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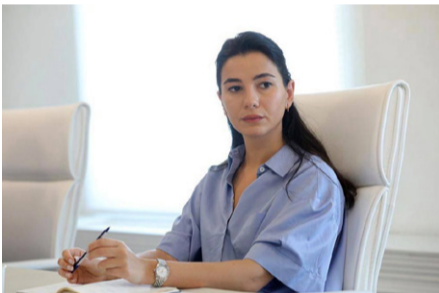
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BY NATALIA KOCHIASHVILI

The United National Movement has nominated Khatia Dekanoidze as the majoritarian candidate in Isani.

According to one of the members of the party, Salome Samadashvili, the political reality has changed, Vashadze's chances of victory have lowered after he decided to crack the united opposition and that's why they decided to run their candidacy here.

On July 27th, Giorgi Vashadze and Tako Charkviani left the coalition of political parties, Power in Unity, and presented a new political platform, Strategy Builder. According to them, the strategy builder unites 2 subjects at this stage - New Georgia and Law and Justice.

After leaving the coalition, Vashadze was criticized by some of the UN members. Among them, the leader of the party, Mikheil Saakashvili, assessed his departure as a move to the 'dark side'. In response, Vashadze photoshopped himself as a Star Wars character and posted that he would defeat the dark force.

As for the majoritarian candidates, Giorgi Vashadze was named among the general candidates of the opposition union before he left Power in Unity.

UNM nominates the majoritarian candidate in Isani district



► Khatia Dekanoidze stated on the social network after being nominated that she does not need winning elections for power.

Dekanoidze explained that if Vashadze remained in the united opposition, he would be the agreed candidate of the opposition, but now, the political reality has changed and the UNM has nominated its candidate.

According to her, Vashadze left the united opposition and it was a wrong decision, and she also assessed Vashadze's announcement as the Prime Minister as a wrong step.

Vashadze, the leader of 'Strategy Builder,' says that the 'National Movement' violated the agreement. According to him, the party is trying to play political games inside the united opposition. The leader of European Georgia, Gigi Ugulava, says that their party remains committed to the general agreement of the opposition parties and will continue to support Vashadze. Labor Party leader, Shalva Natelashvili says the change of common candidate is

not debatable, since the consensus has already been reached.

One month before Dekanoidze was nominated as a candidate, on July 19, the Opposition Unity, which included the United National Movement, European Georgia, the Labor Party, and other parties, nominated Giorgi Vashadze as the general candidate in Isani. A few weeks ago, Vashadze's party left Power is in Unity and nominated its candidate in Saburtalo constituency. It was from this time that the National Movement talked about nominating its candidates.

It's noteworthy that the leader of the UNM, Mikheil Saakashvili released a video on Facebook, named 'I'm coming back!'. In the clip, he says that 7 years was enough time to think and re-evaluate many issues.

Saakashvili says he deeply appreciates the people who took part in the historical

process of building a successful Georgian state: "In the last 7 years there has not been a single day that I do not take interest of the news and know exactly that my work as President was successful and a lot of things that we have created it, it is preserved and it works today, but at the same time when I hear the news of Georgia, I know that we can live much stronger, much better and every Georgian can be rich and that will bring us together! I'm coming back!"

The UNM Chairman Roman Gotsiridze does not rule out that the party will nominate Saakashvili as a candidate for prime minister. He said Saakashvili's response was awaited before making this decision. Dekanoidze says that it is completely logical for Saakashvili to be nominated as Prime Minister in case of their victory. European Georgia leader Giga Bokeria says he will not support the nomination of former President Saakashvili as a candidate for prime minister.

The third president of Georgia, the former head of the Odessa regional administration, who is currently a citizen of Ukraine, has been chairing the Ukrainian Reform Executive Committee since May 2020. Before his appointment, Saakashvili's candidacy was considered Ukraine's vice-premier but was not supported by a majority of members of President Zelensky's 'People's Servant' parliamentary faction. After Volodymyr Zelensky appointed Saakashvili as head of the Reform Committee, Tbilisi recalled an ambassador from Kyiv for consultations. The Georgian government said at the time that the issue of the strategic partnership with Ukraine was not subject to review, even though the appointment of Saakashvili, a convict in Georgia, raised questions.

