

Saakashvili's lawyer claims independent expert Aleksandre Gejadze is not impartial, refuses to include him in the case

By Liza Mchedlidze

Mikheil Saakashvili's lawyer Shalva Khachapuridze stated at the court session that the inclusion of expert Aleksandre Gejadze in the former president's case is out of the question.

According to the lawyer's explanation, Gejadze said in the conversation with him that in case of an examination, he will write in the report what "they will call from the Ministry of Internal Affairs."

The lawyer spoke about this at Saakashvili's trial and said that there are secret recordings of his and Gejadze's dialogue, where the expert also confirms that in the examination of the case of Lekso Lashkarava, operator of TV Pirveli, the same conclusion was drawn that the Ministry of Internal Affairs 'arranged'.

Aleksandre Gejadze, who was involved as an independent expert in the case of the death of the TV operator Lekso Lashkarava, agreed with the conclusion of the examination bureau that Lashkarava died of acute cardiovascular and respiratory failure caused by heroin intoxication and not by being beaten to death.

"As for Mr. Gejadze - I had a meeting with him several times, I wanted him to be involved in this case, although in the presence of several people he ordered that he would be happy to participate in the examination if they call him from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, he will make the conclusion that they will tell him. That's why he told me "Shalva I'm very



sorry, I respect you, we have been cooperating for years and I don't want to do what I did about the death of a TV Pirveli journalist, I made the conclusion that was arranged by the Ministry of Internal Affairs".

Therefore, Mr. Gejadze's participation in this examination is categorically

excluded, I am sure Gejadze will confirm, if not, we have recordings. I recorded Gejadze when he was talking to me, and we will have to hear on television what Gejadze said regarding Saakashvili. Gejadze gave Saakashvili a code nickname 'bird'. He used to call me on the phone, asking me how is the

case with the 'bird', I would be happy to take part in the case of the 'bird', they would pay me well, the only trouble is that the Ministry of Internal Affairs will call me and I will write down what they tell me, he would say," said Khachapuridze.

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Georgian Dream leaders call Saakashvili's condition from the court a 'simulation'



Mamuka Mdinardze, chairman of the Georgian Dream party, told journalists that he does not believe Saakashvili's condition is so severe that "he can't brush his hair to the side" or "shave his beard".

According to him, today, the majority of the population of Georgia exposed the prisoner in the simulation.

"Do you also believe that Mikheil Saakashvili's condition is so serious that he couldn't comb his hair to the side and shave his beard? I don't believe it, and neither does the vast majority of the population of Georgia, who today, once again, exposed a prisoner in the simulations who decided to deceive the public in this way. He lied all his life and had the Georgian people in stress and torture, and today only the resource of lying is left, and the absolute majority of the population of Georgia today thinks that if he brushed his hair to the side, did not grow a beard and did not pretend to be dying, he had the absolute resource for this. In my opinion, I agree with the opinion of the public that this person is simulating dirty. When I saw the previous footage and today's footage, after that, I got even more of this belief, based on the fact that I see what he is doing - acting," Mdinardze said.

According to Mamuka Mdinardze, when they talk about post-traumatic stress disorder, Mikheil Saakashvili has always had it.

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Georgia wins August War case in Hague, proves Europe sees truth about August War 2008

BY MALKHAZ MATSABERIDZE

The investigation phase of the August 2008 war case has ended at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. The Georgian side was not accused of war crimes and the responsibility lies entirely with Moscow and the Ossetian separatists acting on its instructions.

After the war started by Putin in Ukraine in 2022, the West clearly saw the true face of today's Russia and adequately understood what Moscow did against Georgia years ago. The Georgian side carried out self-defense and acted in compliance with all the rules of war. The decision of the Hague Court is a great victory for Georgia not only because the Russian version of the August 2008 war failed, but also because the representatives of the current government of Georgia can no longer talk about the war crimes committed by the "previous government" during this war.

After the 5-day war of August

2008, the Medvedev-Putin regime not only achieved military success against Georgia, but also gains a propaganda victory. Some people in the West were eager to believe what Russian propaganda claimed. As if the then president of Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili, started hostilities, the Ossetian population in the Tskhinvali region was threatened, and therefore Moscow intervened in the 'conflict'.

If they did not believe this, then they would have to strongly condemn the Russian aggression against Georgia. This is how the extensive conclusion of Mrs. Taliavini's commission, sent by the European Union, appeared, which had a 'balanced' character as a whole, and Russian propaganda considered it a proof of its correctness.

Saakashvili's government was actively attacked in connection with the August war by the opposition at that time, which gradually gathered around Ivanishvili. This is how Georgian Dream was born, whose first

members, during Saakashvili's time in the opposition and after he came to power, considered it a 'proven fact' that 'Saakashvili started the war', that 'Tskhinvali was bombed in sleep', 'military crimes' were committed and sooner or later the perpetrators will be brought to justice. Commander-in-Chief Saakashvili and other Georgian military personnel.

