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BY NIKA GAMTSEMLIDZE

The Parliament of Georgia has approved the draft law with 81 votes, which envisages imposing restrictions without declaring a state of emergency

in the country. The adopted law enters into force as soon as it is published and will be repealed after July 15th.

The opposition, nor European Georgia, nor the National Movement took part in the voting. After yesterday's noisy discus-

sion, minor changes were made to the bill. According to the new version, the rule of isolation and/or quarantine is established by the Government of Georgia or the Ministry determined by the Government of Georgia. Quarantine measures may also be determined in accordance with the rules established by the government.

In addition, the law stipulates that the restriction of these rights must be directed at the achievement of the good protected by the Constitution of Georgia, provided by law, necessary for a democratic society, non-discriminatory, proportionately restrictive and such that the good protected by the restriction exceeds the damage.

However, under the new law, if a person is placed in solitary confinement or quarantined, he or she must be given a clear explanation of what is the reason for his or her transfer, that he or she has the right to notify the lawyer of the transfer. The minor's isolation or quarantine must be reported to his or her parent or other legal representative at the earliest opportunity.

From May 23rd, the state of emergency was officially lifted. With this, several restrictions have been removed, including the restriction on more than three people traveling by car has been removed (with the exception of travel by taxi), the curfew has been lifted.

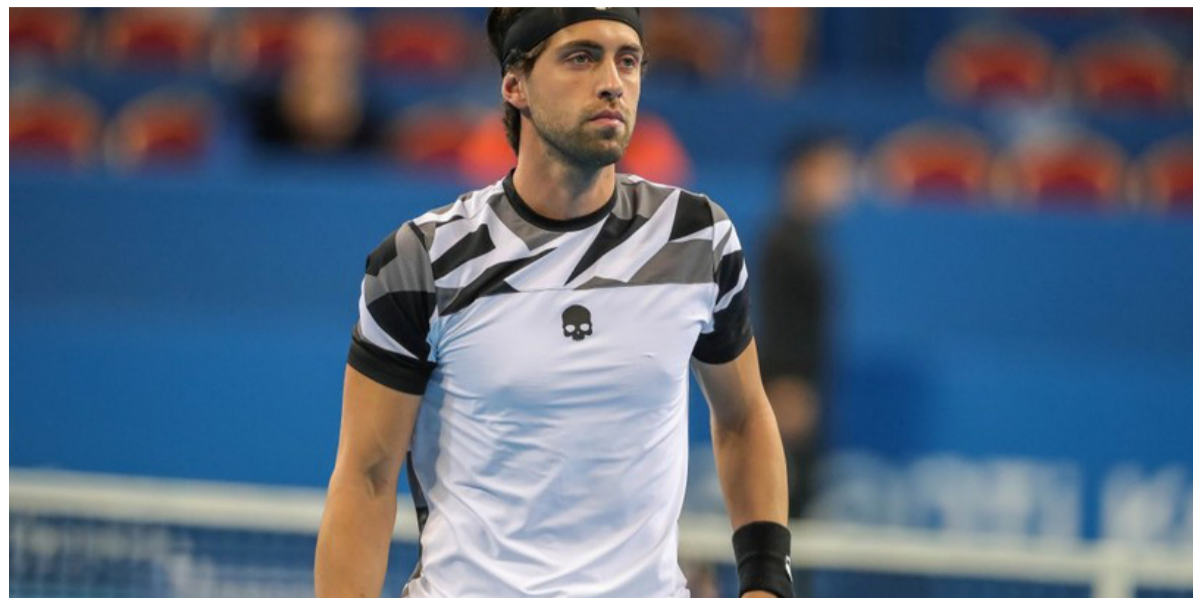
All types of economic activities are permitted, with the following exceptions: serving customers on site in restaurants, bars, cafes, and dining facilities of any



Some restrictions were lifted on May 23rd.

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Dorokashvili says that the violence had happened in the presence of a minor

BY NIKA GANTSEMLIDZE

Nikoloz Basilashvili, accused of domestic violence, was sentenced to ₾100 thousand bail. He is accused of violence against his ex-wife in the presence of a minor. The prosecution initially demanded that he be remanded in custody.

