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## More cases of Covid-19 reported in Georgia over the weekend, Adjara TV suspends working



According to Gamkrelidze, there are no plans to adopt stricter regulations



A total of 1650 cases of Covid-19 were reported in Georgia

BY NIKA GAMTSEMLIDZE

Over the weekend, 54 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in Georgia, out of which, 25 were reported on Saturday and 29 on Sunday. Most of the cases reported are from the Adjara region of Georgia.

Although the number of Coronavirus cases is increasing in the country, experts are saying that the spread of the virus is manageable as of now and there is no need for new restrictions.

"Our main slogan is to learn to live with the coronavirus. Coronavirus infection will not disappear in one month or five months," said Amiran Gamkrelidze, director of the National Center for Disease Control.

He also noted that there are no talks about further restrictions, unless something unexpected happens. According to him, with the help of more tests, it is a lot easier to find people who are infected with the virus.

Also, due to the confirmed case of COVID-19, the Adjara Public Broadcaster has stopped working for security reasons and will broadcast the program on the First Channel of Georgia. Adjara TV, where the relevant sanitary measures have been taken, is closed for the time being. At this stage, the process of finding the source of infection of the Adjara TV employee is underway, as well as identifying the persons in contact with them.

According to the management, more

than 300 TV employees will be tested and only after the completion of the epidemiological research will it be known in what format Adjara TV will be able to resume its work.

The case revealed on Adjara TV is the first case when a media employee was diagnosed with COVID-19. The channel does not name what the infected person does on television. According to the information, the infected person used the mass free testing service offered in Batumi and the disease was confirmed in this way.

The director of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Tengiz Tsertsvadze, says that the virus is not widespread in the country. He told reporters about it. "We are not even considering restricting the measures that we have today.

Micro blasts and local increases are not above the level to think that the virus will further spread in the country," said Tsertsvadze.

Also, according to Amiran Gamkrelidze, there are a total of 35 cases in connection with the "Dona Cluster." Since the first cases were reported in the Cafii Dona, the epidemiological situation has been controlled very actively in the Adjara region.

In total, there have been 1650 cases of Covid-19 reported in Georgia, out of which 1310 have already recovered. Out of the 1650

cases, 19 people have passed away as a result of Coronavirus complications.



Adjara TV announced that they will not be working since one of their employees were tested positive of Covid-19

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Georgia, USA, the UK, Poland, and France will take place in Noble Partner 2020

the traffic on the highway will be restricted during the day.

This important international exercise aims to increase interoperability between Georgia and its Western partners and to strengthen security in the Black Sea region. The multinational exercise is complex and its scenario envisages command-staff and field exercises with combat shooting, as well as the interaction of maneuvering and combat support elements in stability, defense and offensive operations.

Last week, on September 1, in the framework of the Noble Partner 2020, a total of 200 paratroopers of the U.S. Army 173rd Airborne Brigade parachuted into Vaziani Training Area.

Ambassador of the USA to Georgia Kelly Degnan joined Minister of Defense of Georgia Irakli Gharibashvili, NATO LANDCOM Commander Lieutenant General Roger Cloutier, and U.S. Defense Attaché to Georgia COL Stephanie Bagley to view the drop and welcome the paratroopers to Georgia.

During the event, the Ambassador and other representatives talked about the importance of the relations between Georgia and its western partners and ongoing influence of Russian occupation to the everyday lives of Georgians.

BY NIKA GANTSEMLIDZE

Today, on September 7, 'Noble Partner 2020' will be officially opened in Vaziani. According to official information, Georgia hosts the Noble Partner for the fifth time already, and in the event, Georgia, USA, the UK, Poland, and France will be taking part. In total, 2700 people will participate in Noble Partner 2020.

To participate in the Noble Partner 2020, US military equipment entered the Poti port via the Ocean Freedom ship from the Norfolk terminal. The military equipment came from Virginia and came to Georgia with the help of Romania.

Yesterday, on Sunday, in the center of Gori, American armored vehicles marched through the streets of Gori. Georgia is hosting the multinational exercise "Noble Partner 2020" from September 7-18, which is being held in Georgia for the fifth time. International training is a clear example of strategic partnership and growing cooperation between Georgia

and the United States.

In order to participate in the exercise, American military equipment has been brought to Georgia by sea - Striker armored

combat vehicles, Hummer armored vehicles and logistical support vehicles and artillery. Also, according to official information, 9 military convoys

equipped with American military equipment will travel on the Tbilisi-Senaki-Leselidze highway for an hour and a half on September 6 and 8, due to which



Yesterday, American armored vehicles drove through the streets of Gori

## Weather

Monday, September 7

Day Partly Cloudy

High: 32°C

Night Partly Cloudy

Low: 20°C

Tuesday, September 8

Day Partly Cloudy

High: 30°C

Night Partly Cloudy

Low: 19°C

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## Lelo for Georgia presents plan for the reconstruction of Georgian economy

BY NIKA GANTSEMLIDZE

**M**amuka Khazaradze, Chairman of the party Lelo for Georgia, held a presentation of "Lelo Marshall Plan" - Georgia Reconstruction Program. According to the party, the plan envisages a fundamental reconstruction of the Georgian economy. The leader of Lelo spoke in detail about the chances of transforming Georgia as the financial and cultural center of the region.

According to Lelo, these are the most important steps:

1. A stronger middle class, 600,000 people with a monthly income of more than GEL 3,000 and 200,000 new jobs;
  2. Strong farmers and not a single part of uncultivated land in Georgia
  3. No elderly people without state care;
  4. Guaranteed first job for all young people and co-financing of the first house for young families;
  5. State medical insurance for all families with the involvement of a private insurance company;
  6. More economically independent and strong women at the helm of the country;
- The presentation also discussed Lelo Model 3.2.1,

which includes a \$3 billion guarantee fund to increase access to finance, a \$2 billion investment fund for small and medium-sized businesses, and a \$1 billion investment fund for innovation and high technology.

During the presentation, Mamuka Khazaradze also spoke about the establishment of a stock exchange with international status in Georgia, as a result of which it will be mandatory to place 20% of the shares of state-licensed companies on the stock exchange.

"State-owned enterprises will be privatised through the stock exchange and each citizen will have the opportunity to become a co-owner of the enterprises," the plan reads.

As for the next generation, Khazaradze presented a plan on how young people should live in the country and develop together. "First job" is considered a necessary condition for this - a guaranteed paid internship after 6 months of study. "First House" - 100 million GEL annually to provide housing for young families. Youth Card "25" - free public transport, 50% discount at state theaters, sports and



The plan focuses on 6 main ideas

cultural institutions.

Khazaradze also talked about the foreign policy of the country and the plans that

Lelo has in this regard.

According to him, one of the biggest goals of the party is a rapid integration into NATO

and the EU. He also talked about the importance of helping people in the occupied regions of the country.



Khazaradze talked about the aims of Lelo