

Aleksandr Lukashenko meets with Aslan Bzhania in occupied Abkhazia

By Liza Mchedlidze

The president of Belarus, Aleksandr Lukashenko, arrived in occupied Abkhazia and met with the so-called President of occupied Abkhazia, Aslan Bzhania in Bichvinta. Bzhania's website released the information regarding the meeting.

Lukashenko said within the framework of the meeting that he had talked about the issue of Abkhazia with the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, the previous day. According to him, they came to the conclusion that "they should not leave Abkhazia".

"Nostalgia never leaves us. A long time ago, I might have been 25-27 years old when I came to this holy land. Naturally, I was not the president [then]. You can say I was an ordinary person, a member of the parliament. Yesterday, with our elder brother, Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, I discussed the problems of Abkhazia. We discussed this issue long into the night and came to the conclusion that we should not leave Abkhazia. We need to help it so that this area, the people who live here, can live normally," said Lukashenko.

According to Aleksandr Lukashenko, his visit is not related to any special situation.



"We have a normal situation. We are not worried about any geopolitics. We, just like you, are peaceful, kind, hard-working people and we want to live in harmony. Economy, trade, and economic ties should become the foundation of our relationship. Nothing else is needed." Lukashenko said.

Belarus, according to Lukashenko, wants serious relations with occupied Abkhazia.

"I am an experienced man, I have been in politics for many years. Let's talk, and think about how we will continue our lives. The most important thing is that the people here live with dignity, because this is a small

paradise, and the people here are holy. I still remember this from the Soviet times, when I was here. That's why we want to build not only a bridge of friendship but also a very serious relationship" Aleksandr Lukashenko said.

According to the President of Belarus, based on the current

world situation, relations with "friends" should be strengthened.

"Russia is ready to support us. Perhaps the time has come. Today, like never before, we saw what the world has become. We are not tempted to live peacefully. Therefore, we must strengthen our relations with our friends." Lukashenko added.

Russians are being asked to recognize Russia as the occupier on the Georgian border, Volodin says

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According to the speaker of the Russian State Duma, Vyacheslav Volodin, Russian citizens on the border of Georgia are asked to recognize Russia as an aggressor country, a violator of Georgia's territorial integrity. According to him, the document, which Russian citizens are allegedly asked to sign at the border of Georgia, requires the condemnation of Russia's actions against independent states.

According to Volodin, if Russian citizens really sign such a document, it is a criminal offense.

"Here, right now, Nikolai Vasilevich Kolomeitsev handed me a document that those who cross the Russian-Georgian

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border are asked to sign. An application for recognition of the territory of the Russian Federation of Georgia as an occupation regime. If this is true and our citizens sign this document, it is quite clear that this is a crime. In the first paragraph, it is said that the signatory admits that his country is the aggressor. This is already a criminal responsibility" Volodin said.

Volodin warns those citizens

of Russia who allegedly sign a certain document before entering Georgia, that they will be punished if they return to the country.

"Perhaps those who ran away and signed this document, is it good that they left? We do not need to trust them. They have already betrayed us. However, we must say: they have committed many crimes against their own country, the nation. If they decide to return, they will be punished." Volodin said.

Volodin suggested that the Russian Duma study this issue.

The number of Russian citizens wishing to enter Georgia at the Larsi checkpoint has increased since Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilization on September 21.

In the first three days after the announcement of the mobilization, as the Russian media reported, there was a queue of 2,000 cars. The number later increased. Currently, according to Russian state media, the num-

ber of people wishing to cross the border has been reduced to 4,960 vehicles.

Russia is going to open a military commissariat mobilization point near the border of Georgia, at the Zemo Larsi checkpoint.

Entry of people from other regions of Russia to the internal administrative borders of the Republic of North Ossetia has been made difficult.

The President of Georgia, Salome Zourabichvili, and the Minister of Internal Affairs,

Vakhtang Gomelauri, spoke about the current situation at the Larsi checkpoint.

President Zurabishvili believes that, in relation to the issue, it is important for the government to use all mechanisms, including the format of the National Security Council.

On September 21, Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilization in Russia. The decision was followed by protests in several Russian cities, including Moscow.

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Each Russian citizen and risks of them entering Georgia being studied, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia says

Russia who enters Georgia and refuses them entry in case there are threats, the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Aleksandre Darakhvelidze stated.

Aleksandre Darakhvelidze stated that the flows at the Lars checkpoint have increased, if until now 5-6 thousand citizens of Russia were entering on a

ing every person entering the country, and if they do not meet the requirements defined by the law, or if there are risks that specific people will pose a threat to Georgia, they are refused entry to the country.

"Of course, we all agree that now there is an extraordinary situation, the announcement of partial mobilization in Russia led

Internal Affairs has, each incoming person is studied and where there are risks and dangers, it is natural to make a negative decision against these people," said Aleksandre Darakhvelidze.

After the announcement of the mobilization, the groups involved in the mobilization began to leave Russia en masse.

There is no mobilization in Abkhazia, but the number of volunteers is constantly increasing, Inal Ardzinba says

According to the de facto Minister of Foreign Affairs of occupied Abkhazia, Inal Ardzinba, there is no mobilization in Abkhazia to send military personnel to the war against Ukraine.

However, according to him, in the current "special operation" in

Ukraine, their ally Russia, as well as Luhansk and Donetsk, The number of volunteers who went to help the military forces is constantly increasing. Ardzinba spoke about this with the Russian pro-Kremlin publication RIA Novosti.

"There is no mobilization in Abkhazia. But I want to draw attention to the fact that since 2014, Abkhaz volunteers have taken up arms and are defending the freedom of Donbas, and the number of these people is increasing. This, in my opinion, is an important issue. "Unfortunately, there are victims," Ardzinba said, adding that the "liberation of Donbas" is extremely important for the Abkhaz volunteers.

The Russian independent media publication Meduza wrote that the Kremlin announced the mobilization of occupied Abkhazia and the so-called It is also discussed in South Ossetia.



The Ministry of Internal Affairs investigates every citizen of

standard basis per day, the number of partial military mobilization in Russia, it has increased by 40-45%.

According to the Deputy Minister, additional forces have been sent to the Lars checkpoint and they are monitoring the situation as much as possible, study-

to the increase of those flows not only in Georgia, but also in other countries. Of course, the police has an increased workload and there are challenges, but we are coping with the existing resources and as much as possible, with the resources and legal framework that the Ministry of



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