

Mikheil Saakashvili was taken to Gori Military Hospital

Saakashvili was on hunger strike for 50 days

By Nika Gamtsemlidze

The former president of Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili, announced that he accepted the offer of the Georgian government regarding his transfer to the Gori military hospital.

It was also reported that after his transfer to the hospital, the 3rd president of Georgia would stop the 50-day-long hunger strike. The information about this was announced by Saakashvili's lawyer, Nika Gvaramia.

The Minister of Justice of Georgia, Rati Bregadze announced the offer to Saakashvili regarding continuing the treatment in the military hospital of Gori earlier on Friday. Bregadze said that the government would fully ensure the health and life of Georgia's third president.

Saakashvili was transferred to the Gori Military Hospital around midnight. Gvaramia, as well as Saakashvili's personal doctor and his mother, visited the third president of the country in the hospital.

"The transfer procedure was completely normal, without any incidents or excesses. We are satisfied with the procedure that was carried out," said Gvaramia.

According to Nika Gvaramia, a treatment protocol should be drawn up with the involvement of external experts. As he points out, it is important to report daily to the personal physician and all three groups of doctors that had been cre-



After his transfer, Saakashvili was visited by Gvaramia, his personal physician, and his mother

ated. This applies to both medical and manipulative interventions, as well as

test results and check-ups.

Senator Jeanne Shaheen issued a

statement with Senator Risch, Senator Johnson, and Senator Cardin, saying that they welcome the transfer of Saakashvili to the military hospital and the end of his hunger strike.

The statement also focused on the trials that Mikheil Saakashvili is not allowed to attend.

"We are closely watching the trial process closely and stress the importance of ensuring the process is fair, transparent, and in-person," reads the statement. The statement also calls that this is the time to set aside the political differences, to the benefit of the Georgian people.

While announcing the offer, the Minister of Justice said that after completing the treatment, Saakashvili will be transferred to Rustavi 12th Penitentiary Institution.

"It should also be emphasized that in case of any kind of provocation by the opponents, which may hinder the transfer of the prisoner, he will be transferred to the 18th facility [Gldani] and any offender will be held accountable," said Bregadze.

Mikheil Saakashvili returned to Georgia at the end of September. He was arrested on October 1, the day before the local elections. From the moment of his arrest, he went on a hunger strike.

On November 1, Mikheil Saakashvili said he was ready to end the hunger strike, but only if he was transferred to a high-tech clinic.



After his treatment is done, Saakashvili will be transferred to the Rustavi prison

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Saakashvili's doctor: It is Necessary to Add a Psychiatrist and a Psychologist to the Team, He has Post-Traumatic Syndrome

By THE MESSENGER STAFF

Nikoloz Kipshidze, the personal doctor of the third president, believes that it is necessary to add a psychologist and a psychiatrist to Mikheil Saakashvili's medical team.

As Kipshidze noted after leaving the Gori hospital, Saakashvili feels much better in the Gori military hospital than in the prison hospital. However, according to him, there are still dangers.

"I think it is necessary to add a psychiatrist and a psychologist with this large group to continue his treatment, one way or another. Gori Hospital is calmer, of course. Thanks again to the staff of Gori Hospital - the chief doctor, the treating doctor, etc. There is a big difference between this and Gldani, but the hospital is still a hospital, as I told you yesterday.

Post-traumatic syndrome is a much more complex and severe condition that requires peculiar treatment, needs rehabilitation by psychologists and psychiatrists. The dangers still exist. I



Doctor Nikoloz Kipshidze

can not say that the dangers have passed and everything is fine," said Kipshidze.

"Taking medicine alone does not mean that we have treated the patient, there is a stress fac-

tor and many other problems. The statement I am making now has not been discussed with

Saakashvili. If we solve the problem of refeeding, it does not mean that Saakashvili will be healthy.

He needs treatment of different organs, lungs, brain, liver, so I bring forth such a request — let's release this person and treat him. If there is to be an MRT we can not do it at the moment. My recommendation is to give this person the right to free treatment," said Kipshidze.

Endocrinologist Elene Giorgadze, a member of the government council, who was in Gori hospital all day, says that Mikheil Saakashvili's health condition is stable and there are no complications.

As she told reporters, Saakashvili's pressure has been regulated.

"Today the pressure was stable, we never needed to add any medicine," Giorgadze said.

Other politicians, including Droa's leader Elene Khoshtaria, who has been on hunger strike in parliament for 17 days, have called off the hunger strike following Saakashvili's decision.

Elene Khoshtaria Ends Hunger Strike Following Saakashvili's Transfer

Khoshtaria was taken to a hospital to receive treatment



Khoshtaria has been on a hunger strike for 17 days

By Nika Gamtsemlidze

The leader of Droa, Elene Khoshtaria, announced that she would end her hunger

strike on November 20. She said that the transfer of Georgia's third president, Mikheil Saakashvili, to the military hospital in Gori is an acceptable condition for ending her hunger strike.

Khoshtaria also noted that at all stages of her hunger strike, her position was completely transparent. Her main request remained the same, to ensure the

life, health, and dignity of Georgia's third president.

She also added that in such a situation, specifically focusing on Thursday's incident, when Saakashvili fainted, his transfer to the Gori Military hospital was the right decision.

"Safe transfer to Gori clinic is a solution in this situation in terms of Mikheil Saakashvili's safety and health. So, this is the reason for ending my hunger strike," said Khoshtaria.

Khoshtaria also added that everyone needs to be very consistent and careful in this situation when there is too much public unrest and when the life of a human is at stake.

According to the therapist on duty at New Hospitals, Valerian Lobzhanidze, Elene Khoshtaria's health condition is stable at this stage and no complications are expected. He told reporters that the patient is undergoing medical intervention, and the food ratio will be gradually increased.

"There was a small electrolyte imbalance at the time of entry, which is currently fully restored. Feeding with special food is started, as well as intravenous infusions, if necessary, to maintain fluid and electrolyte balance. She receives the prescribed means," noted the doctor.

Irakli Kobakhidze, Chairman of the Georgian Dream, said that there was still no need to transfer the third president of Georgia to another clinic from

the Gldani 18th Penitentiary.

He said that the health condition of other people on hunger strike, specifically Khoshtaria, was considered. This is how he explained the government's decision to transfer Saakashvili to the Gori military hospital.

Elene Khoshtaria was on hunger strike for 17 days, demanding the transfer of Mikheil Saakashvili to a multidisciplinary clinic.



Khoshtaria went on hunger strike on November 3

Weather

Monday, November 22

Day ☀️ Clear
High: 15°C

Night 🌙 Clear
Low: 4°C

Tuesday, November 23

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High: 17°C

Night 🌧️ Partly Cloudy
Low: 6°C

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