

Shalva Papuashvili meets with the first deputy chairman of the Rada of Ukraine

By Liza Mchedlidze

The Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia, Shalva Papuashvili, together with the members of the Georgian parliamentary delegation, met with the First Deputy Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Oleksandr Kornienko.

Shalva Papuashvili confirmed Georgia's steadfast support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and noted that the current war is a big challenge for European security.

The Chairman of the Parliament reviewed the support provided by Georgia to Ukraine.

The parties discussed the European integration process of the two countries. Shalva Papuashvili spoke about the progress of Georgia in the direction of fulfilling the 12 recommendations of the European Union.

The Chairman of the Parliament wished success to the Ukrainian people in the struggle for the independence of their country.

The meeting was held within the framework of the 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Rwanda.

The Georgian parliamentary delegation includes the Chairman of the Parliament, Nikoloz Samkharadze, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Khatia Tsilosani, the First Deputy Chairman of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Committee, and Aleksandre Rakviashvili, a member of the Girchi parliamentary political group.



Teenager dies after electrocuted by newly rehabilitated Vake Park fountain



By Messenger Staff

A teenager who was electrocuted in the newly opened

Vake Park fountain died. The information was confirmed by a doctor at Khechinashvili clinic.

According to the doctor, the

condition of the second adolescent has stabilized, adding he is on oxygen.

Three children were electrocuted in the Vake Park fountain yesterday, October 13. According to eyewitnesses, the children went into the water to remove the ball from the fountain.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs started an investigation into the incident under the first part of Article 240 of the Criminal Code, which refers to the violation of safety rules at the facility of electricity or thermal energy, gas, oil, or petroleum products, which caused severe or less severe health damage.

According to the City Hall, on October 12, the rehabilitation of the small cascade and a fountain in Vake Park was completed.

"The condition of one of the teenagers was stabilized, he has been put on oxygen. After that, he was admitted to the pediatric clinic. As for the 13-year-old girl, she was admitted in with cardiac arrest. Resuscitation measures were unsuccessful and biological death was recorded," the doctor said.

'Georgian Dream' is responsible for Georgia not getting the candidate status of EU, 'Lelo' MP Salome Samashashvili says

By Liza Mchedlidze

"Lelo" MP Salome Samadashvili spoke about Ursula von der Leyen's statement regarding Georgia's European perspective:

"The door of the European Union is open for us, if we go through this door and follow the breeze of changes, what Ursula Der Leyen is talking about, reforms are crucial, -

According to the "Lelo" leader, it is crucial that Georgia shows progress on the path of reforms.

"A very important fact happened yesterday that Bosnia-Herzegovina, after three years of

receiving the conditions to be fulfilled from the European Union, managed to make this breakthrough and get the candidate status. Among other things, this was possible because the elections were held on October 2, which was considered a step forward on the road to democracy.

The door of the European Union remains open for us, including as a result of the very great efforts of the opposition, but to go through these doors, to enter, to have progress, and to follow the list of changes that

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Von der Leyen talks about, it is necessary to carry out relevant reforms in the country and for the country to progress,” said

Samadashvili.

According to her, the management team is responsible for fulfilling the requirements of the European Union.

“It is the government’s politi-

cal responsibility that we did not get the candidate status. If they had fulfilled the calls that we made, to return to the Michel agreement, we might have had the status today. Even today, the government is responsible, because they have the majority and can make any changes, no one is going to let Kobakhidze deceive us that these people are now a separate political group and they do not have a majority, no - “Georgian Dream” has the majority.

We offer alternative bills, visions, opinions, and what should be done, but the opposition cannot make decisions because it does not have a majority. Therefore, the responsibility rests with the political team that fully controls the executive and legisla-



...tive authorities in the country, the judiciary is fully controlled by the “Georgian Dream” and all other institutions, so in such an

environment it is impossible to talk about the responsibility of someone else.” said Salome Samadashvili.

