

National Strategy of Human Rights 2022-2030 to be sent to Parliament for approval, PM Garibashvili says

By Liza Mchedlidze

At the government meeting, the Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili announced that the National Strategy of Human Rights 2022-2030 will be ready to be sent over to the Parliament of Georgia for approval.

"We will approve the national strategy for human rights protection 2022-2030 at the government meeting, the document has been discussed with all actors, both the international community and non-governmental organizations," PM Garibashvili said.

The head of government also noted that in 2014, the national strategy for human rights protection for 2014-2020 was approved for the first time, and expert Thomas Hammarberg was working on this document at that time.

"I want to inform our citizens that today at the government meeting we will approve the National Strategy for Human Rights Protection 2022-2030. As you know, in 2014, the National Human Rights Protection Strategy for 2014-2020 was approved for the first time, which was a very complete document. As you know, an expert, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, also worked on this document.

I would like to remind the public that we are well aware of how many challenges there are in general in this field, in human rights. We remember very



well that during the previous government there was no sign of democracy and human rights were trampled under foot in all directions. Of course, since then, we have radically changed the situation in terms of human rights protection in the country.

We have now prepared a new document, it has been discussed with all actors, the international community, as well as non-governmental organizations, and I would like to tell you that today we are presenting the mentioned strategy in a complete form,

which the government will approve and send to the parliament for approval," Garibashvili said.

The Prime Minister said at the meeting that agencies working on the document have prepared their own development strategies and that it is based on people's will to build a strong democracy. He also added that the data included has been updated since last year and thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the process of finishing the document.

"In the strategy, practically all

the directions of how to develop our country have been written. Each agency has prepared its own development strategy, vision, and plans, and we officially release the said strategy under the name "Vision 2030 - Development Strategy of Georgia". I would like to remind our citizens that this document is based, of course, on the common aspiration of our people to build a strong democratic state. It is a country that implies sustainable and inclusive economic development. This is our common task. Social equal-

ity, reduction of regional disparities, quality health care, education, ecologically clean and healthy environment, strengthening of democracy, security, and stability - all these are formulated in this document. I would like to thank all agencies for their active work. We had this document ready last year, but after that, the document itself was refined, the data was updated, and today we will present it in a finished form and the government will approve it," the Prime Minister of Georgia stated.

Irakli Kobakhidze talks about the EU recommendation working groups and 'radical' opposition

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According to Irakli Kobakhidze, the chairman of 'Georgian Dream', from the opposition's point of view, getting candidate status is a disaster for Georgia. According to him, in such a case the government will write a score, and the opposition will not allow it and will try to sabotage the European integration process.

Kobakhidze told the reporters that all 12 points will be fulfilled under the responsibility of the government together with the other political subjects and non-governmental organizations involved in the work process.

"We have a specific plan and points written down. Working groups have been created. We offered everyone to participate in these working groups, which many refused, and many agreed. The work process will take place in a healthy environment.

All 12 points will be fulfilled under our responsibility together with the political entities and non-governmental organizations involved in the work process.

Part of the opposition is involved, but part is not involved. For those who are not involved, it is their responsibility and



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New EU ambassador to Georgia Pawel Herczynski presents credentials to President



The new ambassador of the European Union in Georgia, Pawel Herczynski, presented the credentials to President Salome Zourabichvili.

According to the President's administration, after the official ceremony of handing over the credentials in the

Orbelian Palace, the President held a face-to-face meeting with the Ambassador. The conversation touched on the process of Georgia's integration into the European Union.

Herczynski headed the Common Security and Defense Policy and Crisis Re-

ish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Herczynski replaced Carl Hartzell, whose term of office has expired, as the head of the EU representation in Georgia.

MFA of Ukraine publishes list of 15 people demanding to be sanctioned

The Ukrainian side published a list of 15 people, naming people Ukraine wants sanctioned for supporting the war in Ukraine. There are 12 Georgians included in the list. The information was released on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the Sanctions

Bidzina Ivanishvili and his family members are also included in the sanctioned list. The list includes Ivanishvili's brother Alexander Ivanishvili and his brother's wife, Ketevan Kharaidze, under whose name Alexander Ivanishvili has registered multiple businesses.

The list also includes Bidzina Ivanishvili's cousin Ucha Mamatsashvili along with his son, Tate Mamatsashvili. Ucha Mamatsashvili is connected with Russian businesses.

Irakli Rukhadze, Giorgi Kapanadze, Vano Chkhartishvili, Davit Khidasheli, Sul Khan Papashvili, Levan Vasadze, Otar Fartskhaladze, Aleksey Poltavchenko, Dmitry Korzhhev, Dmitry Troitsky were also included in the list.



Group of the Anti-Corruption Agency.

Russia's support for the war in Ukraine was cited as the reason for those included in the list. It was also noted that the mentioned people are connected to the Russian oligarch Vladimir Yevtushenkov.

The sanctions working group includes former US Ambassador to Ukraine John Herbst, former US Assistant Secretary of State David Kramer, senior officials of the Ukrainian government and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

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it is an expression of their lack of a proper attitude towards the EU. Joining the European Union is a disaster from the point of view of the radical opposition. Getting candidate status is a disaster from their point of view. Why does the opposition look at it this way? They think that in such a case the government will score serious points, and they don't even want to imagine that. Accordingly, they will do everything in order to sabotage the

Weather

Tuesday, September 6

Day Partly Cloudy High: 26°C

Night Rain Low: 16°C

Wednesday, September 7

Day Light Rain High: 22°C

Night Partly Cloudy Low: 15°C

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European integration process, they will continue what they are doing" Kobakhidze said.

The Chairman of 'Georgian Dream', was also asked about 'United National Movement' leader Nika Melia's statement where Melia said that in order to change 'the worst' political situation, extraordinary elections should be held. Kobakhidze responded that the talk about extraordinary elections is 'irrelevant'.

"They stick to their own agenda, they constantly talk about rallies and extraordinary elections, although it seems from their tone that they themselves do not believe in the demands they are making," he said.

According to Irakli Kobakhidze, the only place where there is the worst political crisis is the radical opposition.

"Certainly, any request related to extraordinary elections is completely irrelevant. Any

rally they announce is doomed to absolute failure. This is today's reality. If I am not mistaken, the following words were used: "the worst political crisis". The only place where there is the worst political crisis is the radical opposition. Inside, they have the worst political crisis, which seems like it can not be abolished. Society sees the confrontation with each other, everyone knows that inside there are divisions: Saakashvili, Melia, etc.

They can't stand each other, they are against each other and this is already shown outside, and moreover, even their supporters are against each other as well. It is the internal conflicts, it is a common weakness that they show. They have had many attempts to confuse the situation in the country, all these attempts have failed, and this, of course, leads to disappointment in the ranks of their party," said Irakli Kobakhidze.

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