If it was not done in Georgia, the international court would do it in the Hague. Such statements were repeatedly voiced by Bidzina Ivanishvili, Salome Zurbishvili, Tea Tsulukiani and others. Their position was fully consistent with the Russian propaganda messages regarding the August war.

There were various assumptions in Georgia regarding why such statements were made by the leaders of the Georgian Dream. According to one version, we were dealing with party hatred.

The leaders of the Georgian Dream hated Mikheil

Saakashvili and his team so much that they were ready to support Russian propaganda and did not care about how they were harming the interests of Georgia with their statements. The second version was simpler and more prosaic, and the authors of such statements were considered Putin's agents. The Hague Court did not find a single Georgian guilty for a war crime. This put an end to the discussion of 14 years about the August war and who was to blame for the war crimes. The Hague Court convicted Russian General Vyacheslav Borisov (deputy commander of the Russian Air Force during the August 2008 war), whom the Russian side declares dead, and three high-ranking officials of the Tskhinvali separatist regime.

Georgia suspects that Borisov was simply hidden in Russia and there are no real facts confirming his death. The decision of the Hague Court, in principle, put those who spoke about the crime of the 'Georgian side' in an awkward

position. Television channels critical of the government immediately searched their archives for their old announcements. However, no new explanations were made by the authors of such statements.

Instead, the imprisoned third president of Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili, responded to the decision of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. "I am extremely proud of our Georgian army, which showed the highest class not only in battle, but also played in such a way that no one's rights were violated, which is very difficult during the war," said Saakashvili.

The health condition of Saakashvili, who is in prison, has been causing serious concern for a long time, and the Georgian authorities are being urged to make a decision to transfer him abroad for treatment. However, these appeals, which were recently voiced by Ukrainian President Zelensky, remain unanswered.

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Expert-Psychiatrist David Goldsmith says Mikheil Saakashvili has dementia and PTSD, requires treatment in the US or Western Europe



American expert-psychiatrist Eric David Goldsmith stated that the third president of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili has dementia and post-traumatic

Weather

Friday, December 23

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Night 🌙 Clear
Low: 0°C

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Night 🌙 Clear
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stress disorder.

According to the expert, taking into account the reports, there is no basis for simulation.

"In August, I used to talk to him for a long time in the morning and in the evening. I spoke to his mother and uncle, read reports from other medical experts and they all found the same thing - dementia and PTSD. No basis for simulation or forgery," he added.

The expert also answered the question about treatment possibilities in Georgia. According to him, Saakashvili cannot be in prison.

"It's very clear that if he has post-traumatic stress disorder, he is directly exposed to the trauma that causes it every day in prison, so he can't be sitting in a prison cell to deal with this issue.

As for the dementia associated with exposure to these toxic substances, the treatment of this requires an appropriate site, a university setting that exists only in the US or Western Europe and has the appropriate expertise to fully assess and treat such a rare form of dementia," said Goldsmith.

President Macron says Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova should be guaranteed security

According to President of France Emmanuel Macron, security guarantees should be extended to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Armenia in addition to Ukraine and Russia.

"When I talk about guarantees, I'm talking about all these countries, about us, but also



about Russia," said Macron in an interview with WSJ.

At the same time, Macron noted that Ukraine's victory must be codified in a new agreement that will ensure the political stability and security of this region and Europe in general.

According to the French president, Europe needs to play a strong role in NATO. According to Macron, Europe needs to reduce its dependence on the US and develop its own defense capabilities in order to ensure peace in the region.

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"This person has always had the disorder in general, what caused the post-trauma, here is 'fake'. He did not receive any injuries, he was not tortured, he is placed in a two-room 'suite' and despite such a long monologue, you still cannot name the diagnosis, which according to the Georgian legislation can be the basis for the release of this person," Mdinarradze told reporters.

Chairman of the Georgian Dream, Irakli Kobakhidze, also called Saakashvili's condition as

'simulation', similarly to his colleague Mdinarradze. He said that the footage of Mikheil Saakashvili from the trial "was a very inept simulation."

"Today we saw another simulation, although it seems that simulation also takes talent and this was a very poor simulation. As for the visuals of it, it is no different from the footage that was released by the Ministry of Justice a few days ago and it was footage taken 2 days ago," said Kobakhidze.

According to Kobakhidze, Saakashvili is on a 'selective

diet' and has undergone stomach surgery, "which also caused weight loss."

"He's on a selective diet, which has caused weight loss, and he's had stomach surgery, which has also caused weight loss. That's the only thing we can see from this visual. The rest, as far as medical evidence goes, has to be confirmed by a diagnosis, and no diagnosis has been published. All this proves that this is a clear simulation and a very incompetent simulation, which we saw among them on TV today," said Kobakhidze.

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