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Bachaliashvili was found dead in her car on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Economics

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The document was signed between the Ambassador of Germany and Georgian Finance Minister



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# Large-scale study on Covid-19 management and pandemic impact launches in Georgia



The meeting was attended by the PM, head of the gov't administration, and international partners.

BY NIKA GAMTSEMLIDZE

The government of Georgia, with the help of international partners, started working on a large-scale study on the Covid-19 management.

The independent study will analyze

the impact of the crisis on social, human rights and legal issues, as well as the sustainability of state institutions. The actions of the government in the process of managing the state of emergency and pandemic, the existing challenges and the impact of Covid-19

on the vulnerable population of Georgia will be assessed. In the event of recurrent crises, recommendations will also be developed as a part of the study to better prepare state institutions.

The Prime Minister of the country thanked everyone involved in the

process of the study.

"The study covers important issues such as crisis management, analysis of the legal framework during a pandemic, and human rights, which are critically important. Our goal is to identify the challenges we have achieved in this process despite the success and possible next wave, as well as to deal with similar crises even more effectively in the future," said Natia Mezvrishvili, head of the government administration.

Louisa Vinton, UNDP Resident Representative in Georgia, welcomed the steps taken by the Government of Georgia in responding to the pandemic.

For the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the most important aspects of the government's response to the study are human rights issues during the pandemic and the declaration of a state of emergency.

As of today, there are 1177 reported cases of the coronavirus in the country. Out of which, 955 have already recovered.



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BY NIKA GANTSEMLIDZE

The mother of Tamar Bachaliashvili, a 23-year-old programmer, who was found dead in her car a few weeks ago, demands a meeting with the PM. "I want to meet with Gakharia if he respects me, I want to hear what he has to say. I know that this man said that the cases of Bachaliashvili and Shakarashvili should be investigated. I want to know what he has to say directly from him,"

said the mother of Bachaliashvili with reporters.

According to the mother of the deceased, the family requests the names of the three high-ranking officials, whose files - according to TV Formula - Tamar Bachaliashvili saw. 23-year-old programmer Tamar Bachaliashvili went missing on July 18<sup>th</sup>. After a 4-day search, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, her body was found in a car parked a few tens of meters away from the road in the village of Matsevani, Tetrtskaro Municipality, in an uninhabited area.

The case was initially investigated on the grounds of unlawful deprivation of liberty, and the article on leading to suicide was added on July 24<sup>th</sup>, the day after the body was found.

Tamar Bachaliashvili's mother also says that the ongoing investigation into her daughter's death is working on a job-related version. The deceased worked two jobs in parallel with her studies. One of them is the web development company Zeg. The second job is yet un-

known.

The family suspects that Tamar had been fraudulently taken to the place due to work-related circumstances. According to Teona Tamazashvili, the investigation found additional cameras installed in one of the fish restaurants in the village of Tlisi, Tetrtskaro district. However, the village of Tlisi is far from the place where the body of a young woman was found.

According to Tamar Bachaliashvili's family lawyer Mikheil Ramishvili, the investi-

gation is still going through the case materials. As Ramishvili said after leaving the investigative agency, all the versions that were spread in the media should exist and be responded to. The lawyer stated that the investigation does not rule out the version that Tamar Bachaliashvili's case may be related to her service. According to the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia, the case of Tamar Bachaliashvili's death is being investigated by the Central Criminal Police Department.



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Around the world, the numbers are still rising, surpassing 18 million. The most cases of the virus have been reported in the United States, where the number of people infected by the virus has surpassed 4.7 million. Brazil comes second, where more than 2.7 million cases of the Covid-19 have been reported.

### Weather

Monday, August 3

Day Partly Cloudy  
High: 28°C  
Night Clear  
Low: 17°C

Tuesday, August 4

Day Showers  
High: 26°C  
Night Partly Cloudy  
Low: 18°C



Over 1177 cases of Coronavirus have been reported in Georgia.

