

President of Romania calls on the ruling party and the opposition to work together on 12 recommendations



BY LIZA MCHEDLIDZE

President of Romania Klaus Iohannis stated that the Georgian political class should take the recommendations of the European Commission seriously and the government and the opposition should work together based on national interests.

At the joint press conference with the President of Georgia, Klaus Johan answered the questions from journalists.

"Romania also had a long way to go before becoming a member of the European Union. We see

the steps that need to be taken. Regarding Georgia, 12 recommendations were created that we know about. It is most important that the political class in Georgia takes these recommendations seriously and work to make the requested changes. In Romania, it was important to see these issues as a matter of national interest. Both the ruling party and the opposition should work together on this issue based on national interests," he said.

Salome Zourabichvili said that political parties cannot blame each other for the failure

of the European integration process and imagine that one of the parties will emerge victorious from the process.

"It is very clear the desire and will of the population of Georgia to follow this path. Political forces remain... The picture is very clear - no one can think that they will blame the other for the failure in this matter. It is a mistake to think that one side can then come out victorious by blaming the other. Today, if the national interest stands somewhere, this {European integration} is the national interest of

Georgia. It's time for everyone to understand that this is a national interest," the president said.

The presidents of Georgia and Romania signed a declaration on the establishment of strategic cooperation between Georgia and Romania.

Salome Zourabichvili noted at the press conference that Romania, along with Poland, is Georgia's main partner in Europe and has been supporting the European and Euro-Atlantic integration of our country for 30 years.

The President of Georgia once

again expressed her support for Ukraine at the international forum.

"I can't help but start my speech with what is happening right now, at this moment in Ukraine - the brutal missile attack that is being carried out on the population of Ukraine today. This country is the country we are close to. We are even closer to this conflict and we fully sympathize with the Ukrainian people. What is happening today in the cities of Ukraine is completely unacceptable for the whole civilized world, for us, for Georgia and for Romania. We have a great experience of Russian imperial policy, Soviet policy, and we know what aggression means, we know what occupation means, we know what Russia is capable of doing. This is the transition of this aggression to a new dimension. What is being heard in terms of nuclear security, what is happening in our occupied territories, where Russia is starting to mobilize, what is also being done in the entire territory of Russia, all this is a continuation of the brutal aggression that is unacceptable for a peaceful world. We know that this is an unacceptable form for our countries and for Europe, it is a form of the past that will not bring anything and will not have the results that the person who started this aggression hoped for. No one will allow this," Salome Zourabichvili said.

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Nika Gvaramia, the general director of "Mtavari Channel", made a statement at the Tbilisi Court of Appeal, where the trial of him, Kakhaber Damenia and Zurab Iashvili is ongoing.

"Our international friends are here who have the key recipe to help us. But there are decisions that we no longer have the strength to make. Also, it is sometimes the result of our western family's silence at the wrong time, or wrong action," Nika Gvaramia said.

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As Gvaramia pointed out, the civilized world has a positive obligation to somehow save nations in need.

“Our international friends, foreign friends are here, who have the main recipe on how to help us. But there are decisions that we no longer have the strength to make. This is unfortunately the result of our decisions, but it is also sometimes

the result of our Western family being silent at the wrong time, or acting inappropriately. I don't really want to say that they owe it to us, but the civilized world, the liberal democracies really have a positive obligation to somehow save the nations in need when they are confronted by force majeure, first of all, of course, I mean Russia. - said Gvaramia.

At the same court session, Nika Gvaramia also spoke about

the issue of media financing and noted that pro-Western forces should be strengthened both in the media and in politics.

“I definitely want to tell our allies that in a situation when an anti-Western force is in power in the country, when this force is prominently advertised by “Pos TV”, and at the same time, the largest pro-Western force in the rating is losing its soul, in this situation, even the grantees of this force should be

refused by Western funds. I will not name the organizations, potentially leading to the closure of these channels. This is the answer for the pro-Western Georgian society. Whether we like it or not, it is the way it is. The symmetric answer for these anti-Western forces is not that they publish something abhorrent and then counter-statements are spread, the symmetric answer is to strengthen the pro-Western forces in the media,

if you want in politics.

It doesn't take much work to save these channels. The critical media is giving everyone a hard time right now. It turns out that “Imedi” has 102 million GEL. “Rustavi 2” had the biggest, 50 million GEL. I will not talk about “Public Broadcaster”, which is better than “Imedi” in terms of quality, but it turns out that it had less funding than it. I wouldn't even think of that. Society can also save us.” Gvaramia stated.

The News in Brief

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Georgia, Azerbaijan and Turkey have started military exercises

The annual joint exercises of the special operations forces of Georgia, Turkey and Azerbaijan,

after Major Gela Chedia in Mukhrovani, Georgia.

The purpose of the training is to deepen the synchronization and coordination of special forces capabilities by the special operations units of the Defense Forces of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Turkey, share experience, increase interoperability and improve

Ilia Darchiashvili meets with the President of the National Council of the Swiss Confederation

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Ilia Darchiashvili, held a meeting with the President of the Na-

tional Council of the Swiss Confederation, Irene Kelin, who is visiting Georgia. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the information.

According to the agency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed satisfaction with the existing close and friendly relations between Georgia and the Swiss Confederation, which are based on common values and mutual respect.

“It was noted that there is great potential for the development of mutually beneficial cooperation in such areas as further strengthening of economic relations, professional education, climate protection and others.

The role of inter-parliamentary ties in order to deepen relations was emphasized. At the meeting, the long-term involvement of the Swiss side in terms of cooperation in the field of development was noted, which contributed to the socio-economic transformation of the country and will continue actively in the future in the direction of implementing reforms in

priority areas.”

At the meeting, they discussed the challenges in the region and the importance of a strong and united position of the international community to deal with the threats that exist today. The minister drew attention to the security and human rights situation in the occupied territories of Georgia.”

Georgia: Rural festival ‘Visit Tsalka’ takes place with EU support

A rural festival “Visit Tsalka” was held in the Georgian town of Tsalka. The festival took place within the framework of the EU-supported EMBRACE Tsalka project and was organised by CENN, Tsalka Local Action Group (LAG) and the Farmers' Association of Georgia.

The aim of the festival was to raise awareness about the Tsalka municipality. It brought together young people, local entrepreneurs, representatives of authorities and visitors of Tsalka.

The festival included an exhibition and sale of products from entrepreneurs, start-ups, small businesses and other EU-funded projects. There was also an educational event for young people, which included an exhibition and sale of children's paintings. The proceeds from the sale of the paintings were donated to support the Ukrainian people.

Guests of the festival also had the opportunity to explore the hiking route laid out in Tsalka Canyon.



“Caucasus Eagle” has started. The information was released by the Ministry of Defense of Georgia.

The opening ceremony of the Caucasus Eagle 2022 was held on October 11 at the Special Purpose Training Center named

command and control in a multinational environment.

The special purpose groups participating in the “Caucasian Eagle 2022” exercise will share their experience in fire and medical training, fighting in a populated area and performing special operations.

The trilateral exercise of the special operations forces of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Turkey, “Caucasus Eagle 2022”, is held annually in all three countries on a rotational basis. Last year, the exercise was hosted by the Republic of Turkey.



Weather

Wednesday, October 12

Day Partly Cloudy
High: 21°C

Night Partly Cloudy
Low: 10°C

Wednesday, October 12

Day Mostly Cloudy
High: 17°C

Night Overcast
Low: 13°C

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