

Ex-president Margvelashvili Welcomes President Zourabichvili's Initiative

BY KHATIA BZHALAVA

Yesterday the fourth president of Georgia, Giorgi Margvelashvili visited the third president Mikheil Saakashvili in a military hospital in Gori and discussed security issues in the country. After the meeting, Margvelashvili told journalists that Saakashvili is a prisoner of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

According to him, Saakashvili is one of the prominent figures in the fight against Putin in Georgia.

"No matter how much we disagree with each other, it is in Putin's interest to have Saakashvili imprisoned," he noted.

The fourth president also stressed the

need for a meeting of the current and ex-presidents. He noted that President Zourabichvili's initiative, which is aimed at national reconciliation and de-escalation of political tension, should be welcomed and supported, adding that Georgia is 'facing a very serious challenge'. Margvelashvili expressed readiness for participating in the three President format and stressed that the meeting should send a message to the Georgian people that they will always be united against a common enemy despite their political preferences.

Margvelashvili also told journalists that in the process of negotiations, politically motivated prosecutions against the Georgian politicians should be suspended.



The fourth president of Georgia, Giorgi Margvelashvili.



Ex-Presidents of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili and Giorgi Margvelashvili express readiness to participate in the format of three presidents.

According to him, the precondition of negotiations should be that whoever gathers at the negotiation table and discusses Georgia's unified and comprehensive policy on issues such as the country's main geopolitical challenges, shouldn't be prisoners or persecuted. The discussion will involve both Georgian society and the political spectrum.

President Saakashvili has announced that during this hardship and political tension Margvelashvili has decided to play a consolidating role. "In this regard, both Salome Zourabichvili and Giorgi Margvelashvili can fulfill a truly historic

mission," he noted. Saakashvili expressed support for Zourabichvili's initiative and affirmed his readiness to participate in the three President format meeting.

On December 10, the fifth President of Georgia Salome Zourabichvili voiced her initiative to start a process of a national agreement with a large-scale involvement of the public. As she told French media outlet France 24, she took responsibility to start "a process of reconciliation, truth, and justice." To achieve this goal, Zourabichvili is holding meetings with political leaders of both the ruling party and the opposition.

Ombudsman on the Inspector Office: The bill is Disturbing and Not Prepared Transparently

BY THE MESSENGER STAFF

According to Public Defender Nino Lomjaria, the bill on the abolition of the State Inspector is 'extremely worrying.'

According to the ombudsman, the bill was prepared in a non-transparent manner and without prior consultation with stakeholders.

Lomjaria believes that this decision contradicts the Constitution of Georgia, human rights and aims to interfere in the activities of an independent institution.

"The main shortcoming of the draft law is the dismissal of the state inspector, his deputies and employees. This type of regulation contradicts Article 25 of the Constitution of Georgia and violates the Georgian Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights."

It is especially alarming to see the bill expedited. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, this type of procedure makes it possible to adopt the bill in all three readings in 1 week.

When it comes to the abolition of an independent institution that operates smoothly and effectively and in the absence of prior consultation with any interested parties and with an accountable body to Parliament (including the Public Defender), it is clear that the purpose of the legislative changes is to influence the activities of an independent body," the statement said.



Nino Lomjaria

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By THE MESSENGER STAFF

Georgia joins the platform of architecture magazine Domus

The Deputy Ambassador of Italy Nicola Iorio took part in the presentation of the first issue of the magazine "Domus Georgia" held at Rooms Garden Hall. The event was attended by ambassadors, young architects as well as artists.

One of the most authoritative publications in the field of architecture and design 'Domus' was founded in 1928 in Milan. Georgia

is the first country in the Caucasus and Eastern Europe to have its version of this magazine, and as the Italian Ambassador Enrico Valvo addressed the readers of the magazine, this is a very important event, as "Domus Georgia" will help bring together

architecture and design lovers and specialists in Italy and Georgia, will be a great incentive for the exchange of global trends.

The publication will contribute to the history of such exchanges between Italy and Georgia, beginning with Giovanni

Scudieri (named after one of the streets in Tbilisi) and continuing with the work of contemporary Italian architects Fuskas e De Lucchi. New generations of architects will help to create the best architectural designs and develop restoration techniques.

Embassy of Italy Congratulated to the entire team of Domus Georgia magazine, led by Lena Kiladze, who became a partner of the embassy as part of the "Italian Design Days" held in June this year. According to Kiladze, the magazine will aim to contribute to the improvement of educational level, will introduce the work of Georgian professionals to the global audience, thus promoting dialogue between local and European architects.



Mr. Nicola Iorio



Ms. Lena Kiladze



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