

Chairman of Parliament Shalva Papuashvili says the term 'oligarch' in Georgia established by opposition and NGOs

BY LIZA MCHEDLIDZE

The Chairman of the Parliament Shalva Papuashvili while discussing the deligarchization recommendation from the European Union, said at the session of the Bureau that the term 'oligarch' itself in Georgia was established by NGOs and the opposition.

"The term 'oligarch' was introduced and established by a part of the opposition and non-governmental organizations in our country - ironically, when it came down to it, we saw that in the end the sin turned on the part of the opposition itself!" He said.

According to Papuashvili, "everyone is desperately looking for an oligarch, and the public found some oligarchs, but not at the address where the opposition was expecting".

"This is probably a textbook example of how false perceptions are formed, then how these false perceptions affect the international perceptions and reputation of the country, then how these false perceptions are turned back with recommendations and how the hands are filled - what to do, what to do with this Everything, how to get out of this situation... This is a good school example of the fact that when false perceptions are formed, in the end it does not bring good results and leads to a dilemma", said Shalva Papuashvili.

"According to our information, conclusions have been drawn up and published in relation to Ukraine. There is a signal that a conclusion is likely to come soon. If it is postponed again, we will not be able to wait for Venice's conclusion forever," added Shalva Papuashvili.

The law on "deligarchization", which is an exact analogue of Ukrainian law, was initiated at the session of the bureau.

If "Georgian Dream" tells the public in advance that Bidzina Ivanishvili will not be affected by the demand for deligarchization, i.e. she is not going to do anything for the country to get status and they have made a choice - between the European Union and Bidzina Ivanishvili, Irakli Kobakhidze, Mdinardze and others chose Bidzina Ivanishvili., - "Lelo" party MP Salome Samadashvili told journalists.

According to her, she does not expect that "Georgian Dream" will initiate such a project of de-



oligarchization that will fulfill the request of the European Union.

"Initiating such a bill, where "Georgian Dream" announces in advance, who it will affect and who it will not, will not, in my opinion, be considered as implementation of the recommendation by the European Union. It is also very important for us to evaluate this bill from the international partners and we will wait for their conclusion. When talking about deligarchization, what the European Union means is that the state capture ends in our country, and the state is captured by Bidzina Ivanishvili. Therefore, there is no draft law in nature that can be accepted by the majority hired by Bidzina Ivanishvili in the parliament today in order to fulfill the request of the European Union.

Salome Samadashvili said that what the European Union means in these recommendations has been explained many times, and that it means the restoration of independent institutions in the country, removal of

oligarchic influence on the judiciary, executive and legislative authorities. She added that the European Union has clearly explained which factors define 'oligarch'.

If "Georgian Dream" tells the public in advance that Bidzina

Ivanishvili will not be affected by the demand for deligarchization, then "Georgian Dream" tells the Georgian people that it is not going to do anything for the country to receive candidate status and it has made a choice between the European

Union and Bidzina Ivanishvili. Irakli Kobakhidze, Mdinardze and others choose Bidzina Ivanishvili, they should tell this in a language the Georgian people can understand." said Salome Samadashvili.

"Lelo" calls on the Georgian authorities to clearly assess the acts committed by the Russian war crimes

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"Lelo for Georgia" party calls on the Georgian authorities to clearly assess the acts committed by the Russian armed forces as war crimes and crimes against humanity.

As mentioned in the statement released by the party, "Lelo" also calls on the authorities to timely review and accept

the resolution submitted by "Lelo" regarding war crimes.

"The massive missile attack by the Russian Federation on the civilian infrastructure of Ukraine reminds the whole world once again that the Russian Federation is a terrorist state that openly commits terrorist acts on the territory of other sovereign states. The purpose of today's terrorist attack

by Putin's Russia is to sow fear among Ukrainians. But the world sees that Ukraine and Ukrainians are getting stronger every day.

Since Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the armed forces of the Russian Federation have been commit-

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ting war crimes and crimes against humanity, with possible signs of genocide.

Today, when the civilized world is raising its voice against the war crimes committed by Putin’s terrorist regime, the ruling team of Georgia still prefers essential silence. The parliamentary team of “Georgian Dream” has not yet reviewed the draft resolution submitted by “Lelo” months ago, which assesses the actions of the armed forces of the

Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine as a war crime and a crime against humanity.

Despite direct calls from the international community, including US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, for Georgia to join a similar legal and political assessment, the Georgian authorities have made no effort to protect our partner Ukraine or Georgia’s national interests. This reminds us once again that the spirit, interests, and rhetoric of the Georgian government are in complete harmony with

the interests and policies of the Putin regime, and it has nothing to do with the geopolitical choices of the Georgian population.

“Lelo for Georgia” calls on the Georgian authorities to clearly assess the acts committed by the Russian armed forces as war crimes and crimes against humanity. “At the same time, we call on the government to consider and accept the resolution presented by “Lelo” regarding war crimes,” the party’s statement reads.



The News in Brief

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In case of possible inhumane treatment of Mikheil Saakashvili, no one has been found guilty

According to the head of the Special Investigation Service, Koka Katsitadze, the answers to the separate examination on the case of possible inhumane treatment of Mikheil Saakashvili are already known, and at this stage, no one has been found guilty.

Katsitadze spoke about this in an interview with IPN.

According to Katsitadze, on the initiative of the lawyers, several additional examinations have been appointed and the investigation is ongoing.

“They demanded to conduct a commission forensic medical examination regarding how adequately, correctly, and qualifiedly his treatment was carried out in the 12th and 18th penitentiary institution and in the military hospital of Gori. We have met this request and these examinations have been scheduled today. Of course, the results



of the examination will be very important.

According to the results of the examination, which are known at this stage, nobody’s guilt has been revealed, and the actual

circumstances of the case are being studied. In order to create a complete picture, it is very important for us to receive the answers to the appointed examinations”, said Koka Katsitadze.

A trial is underway in Ukraine, where Saakashvili is to be questioned as a witness. The case concerns the possible inhumane treatment of him.

People’s Power party once again addresses Kelly Degan

The “People’s Power” movement published another statement where MPs addressed the American ambassador to Georgia Kelly Degan again.

They said that they have addressed questions to the ambassador, but she does not address the issues they have raised.

“Our movement called on the American ambassador to make public the information about the American financing in Georgia. However, Mrs. Degan did not break the tradition in this case either and answered our call with silence. However, recently, in

the background of leaving our questions unanswered, she once again stated that America has generously helped Georgia over the past years.

The party stated that during the last 20 years, America received no less financial benefits from Georgia than Georgia received from America.

Unfortunately, we did not get an answer to the question of how much of the 3.5 billion spent actually remained in Georgia and how much returned to America, for example, in the form of thousands of salaries received by their own American employees or large sums of money received by American companies for services.

We didn’t even get an answer to the question why twice more money was spent on Georgia under Saakashvili’s authoritarian regime than after 2012”, read the statement of the People’s Power” party reads.



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