, the main key in terms of depolarization lies in the weakening of the United National Movement and the most important thing is that this party is weak so that it does not have the resources to damage the country and the political system. Irakli Kobakhidze, chairman of the 'Georgian Dream' party,

fact that the 'Nazi movement' should continue to weaken, and of course we will facilitate this process.

This is what should ultimately lead us to depolarization, otherwise we cannot rely on Vashadze, Khabeishvili, Japaridze and Khoshtaria, of course," said Irakli Kobakhidze on the Public Broadcaster.



Irakli Gharibashvili, while delivering the final speech in the Parliament, said that "the time is over when we have to fulfill directives harmful to the country, we will listen to everyone, but we will do what our country needs.'

"From the speech of several deputies, I can draw the following conclusion that, country.

The time is over when we have to follow directives that are harmful to the country, we will listen to everyone, but we will do what our country needs," said Irakli Gharibashvili.

According to him, the Georgian Dream was able to establish unprecedented longterm peace and stability in the country.

EBRD to support revival strategy for Ukrainian city of Mariupol

The European Bank for Re construction and Development (EBRD) has signed a memorandum of understanding with Mariupol's authorities on commissioning a 'Damage, Loss and Needs Assessment Report'.

The report will examine the impact of Russia's war's on the city's infrastructure (public transport, water and sanitation, solid waste management and public lighting) and estimate the financial cost of restoring it.

The report will form the ba-



tial investors and donors to rebuild the city after its full liberation. The port city, part of the

Donetsk region, has been severely damaged in Russia's invasion and a two-month battle for control over Mariupol. It is currently occupied by Russian

sis of the city's Mariupol Revival

Strategy, which will include key

cost estimates and attract poten-

The city's authorities, who now operate from Ukrainian-controlled territory, do not have the resources to finance or the capacity to implement a project of such complexity, and have sought support from the EBRD.

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Night Mostly Cloudy Low: 9°C

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7th World Week of Italian Cuisine Celebrated in Georgia

By Ana Dumbadze

The seventh week of human sine in Georgia: table culture, sustainable development, innovation and the visit of the star of Italian cuisine, the world-famous chef, Carlo Cracco.

The World Week of Italian Cuisine returned to Georgia, showcasing the diversity of Italian culinary heritage, traditions, outstanding agro-food products, and the skills of Italian chefs.

In parallel with a week-long celebration of Italian cuisine in Georgia, worldwide editions of the event also took place.

The 7th week, just like the previous ones, brought together various exciting events and gave the guests an opportunity to look into Italian gastronomic traditions, touch their rich history and get to know new faces - outstanding Italian chefs who visited Georgia.

The main theme of the program of the seventh week of Italian cuisine was closely related to table culture and sustainable development (which is traditionally reflected in Italy's special approach to human health and the protection of the rich the numerous combinations of ingredients available to us day by day.

"The Importance of Gastronomic Knowledge for Sustainable Development: Science, Taste and Nature" the public lecture of Professor Andrea Pieroni of Pollenzo University of Gastronomic Sciences was held on November 16 at the National Library of the Parliament of Georgia.

The audience was allowed to listen to the exciting lecture by the Professor and find out more about healthy lifestyle/eating, sustainability, the role of gastronomic knowledge for sustainable development and the future of gastronomy worldwide. Further, Andrea Pieroni elaborated on the similarities between the cuisines of Italy and Georgia and praised the culture of the traditional Georgian table (Supra).

At the end of the lecture, the guests enjoyed special authentic Italian food and beverages.

For the record, Pollenzo University of Gastronomic Sciences jointly with the Association of Gastronomy of Georgia implements the project "Ark of Taste

to present the Georgian agro-food heritage and popularize the ecologically clean and healthy concept of "Slow Food".

As part of the 7th World Week of Italian Cuisine, at the invitation of the Embassy of Italy, celebrated chef Carlo Cracco visited Georgia and held a high cuisine master class, offering original dishes to the guests. The distinguished guest also visited Kakheti, a region of Georgia famous for its viticulture and winemaking, and learn about the pride of Georgia - Georgian wine culture and unique traditions.

A cooking show with the participation of renowned young Italian chef Alessandro Simeoli was held at "Bazari Orbelianze". The culinary show, the main theme of which was culinary creativity and the nutritional value of ingredients, was dedicated to the unique flavors of Mediterranean cuisine. Guests of the event had the opportunity to taste delicious dishes prepared by Italian chef and watch the preparation process on the spot.

The event "Limoncello Party: Tasting Iconic Italian Spirits" organized jointly with the Tbilisi office of the Italian Trade

planet), as well as innovations that en- Atlas of Georgia", the purpose of which is Promotion Agency (ICE-ITA) was held for companies working in the hotel and restaurant sectors, dedicated to the worldwide famous and beloved Italian liqueur 'Limoncello".

"Limoncello" deserved a unanimous great admiration of the guests.

Special emphasis was also made on other famous Italian drinks, such as the Aperol cocktail, etc.

The Italian Cuisine Week was crowned with the macaron handicrafts competition, which has become a tradition, organized by the Tbilisi Committee of the Dante Alighieri Society, which included awarding the winners of the competition with incentive prizes.

The Embassy of Italy in Georgia thanked all public and private individuals and companies for their contribution to the organization of various events held within the Seventh Week of Italian Cuisine.

"This contribution once again confirms the sympathy of Georgian society for Italian cuisine. After all, Italian cuisine is not just food, it is a distinctive Italian taste part of the cultural heritage, lifestyle and excellent opportunities for food business operators," announced the Embassy.



























































