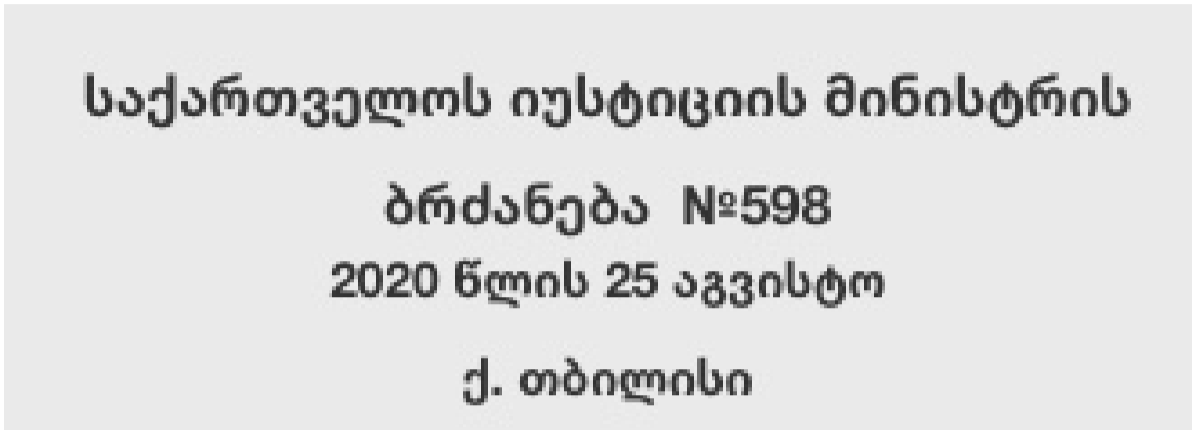
Saakashvili is a person wanted by the Georgian Dream government. He has been sentenced in absentia in Georgia for the death of Sandro Girgvliani and the beating of MP Valeri Gelashvili.



► In the newly released video Saakashvili apologizes to the public for his mistakes and says that now, years later, he knows how to serve Georgia better.

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THE GEORGIAN ASSOCIATION OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION AND EMBRYOLOGY HAS RELEASED A STATEMENT ON THE CHANGES MADE TO THE RULE OF SURROGACY BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.



► Georgian Association of Human Reproduction and Embryology wants to meet with government structures.

► According to the statement, the order was prepared without the involvement of experts and the used terminology was incorrect, resulting in the content error.

By ANASTASIA SOKHADZE

As it is mentioned in the statement, “the order of the Minister of Justice of Georgia № 598, paragraph 19, subparagraph “a” of the new wording was misinterpreted.

The Georgian Association of Human Reproduction and Embryology states that Article 19 of the same order has been misinterpreted in the new wording of subparagraph “a” of the

first paragraph, and the amendment to this order does not mean restricting in vitro fertilization treatment for infertile couples and single women.

In particular, this edition provides for certain regulations regarding surrogacy programs, however, due to the fact that the order was prepared without the involvement of experts in the field, the relevant terminology was misused, which led to the content error.

According to them, the Board of Directors of the Association tries to interpret the order correctly and change it if necessary.

As soon as the order comes into force, the Board of Directors of the Association actively tries to interpret the order in the correct version of the order in close communication with the relevant government structures and make changes as needed to provide correct information to

the population and avoid negative feedback.

“Our goal is to organize a meeting with the government structures in an expedited manner, in order to jointly regulate the issues related to the reproductive field in the mode of constructive discussion,” – said the association in a statement.

For reference, according to the decision of the Ministry of Justice, a couple of men and women will be able to have chil-

dren through surrogacy if they are married and divorced for at least 1 year or have been in actual cohabitation for at least the last 1 year, which will be notarized.