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# Germany to allocate €200 million to support priority areas in Georgia



There are several different priority areas mentioned in the document

BY NIKA GANTSEMLIDZE

The German government will allocate up to € 200 million to finance priority areas for Georgia. According to the press service of the government, an agreement has been signed, which provides for the allocation of a soft loan of about €170 million and a grant of €28.5 million to Georgia by Germany.

The document was signed by the Minister of Finance of Georgia Ivane Machavariani and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Georgia Hubert Knirsch.

According to the government, financial resources will be used to finance the following projects: “Sustainable Urban Mobility in Georgia” - a loan of €100 million and a grant of €2.0 million; “Open Energy Efficiency Program in Georgia” - €40 million loan and €3.2 million grant; “Communal infrastructure for environment and tourism” - €30 million in loans and €3.0 million euros in grants; “Biodiversity and Sustainable Local Development - Georgia” - €18.5 million grant; “Energy efficiency measures and approximation to EU energy efficiency standards in buildings - Phase II” - €1.8 million grant.

According to the government, the measures to be implemented within the framework of the projects defined by the draft agreement will be specified later and the relevant loan and grant agreements will be concluded in accordance with the Laws on Grants and Public Debt of Georgia.

Today, in the framework of financial and technical cooperation between Georgia and Germany, more than €1 billion in the form of grants, technical

assistance and soft loans have been allocated to Georgia to finance the priority sectors in the public sector.

The document signed by the Ambassador of Germany and Georgia’s Finance Minister is another show of support to Georgia’s Euro-Atlantic integration.

Georgia and Germany have enjoyed friendly and successful relations over the years. After Georgia gained its independence in 1991, Germany was the first country in Europe to recognize Georgia’s independence. Diplomatic relations between the states started in 1992, on April 13<sup>th</sup>.



The document provides for the allocation of a soft loan of about 170 million euros and a grant of 28.5 million euros to Georgia

Within the EU, Germany is an active supporter of Georgia and actively supports the inclusion of the country in

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## JICA Georgia office is pleased to announce an opening for the position of National Staff

### Job description:

- \*\* Analyze and Survey of the Country’s current Economy and Politic;
- \*\* To collect information on the development as well as policies and projects of other donors and analyze the issues with regard to assigned programs;
- \*\* To coordinate submission of requests from the counterpart Government;
- \*\* To supervise the implementation process of assigned programs; to prepare implementation and budget plan, make logistic arrangement and make necessary coordination and negotiation with related organizations in Caucasus countries and Japan, to make necessary translation and interpretation when communicating with counterparts, and to monitor the progress of assigned programs;
- \*\* To coordinate Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteer’s (JOCV) activity in Georgia;
- \*\* Other tasks given by Resident Representative;

### Skills and requirements:

- \*\* University degree;
- \*\* Highly proficient in spoken and written in English, Japanese and Russian languages. (Regarding English and Japanese proficiency, certificates are necessary);
- \*\* Computer literacy (word, excel, power point etc);
- \*\* At least five years of work experience in the similar field;
- \*\* Analytical, open-minded, honest character;
- \*\* Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- \*\* Well-organized; strong sense of responsibility; hard working;
- \*\* Willingness to go to the field trips;

### Preferable but not mandatory skills:

- \*\* Familiarity with terms related to finance is preferred;

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From October, 2020 till October, 2021 with possible extension (Probation period is 3 months. The employer will be able to terminate the contract depending on the performance during the probation period).

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US\$1300~1500/month (actual amount will be adjusted based on the past work experience and will be paid in GEL)

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Monday – Friday, 9:30 – 18:00 (with lunch break from 13:00 – 14:00)

### Next step:

Only shortlisted persons will be notified by email and invited to the interview. Interested candidates are required to send the CV (only in English) with two contact information from previous workplaces/schools and copies of certificates to: [gg\\_oso\\_rep@jica.go.jp](mailto:gg_oso_rep@jica.go.jp) and [jicageorgia@gmail.com](mailto:jicageorgia@gmail.com); no later than 14 August, 2020.

the Eastern Partnership, and together with France, the country pushed very hard for the EU-Georgia Association

Agreement to be signed, which incorporates a free trade area and has been in force since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.