After the trial, the tennis player's lawyer said that Basilashvili did not plead guilty or name the bail amount. The prosecutor in the case told reporters that the tennis player was given 30 days to pay bail.

"The court partially accepted the request of the prosecution and ordered Nikoloz Basilashvili

to be detained, but the court did not agree with the fact that there was a high risk that a new crime would be committed, evidence would be destroyed or Nikoloz Basilashvili would hide," prosecutor Natia Guruli said.

As for the juvenile, the prosecutor says that in the best interests of the child, they are not talking about the content of the evidence. Also, the prosecutor confirmed that a restraining order was registered against the tennis player's father.

"The victim does not indicate physical violence by the father at this stage, therefore charges have been filed against Nikoloz Basilashvili only," the prosecu-

tor explained.

Investigation is under Article 126 of the Criminal Code, subparagraph 'b' of the second part, which stipulates domestic violence in the presence of a minor. Shall be punishable by community service for a term of two to four hundred hours or by imprisonment for a term of one to three years, with or without restriction of arms rights.

Neka Dorokashvili, the ex-wife of the tennis player Nikoloz Basilashvili, told Rustavi 2 that the athlete had physically injured her, and the former father-in-law chased her with a long-handled item. According to her, the incident happened when she

pick up his son. As she says, the motive for the violence is not yet known. As the female victim says, they did not have a property dispute because they have ended the negotiations a long time ago.

"When I went there to bring my child, I don't know what happened to him (the father), I don't know if he was drunk or what, he just chased me and my child, with some item. He says that it was a guitar, I can't confirm that, because it had a very big handle and I thought that it was an axe... I don't even remember, I held my baby and tried to run away," said Dorokashvili.

Nikoloz Basilashvili is a well-known Georgian tennis player.



Dorokashvili told Rustavi 2 that the athlete had physically injured her.

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type; trade in clothing and footwear (such trade is permitted online); the operation of trade centers (shopping malls) and open-air markets (with the exception of open-air agrarian markets); organizing and/or holding sporting, cultural, and recreational events; sports and wellness procedures or activities; the operation of currency exchange booths.

The Prime Minister's Speaker discussed restrictions lifted and kept after May 23rd. According

to him, along with the state of emergency, the ban on assembly and manifestation, as defined in the Law on Assembly and Manifestation, is also terminated. According to Irakli Chikovani, only medical product export remains restricted in the country, meaning products essential to the fight against COVID-19.

"The Interagency Coordination Council will continue working round the clock, and so will its subordinate operations command centers and the umbrella governmental hotline 144," the Prime Minister's Speaker added.

As of today, there are only 730 reported cases of the Novel coronavirus in Georgia. Out of the people infected, 522 have recovered and 12 have passed away.



There are 730 reported cases of the virus in Georgia.

Weather

Monday, May 25

Day Cloudy
High: 16°C
Night Rain
Low: 10°C

Tuesday, May 26

Day Clear
High: 24°C
Night Clear
Low: 13°C

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The French Development Agency allocates €190 million to Georgia to support the COVID19 pandemic crisis response plan



The loan ensures to provide financial and technical support to the reforms under way in Georgia

On May 22, 2020, this commitment came to fruition when the French Development Agency and the Georgian Ministry of Finance signed two loan agreements for a total of 190 million euros. The first loan agreement, amounting to 70 million euros, aims to continue supporting the Georgian health and social protection system with a particular effort on the measures taken in Georgia to fight against COVID19.

The second loan agreement, amounting to 120 million euros, aims to deepen the reforms of the electricity sector with specific attention paid to the care of vulnerable consumers. Compared to the commitments initially envisaged, the amount of these loan agreements has been increased by 110 million euros to take into account the effort linked to the fight against COVID19.

These two agreements were signed between Mr. Ivane

Matchavariani, Minister of Finance of Georgia, Mr. Diego Colas, Ambassador of France to Georgia, and Ms. Gaelle Assayag, Director for the South Caucasus of the French Development Agency.

