

Citizens to submit all candidates to Parliament for candidacy of Public Defender

By Liza Mchedlidze

Levan Ioseliani has announced that the Citizens party plans to nominate 19 candidates to the parliament, i.e. all those who applied for the position of public defender. According to the member of the party and the vice-speaker of the parliament, the election process will no longer be threatened, and all candidates will have the opportunity to present themselves before the parliament.

"We made a decision to present all 19 candidates. The rules of the parliament and the order of the chairman of the parliament provide this opportunity. We will present at least all the candidates, everyone will be heard in the parliament and everyone's name will be voted on. Voting is open, open - the process will be as transparent as possible."

We are not going to be biased towards the candidates, because I don't know anyone except Iago Khvichia. We should give everyone an opportunity to present their opinions and fight for public defense. The attitude that someone likes someone and someone does not like someone should end," said Levan Ioseliani.

Responding to the decision of Citizens to nominate the 19th candidate for the post of ombudsman Lelo MP Salome Samadashvili told reporters that the naming of all candidates will make it easier for Georgian Dream to lobby for the candidate they want. According to Samadashvili, among them, there are those who can be lobbied and supported by the Georgian Dream.

"During the voting, we will support those candidates who were nominated by non-governmental organizations. They received a very high evaluation also according to the rules invented by Georgian Dream, so we feel very comfortable in our decision that the candidates of non-governmental organizations will be the best for this post."

As for the decision of other factions and political groups, who will be named, it is their decision. "Personally, I am sure that among the candidates there are people who may be secretly lobbied and supported by Georgian Dream, the fact that all of them will be named will make it easier for "Georgian Dream" to lobby for the candidate they want," said Samadashvili.



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new projects, initiatives and priorities planned for next year.

Meeting of Council of Investors held chaired by PM Gharibashvili



"We hope to finish this year with a double-digit economic growth rate, which is very important for us. This is what gave us the opportunity to increase the next year's budget," Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Gharibashvili said at the session of the Investors Council.

According to the head of the government, the country also had an increase in direct foreign investment, and during the first 6 months of 2022, the volume of direct foreign investment increased by 2 times and more compared to the figures of the previous year and amounted to 922 million dollars, which is also an important reason for optimism.

In addition to the issues to be discussed at the meeting of the Council, at today's meeting, the Prime Minister informed the members of the Council about the current political and economic situation in the country. The Prime Minister also presented to the council members the vision of the government on

Occupying forces illegally detain a citizen of Georgia, State Security Service says

In the occupied territory near the village of Bershueti of Gori municipality, the representatives of the occupying forces illegally detained a citizen of Georgia. The information was released by the State Security Service of Georgia.

According to the State Security Service, the hotline was activated on the fact of illegal detention, the European Union monitoring mission and the co-chairs of the international discussions in Geneva, international partners, were informed about the incident.

"All existing levers have been activated and work is underway with international partners to release persons in illegal detention. The illegal detentions carried out by the occupying forces damage the security environment on the ground and make the daily life of the local population extremely difficult. Full responsibility for this is borne by the occupying power", the statement reads.



Mamuka Khazaradze calls on business sector to create employment platform

By Liza Mchedlidze

Chairman of Lelo Mamuka Khazaradze released a video with a message addressing the business sector. He called on all the business owners, regardless the size of their businesses, whether it is large or medium, to come together and create an employment platform to create employment opportunities especially for young people, to avoid the departure of Georgian citizens to seek better opportunities abroad.

According to him, it is also necessary to support the ideas that young people have and to create a special fund for startups.

"The age-old dream of our enemies "Georgia without Georgians" is coming to fruition. Tens of thousands of Russians are entering Georgia, and at the same time, 100,000 Georgians have already left the country, and more than a hundred thousand are preparing to leave. For a small country like Georgia, this is a disaster!

The legislative initiative of Lelo to establish a visa regime is blocked due to the vassal policy of Georgian Dream and thus the process of replacing our citizens with other people is going on.

I don't want to see Georgia without Georgians and I will do everything to prevent it from happening. I have an idea that I



would like to share with you: I call on all businesses - large and medium-sized - to create a single employment platform to anchor our citizens and especially the youth.

It is also necessary to support the ideas that young people have and to create a special fund for startups. With these and other similar steps, we will give great encouragement and hope to people who are ready to leave.

I call this to you businessmen because you are the force that creates real jobs, fills the budget of the country, those who can do it.

One thing I want to tell everyone - there is always a solution and if we don't take this step now, tomorrow will be too late. This is a vital national issue for the country and I urge everyone not to sacrifice our citizens for perennial and eternal emigration.

Finally, running away is not a solution - if we all leave, others will have the country, others will have our house, yard, street, village, city, let's not leave Georgia to others. Let's act! Together we can do everything," Mamuka Khazaradze said.

Exchange Rates: US Dollar - 2.7660; Euro - 2.7087; GBP - 3.1140; 100 Russian Ruble - 4.4694; Swiss Franc - 2.7613

On October 18, the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey held an event for the transfer of books to the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia by the Administration of the President of the Republic of Turkey.



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Day Partly Cloudy
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Night Light Rain
Low: 12°C

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High: 15°C

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On the occasion of the National Day of Hungary and to commemorate the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, the Ambassador of Hungary H. E. Anna Maria Siko and Mr. Robert Christopher Summerfield held a Reception on October 18.