The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology was founded by Robert Edwards and J. Cohen, who felt that the study and research in the field of reproduction needed to be encouraged and recognized. It is currently headquartered in Belgium.

Flash floods in Georgia: European Union sends emergency relief

In late July 2020, heavy rains and flash floods in northwest Georgia have caused significant damage to houses and infrastructure. The European Union is providing €80,000 in humanitarian funding to assist the most affected people following the disaster.

This EU funding supports the Red Cross in delivering much needed relief assistance in the form of food parcels, hygiene kits



and cash support to help those most affected cover their basic needs. The humanitarian aid will directly benefit 3,170 people

whose homes were flooded or who lost their crops in the floods.

The funding is part of the EU’s overall contribution to the

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

As of 29 July 2020, heavy rains affected several regions of Georgia, among them Racha-Lechkhumi, Kvemo Svaneti, Guria, Imereti and Kakheti. Several villages remain isolated after riverbank protections, roads and bridges were destroyed in the floods. The rains have also caused heavy damage to agricultural lands, farms and fruit trees, which are the main source of income for many affected families.

The southern Caucasus is particularly prone to natural disasters and hazards. For several years, the EU has been supporting Disaster Risk Reduction under the Disaster Preparedness Programme (DIPECHO), which has contributed to increasing preparedness and reducing vulnerabilities of the most hazard-exposed communities.

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'Work from Georgia' launched for foreign citizens wishing to work remotely



► "The project 'Work from Georgia' allows us to become one of the unique destinations in the world," Mariam Kvrivishvili noted.

► "Compared to many other countries, our infrastructure, housing conditions are more affordable and their costs will be less," says the Economy Minister.

BY NATALIA KOCHIASHVILI

A new platform Work from Georgia for foreign citizens wishing to work remotely in Georgia was launched on 27th of August. The project was prepared by the National Tourism Administration on the instructions of the Government of Georgia.

According to the National Tourism Administration, citizens and residents of more than 95 countries, including the United States, the European Union and the Gulf Cooperation Council, will visit Georgia within the framework of the project. They can stay in Georgia for more than 180 days. The new platform will be used by the

self-employed, full-time employees who work remotely, as well as entrepreneurs who have the opportunity to run a business from anywhere in the world.

"This project will be a significant source of income for guides, tourist transport, apartment rental, travel companies and hotels. The new project will bring even more affluent tourists to Georgia, and most importantly, the average number of travelers will stay for a much longer period than in previous years," the National Tourism Administration, Mariam Kvrivishvili said.

According to the project, there are 3 categories: self-employed, full-time employees and entrepreneurs. One has to fill

out the application on stopcov.ge, the graphs of personal information are simple and clear, applicants have to prove that they have the financial ability and will be able to pay all taxes during their stay in Georgia. The participants in the project will go through a 12-day mandatory quarantine, the costs of which will be reimbursed by foreign citizens themselves, and health insurance will be mandatory.

The project, on the one hand, will help the private sector increase sales and maintain jobs, and on the other hand, will have a positive impact on Georgia's even stronger position as a 'safe destination'. According to Kvrivishvili about 30 hotels have expressed interest in par-

ticipating in the project as a commercial quarantine space, which will give them more financial benefits. After the end of the quarantine, on the 13th day these people become full-fledged tourists, they will be able to rent apartments, travel to Georgia for a long period. At the same time, within the project, citizens have the opportunity to travel with family members.

The project has already received a great response in the international media, and as national tourism administration reports, they are also in touch with embassies and international partners.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many international companies switched to the remote

work format by the end of 2020, which allows many people to work remotely from around the world. Georgia wants to provide a unique opportunity for remote workers.

The Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Natia Turnava said, "Compared to many other countries, our infrastructure, housing conditions are more affordable and their costs will be less. Most importantly, Georgia is a wonderful country, which is a great pleasure to visit." She added that through this program, foreigners wishing to work remotely will have a kind of synergy and together with work, they will be able to spend pleasant time.



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