

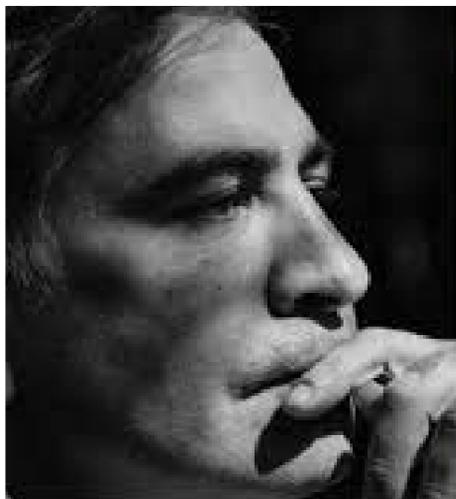
## Gvaramia: Saakashvili Started Physical Improvement, Mental — Needs Intervention

By THE MESSENGER STAFF

Nika Gvaramia says that the process of Mikheil Saakashvili's physical recovery has begun, however, the restoration of his mental health requires timely and qualified intervention.

According to the lawyer, Mikheil Saakashvili demands that the organization of victims of torture include an alternative council of empathy, which will include neurologists, psychologists and psychotherapists.

"After his weakness subsided, it became clear that he was in a stressful, nervous state. It seems to him that he is both talking and walking," Nika Gvaramia said.



According to him, the ex-president is very worried that the established narrative of the Georgian Dream has been spread, as if the focus has shifted from early elections to his hunger strike.

Mikheil Saakashvili is starving in order to achieve the main thing - to call

early elections and change the government with a coalition government.

In addition, according to him, Mikheil Saakashvili categorically requests to attend his trial, which is scheduled for November 29, despite the fact that he "does not trust Bidzina Ivanishvili's court."

## Khazaradze Launches Initiatives on Free Trade with US

By NATALIA KOCHIASHVILI

The leader of the Lelo party, Mamuka Khazaradze released a statement on November 24, saying that Georgia is facing an existential threat, as Russia's strong influence is compounded by socio-economic problems, and urgent action is needed in the country's interests.

To address these challenges, Khazaradze names 3 initiatives. According to the Leader of Lelo, Georgia should consider the deployment of US military bases in the country, launch free trade with the United States and pass a lustration law.

Following the inauguration of Alt-Info based party "Conservative Movement," leaders of which are well-known for violent, homophobic, ultra-right, and pro-Kremlin positions, Khazaradze wrote that the openly pro-Russian forces and violent groups, which are confined to the government or various public platforms, are openly trying to bring Georgia back into the Russian orbit.

According to the statement, the political process carried out by the "Georgian Dream" party founded by billionaire Bidzina Ivanishvili, has long conflicted



► "Georgia has a chance to become a modern state based on strong national values, which will be attractive to the civilized world as a reliable ally and partner," Khazaradze said in a statement.

with national interests and crosses the national strategic lines of our country.

"In the interests of Georgia, I consider it urgent to create a strong platform for national consolidation, national security, and economy, within which the following will take place:

1. Deployment of US military facilities

in Georgia and taking effective steps in this direction, both legally and economically;

2. Rapid entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement with the United States, which will enable the Georgian economy and its citizens to grow rapidly; 3. The Lustration Law - the adoption of an act

of national consolidation and protection of sovereignty - to identify Georgian citizens in the service of hostile states," Khazaradze wrote.

The Lelo leader invited all interested parties to discuss these issues in a round table format.

He added that national security and rapid economic development should be the number one task of the country. We, the citizens of Georgia, need to consolidate national forces, work intensively with western partners and allies to achieve these goals and implement them in real life.

Recall that following the local self-government elections, Khazaradze submitted the request to suspend his MP mandate protesting the 'fabricated' results of recent municipal elections in October. His MP status was suspended by the Parliament of Georgia on November 16, however, his party hasn't suspended its work in parliament, where they have won 4 seats in the 2020 parliamentary elections.

Khazaradze entered politics in 2019, shortly after he was charged with laundering \$16.7 million, along with another founder of TBC Bank, Badri Japaridze.

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# Government Lifts Restriction on Restaurants

BY KHATIA BZHALAVA

The Georgian government lifts the restriction on the visiting hour limit in restaurants, starting December 1. Green Pass rule will also come into force next month, allowing citizens to enter various facilities, including restaurants, cafes, bars, cinemas, theatres, opera houses, museums, concert halls, entertainment centers, casinos and gambling sites, spa centers, fitness clubs, hotels, and mountain resorts. Green status is granted to those who are fully vaccinated, have taken 72-hour-validity PCR or 24-hour-validity antigen tests, or have recovered from coronavirus. Green Passports are mandatory for citizens aged over 18. The person who has already recovered from Covid-19 will have a permanent green status.

