

Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili Meets with UK Minister of State Leo Docherty

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Irakli Garibashvili, the Prime Minister of Georgia, met with Leo Docherty, the Minister of State of the United Kingdom for Europe and North America.

The meeting within the Government Administration centered on discussing the current strategic partnership between the two countries and collaboration in both bilateral and multilateral formats. Dignitaries assessed the potential for enhancing cooperation across various fields. The significance of the ongoing "Wardrop Strategic Dialogue" between Georgia and the United Kingdom, contributing to strengthened collaboration in various fields, was underscored in this context.

The positive recommendation from the European Commission on Georgia's EU candidate status received special attention during the discussion. The meeting also addressed environmental challenges both in the region and globally. Emphasis was placed on Georgia's potential positive role in enhancing security and stability in the South Caucasus. Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili affirmed Georgia's commitment to continuing its contributions to regional peace and stability.

Irakli Garibashvili shared information with the visiting British government official about the ongoing reforms implemented by the Government of Georgia. He expressed gratitude to the United Kingdom for its contribution to strengthening state



institutions and promoting democratic development in the country.

The Prime Minister of Georgia also drew attention to the security and humanitarian situa-

tion in the occupied territories of Georgia, thanking Leo Docherty for his unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

Georgian Foreign Minister

Ilia Darchiashvili also met with UK Minister Docherty and discussed bilateral ties, regional challenges, and Georgia's mediation role for peace. Emphasizing energy connectivity, Docherty

praised Georgia's role. They reviewed the 'Wardrop Strategic Dialogue' and plans for its 9th round in Tbilisi. The visit is part of Docherty's regional tour amid growing UK interest.

Vice Prime Minister Levan Davitashvili Engages in Ministerial Meeting on Green Energy in Budapest

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Levan Davitashvili, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development participated in the ministerial meeting on green energy in Budapest.

Representatives from the governments of Georgia, Hungary, Romania, Azerbaijan, and Bulgaria gathered in the capital of Hungary to discuss current issues within the framework of the ministerial.

Davitashvili began his speech by highlighting the success of Georgia's European integration process. He noted a significant milestone, emphasizing that the European Commission had made a positive decision and recommended granting Georgia the status of a candidate for EU

membership.

According to the Vice Prime Minister, this marks a historic event for Georgia on its path toward European integration. He expressed confidence that by participating in such projects and collaborating with partners, the country's integration into the European Union will be further accelerated.

In his speech, the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development emphasized the importance of the partnership among the countries participating in the agreement. He expressed gratitude to all parties for their involvement in the process, the goal of which is to connect the South Caucasus with the European Union. The Vice Prime Minister underscored the signifi-

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cance of economic integration, including energy integration, with the European Union for Georgia. He informed the participants of the ministerial session about the current situation in Georgia's energy sector, highlighting the country's abun-

dance of hydro resources. Levan Davitashvili noted that the government is actively working towards their utilization.

"Our goal is to export electricity to the EU market while actively developing renewable energy projects. Additionally, we aim to support the construction of small and medium-sized hy-

droelectric power plants through various measures. We have initiated the 'Price Difference Mechanism' to enhance the stability of the energy sector," stated the Vice Prime Minister.

In his speech, the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development emphasized the significance of the Black Sea Subma-

rine Cable project in advancing regional energy security, sustainable development, and cooperation. According to him, this project stands out as the most important initiative aligned with the common goals of the participating countries in the ministry.

"This ambitious initiative serves the idea of becoming a

crucial link in the chain of sustainable energy transmission, fostering connectivity and cooperation between our countries. The Black Sea submarine cable project represents a significant stride toward enhancing energy security and promoting environmental sustainability," said the Vice Prime Minister of Georgia.

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Public Defender meets with Levan Dotiashvili and Tamaz Ginturi's family members in Kirbali



The public defender Levan Ioseliani arrived in the village near the occupation line, where he met Levan Dotiashvili and the family members of Tamaz

Ginturi, who had been killed by the Russian occupiers.

Ioseliani stated that the state should employ all available leverage to bring the killers of Tamaz Ginturi to justice.

"I was also interested in the circumstances surrounding Mr. Tamazi's murder—how the in-

criminals will not be easy. The Georgian state should do everything to hold the criminals accountable. This effort should extend both internationally and domestically. We, along with the family, await the expert's answer," stated the public defender.

Introductory Meeting Between Shalva Papuashvili and the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway in Georgia

The Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia, Shalva Papuashvili, held an introductory meeting with the newly appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Georgia, Bergljot Hovland. Both sides emphasized the positive development of cooperation between the two countries since the opening of the Norwegian Embassy in Georgia four years ago. The discussion also centered on the growth of parliamentary relations.

Shalva Papuashvili expressed gratitude to the Norwegian side

for its strong support of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia. He expressed hope that Norway will continue to support Georgia on its path to joining NATO. The ambassador congratulated the chairman on the positive recommendation

ment with European standards.

Papuashvili spoke about the importance of granting candidate status to Georgia and highlighted the country's main achievements along the way. The parties also discussed current events in the region and the



from the European Commission regarding the granting of candidate status to Georgia. He noted that Norway will continue to contribute to Georgia's democratic development and its align-

significant role of Georgia in the process of establishing regional peace. Shalva Papuashvili wished the ambassador success in fulfilling his important mission in Georgia.

Children do not start conflicts – they deserve and need peace, EU says on World Children's Day

On World Children's Day, celebrated on 20 November, the EU said it was particularly concerned for the well-being of children living in situations of armed conflict, forced displacement and protracted humanitarian crises.

"Unfortunately, our television screens and social media feeds



are full of the daily horrors inflicted upon children around the world – be it from Gaza to

Ukraine, terrorist attacks in Israel, from the Sahel region to Yemen and Myanmar," said a

statement by the European Commission and EU High Representative Josep Borrell. "Children do not start conflicts; they deserve and need peace."

The European Commission said children affected by armed conflict suffered from grave violations of their rights, including abduction, killing and maiming, attacks on schools and hospitals, and the denial of access to humanitarian aid.

"Children are inherently more vulnerable to the immediate and longer-term consequences of such emergencies, which increase

their vulnerability to trafficking, threaten their physical and mental health, deprive them of access to basic social services, health care, education, and parental care, and undermine their right to life, development, and opportunities to reach their full potential," the statement said.

The EU underlined that it supported child protection in its external action through political dialogue with partner countries and by funding a wide range of programmes promoting children's rights.

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Weather

Wednesday, November 22

Day Partly Cloudy
High: 13°C

Night Partly Cloudy
Low: 3°C

Thursday, November 23

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High: 14°C

Night Partly Cloudy
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