The News in Brief

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Aslan Bzhania orders strengthening of mobilization readiness in occupied Abkhazia



The so-called President of occupied Abkhazia Aslan Bzhania, at the session of the “Territorial Defense Headquarters” issued an order regarding the maintenance of mobilization readiness to ensure security and defense. The information was spread by the Russian media.

According to the information, the meeting was held at the so-called Ministry of Defense of Abkhazia.

“During the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces ordered that the

main efforts should be directed to maintaining the mobilization readiness at an appropriate level and ensuring the security and defense of the country,” said the so-called President Bzhania’s press office.

course, it depends on the candidate countries to reform their economies and institutions and to advance towards our union”, said Von der Leyen.

“Ukraine and Moldova are now candidates for joining our Union. We also recognized the European perspective of Georgia. The winds of change have once again blown across Europe, just as they did in the 1970s when Spain, Portugal and Greece opted for democracy or when freedom fighters tore down the Berlin Wall. Of course, it is up to the candidate countries to reform their economies and institutions and move towards our union, but it is our responsibility to support them in every way possible. This is Europe’s moment. It is up to us to use this moment,” she said.

According to Ursula Von der Leyen, both the EU and its neighboring countries face shared challenges, such as Russian aggression, energy insecurity, climate change and threats to open societies. According to her, the European Union should work together with all partners, including those who do not want to join the Union.

Ursula Von der Leyen says it depends on Georgia to make reforms to advance towards European Union

The President of the European Commission, Ursula Von der Leyen, in her speech at the ambassadorial held in Brussels, talked about the European future of Georgia:

“We have recognized the European perspective of Georgia, of



Weather

Friday, October 14

Day Light Rain
High: 19°C

Night Overcast
Low: 14°C

Saturday, October 15

Day Light Rain
High: 17°C

Night Light Rain
Low: 15°C

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ADB Invests \$4 Million in Georgia’s First Locally Listed Green Bond

TBILISI, GEORGIA (13 October 2022) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) invested \$4 million in a green bond issued by Georgian Renewable Power Operations (GRPO), which will use the funds to support its ongoing operations. The investment will also provide additional capital for GRPO’s parent company, Georgian Renewable Power Company Group JSC, to support its renewable energy business.

ADB’s investment forms part of an \$80 million issue by GRPO of a 5-year green bond—Georgia’s first domestically-listed green bond and the largest bond to be listed on the Georgian Stock Exchange. ADB will also administer a \$4 million subscription to the bond by Leading Asia’s Private Infrastructure Fund (LEAP).

“ADB’s assistance will support the further development of Georgia’s local capital market through the first domestic green note and largest bond to be listed in the country,” said ADB Private Sector Operations Department Senior Investment Specialist David Urbaneja-Furelos. “This investment builds on our track record as an anchor investor in Georgia’s past green bonds and shows how our involvement in these and other debt instruments can help our members to meet their climate goals.”

“I am delighted to announce that GRPO successfully issued an \$80 million green bond. The transaction met with considerable interest from investors, being able to access capital even during the current unprecedented times. We are thankful to ADB for playing a key role as one of the strategic investors in the note,” said Georgia Capital Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Irakli Gilauri.

GRPO operates a portfolio of five renewable power projects including four hydropower plants with a total installed capacity of 50.4 megawatts, and Georgia’s only wind power plant. In 2020, ADB participated in a green bond issued by GRPO’s precedent company, Georgia Global Utilities JSC.

GRPO is a wholly owned subsidiary of the GRPC Group which is wholly owned by JSC Georgia Capital. JSC Georgia Capital is 100%-owned by Georgia Capital PLC, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange.

LEAP was established in 2016 with a \$1.5 billion capital commitment from the Japan International Cooperation Agency. It is focused on delivering high-quality and sustainable private sector infrastructure projects that reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, and offer accessible and affordable health care, education, and communication services to ADB’s developing members.

ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region.

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The Ambassador of France to Georgia H.E. Mr. Diego Colas held a farewell reception on October 12.