It was also announced yesterday that vaccinated Georgian citizens will no longer be required to present negative PCR

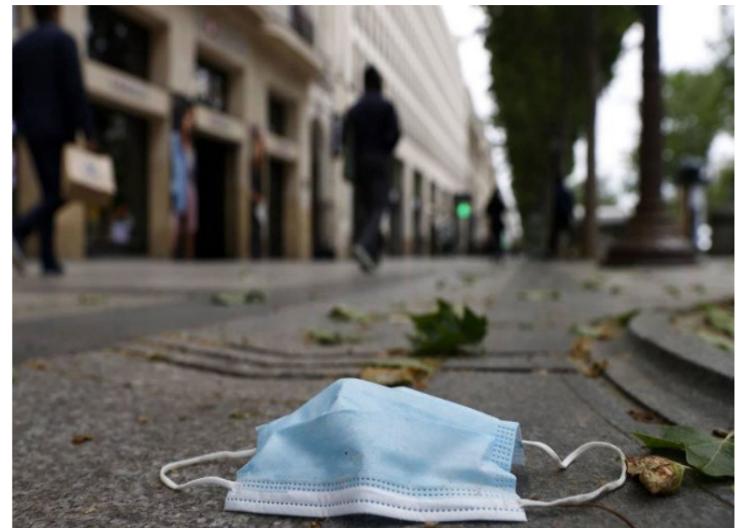


► For now, restaurants are allowed to operate until 23:00.

test certificates when entering Georgia by land.

According to NCDC Head Amiran Gamkrelidze, the vaccination rate has increased after launching 200 GEL pension bonuses for individuals over the age of 60, however, he stressed that the given vaccination rate

(37%) is still not enough to improve the epidemiological situation. He noted that face mask use has fallen to 37%, stressing the need for stricter monitoring. "If 90%, 95% of the population wears face masks, we will save the lives of about 200-300 people by January," said NCDC head.



► Georgia reported 3,201 coronavirus cases, 4,098 recoveries, and 64 deaths yesterday.

As Georgian Deputy Minister of Health Tamar Gabunia announced yesterday, taking a gap between the flu and Covid-19 vaccines is not recommended and both may be administered at the same time. Flu shots will be free of charge until December 1. Georgia reported 3,201 coro-

navirus cases, 4,098 recoveries, and 64 deaths yesterday. The positivity rate among tested individuals for the past seven days stands at 9.15%. 1,117,964 people in Georgia have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, while 984,539 individuals have been fully vaccinated.

# EU helped make three kindergartens in Rustavi energy efficient

Most buildings in Georgia fail to meet European energy efficiency standards. Energy-efficient reconstruction helps improve energy security, reduce energy consumption and avoid negative impacts on the environment. Even routine heating of buildings is otherwise quite a challenge and is associated with a number of problems.

In order to meet these challenges, three kindergartens in Rustavi, N6, N40 and N41, have been reconstructed to make the buildings energy efficient and compliant with modern standards. The projects were supported by the European Union, and halved electricity consumption in all three buildings and reduced carbon emissions.

The project started in 2015, and the situation in the kindergartens was really challenging: for example, nine natural gas heaters were used to heat the N6 kindergarten building, with eight heaters installed in playrooms and bedrooms, and one placed in



the principal's office. There was no hot water system, so the staff had to heat the water themselves.

The building rehabilitation included covering of the walls, roof, floor and basement with thermal insulation tiles, and

installation of a new lighting system equipped with energy efficient bulbs. A new heating and hot water supply system was installed, supported by solar panels, and 8m<sup>2</sup> solar panels were mounted in each kindergarten. In

view of the geographical location of Rustavi, a square meter of a solar panel can generate 1050 kWh of power per year.

Old, wooden window and doorframes were replaced with energy-efficient ones. The new

low emission, double-glazed PVC windows prevent heat leakages from the building.

The project developers also equipped the buildings with modern ventilation systems to supply filtered, fresh air for better health of the kindergarten beneficiaries and staff.

The Sustainable Development and Policy Centre (SDAP) implemented the "Reconstruction of three kindergartens in the city of Rustavi for achieving high energy efficiency standard and reducing carbon emissions" with the support and funding of the European Union and the Municipality of Rustavi. This initiative is part of a demonstration project under the Covenant of Mayors.

Thus, the old Soviet infrastructure in Rustavi was replaced with modern energy efficient technologies, and the EU's support has helped achieve the main goal of the project – to reduce heating and electricity costs for all three kindergartens, and to create a clean environment for children.

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25**

Day Cloudy High: **10°C**

Night Cloudy Low: **3°C**

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**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26**

Day Rain High: **6°C**

Night A few Clouds Low: **1°C**

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