The objective of the three-year program (2018-2020) in the area of social protection is to provide financial and technical support to the reforms under way in Georgia aimed to:

- Strengthen the social pro-

tection and solidarity system for vulnerable populations;

- Improve the efficiency, quality and accessibility of the health system and support the health response plan to the COVID19 pandemic;
- Adapt the support system for internally displaced persons so that it better meets the needs of the most vulnerable.

The second program, co-financed by the AFD and the German KfW, and supported by a grant from the European Union, aims to support the reforms of the electricity sector by accompanying Georgia in its efforts to:

- Structure a regulatory framework favoring the improvement of energy efficiency;
- Establish an electricity market along the lines of the one in force in the European Union, conducive to the integration of new renewable energy capacities;
- Support vulnerable consum-

ers, both through the establishment of a specific social assistance scheme during the COVID19 crisis, and in the longer term as part of the reform of the electricity market.

On the occasion of the signing of these agreements, Mr. Diego Colas, Ambassador of France to Georgia, declared that: "France, as well as its main European partners with whom we constitute 'Team Europe' and in particular our German partners, stands alongside Georgia to fight the virus and its consequences not only in the short term, in the area of health in Georgia, but also in the medium and long term, especially when it comes to economic recovery."

As the coronavirus further spread around the world, there are only 730 reported cases in Georgia as of today. Out of these reported cases, 522 have already recovered and 12 have died.



The two loans are amounted of 190 million euros

ADB governors approve corporate financial matters in first virtual annual meeting

The Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved ADB's financial statements and the allocation of its 2019 net income in its first-ever virtual Annual Meeting held amid the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The approval came at the first stage of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors—a Business Session among the Governors or their designated representatives from 68 members of ADB.

The second stage of the Annual Meeting, including seminars with Governors and other senior government officials, members of the private sector, representatives of international organizations and civil society organizations, youth, academia, and the media, is currently scheduled for 18–21 September 2020 in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

"Our immediate priority is to provide vital support to developing member countries as they confront the COVID 19 pandemic and return their economies to a path of sustainable growth," said ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa in his remarks to the meeting. "Your approval today of the financial statements and allocation of net income ensures that we have the tools and financial stability to address the enormous challenges that now affect the lives and economies of millions of people across our region."

"Our choices and efforts today will de-

termine whether we can overcome the current health care and economic crises," said the Chair of the Board of Governors, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea Hong Nam-Ki. "The ADB should turn this crisis into an opportunity, while enhancing knowledge sharing on COVID-19 policy responses and expanding support for low-income countries and vulnerable groups."

The Board of Governors adopted a resolution to allocate \$1.069 billion of net income, the highest in the bank's history, from ADB's 2019 ordinary capital resources. The 2019 net allocable income is higher than the \$841.4 million recorded in 2018, due largely to an increase in income from lending operations and liquidity investments, as well as a drop in nonsovereign loan loss provisions.

The allocable net income will be distributed as follows: \$615.7 million to the ordinary reserve to support ADB's capital adequacy and provide an earnings base to generate net income; \$259.5 million to the Asian Development Fund, which provides grants to ADB's low-income member countries; \$130 million to the Technical Assistance Special Fund, which provides a stable and predictable funding source for ADB's technical assistance, as well as increased support to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; \$30 million to the Regional Cooperation and

Integration Fund; \$24 million to the Climate Change Fund; and \$10 million to the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund.

Governors also approved the bank's annual financial statements. ADB's ordinary capital resources' operating income totaled \$1.1 billion in 2019, up from \$889 million in 2018. The 2019 net income was \$1.554 billion, up from \$750 million in 2018.

ADB is actively supporting its members as they address the effects of COVID-19 through its \$20 billion response pack-

age announced on 13 April. ADB has approved a series of measures to streamline its operations for quicker and more flexible delivery of assistance. Visit ADB's website to learn more about our ongoing response.

ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region.



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