

## Irakli Kobakhidze: If Ivanishvili has any excessive influence, it is the mood of the society due to his charitable initiatives

By Liza Mchedlidze

The Chairman of Georgian Dream party wrote about Bidzina Ivanishvili's 'excessive influence':

"If Bidzina Ivanishvili has any excessive influence, it is the public's mood towards him due to her charitable initiatives and the democratic transition of 2012."

Kobakhidze wrote that the internal and external detractors of Georgia refer to Bidzina Ivanishvili as an 'oligarch', because they cannot forgive him for his charity, patronage, love for his country, history and nature.

"Georgia's ill-wishers are annoyed by the fact that, even under the most severe blackmail, they could not make Bidzina Ivanishvili take a step towards war, and instead of him agreeing to turn to politics against his will and destroy the country, today he is engaged in charity work, including the beautification of Georgia's nature and the preservation of biodiversity.

Each member of our political team tries to act in politics with the values and principles that Bidzina Ivanishvili's work set us as an example. Therefore, it is not surprising that for the inter-



nal and external detractors of Georgia, the current government of Georgia and its policies are just as unacceptable as the

factor of Bidzina Ivanishvili. I am deeply convinced that, neither by political nor financial blackmail, the internal and ex-

ternal ill-wishers of Georgia will not disturb the peace and tranquility in Georgia, nor will they stop the economic progress, nor

will they stop the large-scale charity projects of Bidzina Ivanishvili. Georgia will win!" Irakli Kobakhidze wrote.

## Parliamentary group led by Dimitri Khundadze holds meetings in Thailand

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The parliamentary group of Georgia, led by Dimitri Khundadze, held meetings in the highest legislative body of the Kingdom of Thailand in Bangkok. The Parliament of Georgia released the information about this.

According to their reports, at the meeting with Chalermchai Boonyaleepun, the head of Thailand's friendship group with Georgia, the parties noted that parliamentary diplomacy plays an important role in deepening bilateral cooperation between the countries.

Also, the importance of the 30-year diplomatic relationship between the Kingdom of Thailand and Georgia was noted.

"A conversation was held with the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Thailand about the possible participation of Georgia as an observer in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. The conversation also touched upon the complex processes caused by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war in Europe. The parties agreed that more needs to be done to restore peace.



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The desire and willingness to strengthen economic ties between Georgia and Thailand in the direction of trade and investments was expressed. They agreed to hold a Georgian-Thai business forum in the near future.

The sides of Georgia and Thailand talked in a working for-

mat about promotion of regular airlines, strengthening of promotion of tourism potential and signing of a memorandum of mutual cooperation between the two countries in the direction of

tourism”, the spread information said.

Also, A desire was expressed for friendship between the ancient capitals of both countries, Mtskheta and Ayutthaya. World

cultural heritage sites of both cities are protected by UNESCO.

According to the information spread, the parties talked about the need to open a representative office of Georgia in Thailand.

Along with Dimitri Khundadze, the parliamentary delegation included Sozar Subari, Gela Samkharauli and Irma Zavrashvili.

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## The News in Brief

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### Gov't administration releases information about Nenskra hydro



The Prime Minister of Georgia, Irakli Gharibashvili, met with Park Jae Hyeon, the CEO of K-Water, the investor of Nenskra hydro.

At the meeting held in the government administration, they discussed the implementation of the current and planned energy projects. According to the administration, the importance of investing in sustainable and

renewable energy sources was emphasized.

According to the press release, the importance of investing in sustainable and renewable energy sources was also emphasized. Irakli Gharibashvili said that the Georgian government

offers investors a favorable investment environment.

“The Prime Minister noted that taking into account the national interests of the country, it is important for the state to participate in the construction of large hydropower plants. According to the head of the government, Nenskra hesis important for the country’s economic

progress, energy security and energy independence. It was noted at the meeting that it is important to speed up the construction of the HPP and to complete the project on time.

Nenskra Hess is one of the largest investment projects, which envisages the construction of a 280 MW hydroelectric power station in the Svaneti region. The investment volume of the project is 1 billion 50 million dollars,” the information released by the administration reads.

### Lasha Darsalia hosts NATO evaluation mission

On November 14-15, Georgia will host the NATO assessment mission. The purpose of the visit is to discuss the progress of the implementation of the 14th annual national program. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs released information about this.

According to their reports, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the NATO delegation meets the representatives of the state agencies involved in the implementation of the annual national program.

“The annual national program is one of the main mechanisms of Georgia’s integration

into NATO, through which the country presents the progress of reforms with the alliance. The document covers political and economic issues, including the protection of human rights, strengthening of legislative oversight, ongoing reforms in the field of justice and courts, and

related to strengthening the country’s defense capabilities and the existing security environment, as well as concrete opportunities for strengthening cooperation with NATO.

It should be noted that the annual national program and its successful implementation is one



the country’s foreign policy priorities.

Additionally, the annual national program outlines issues

of the important steps of Georgia’s integration into NATO,” the information reads.

**M**ANILA, PHILIPPINES (10 November 2022) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$100 million policy-based loan to deepen Georgia’s reforms to fiscal management, capital markets, and its pension system.

The second subprogram of the Fiscal Resilience and Social Protection Support Program builds on the accomplishments of the first subprogram approved in 2020, which helped to improve Georgia’s macroeconomic resilience during

the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Georgia’s sound policy response to the COVID-19 crisis has led to a robust economic recovery, but geopolitical uncertainties may still dampen the economic outlook,” said ADB Director General for Central and West Asia Yevgeniy Zhukov. “With this subprogram, ADB helps Georgia complete reforms that were earlier initiated to further strengthen the government’s capacity to manage fiscal risks, deepen capital markets, and enhance the sustainability of social protection

programs.”

ADB’s second subprogram supports policies aimed at improving institutional capacity to manage fiscal risks stemming from disasters triggered by natural hazards and climate change, and weak corporate governance in state-owned enterprises. It will strengthen macroeconomic resilience to shocks by reducing exposure to currency and refinancing risks associated with high external debt. It also supports measures to promote regular contribution payments among pension participants as

well as the adoption of a framework that incentivizes additional voluntary savings.

“Reforming the pension system is critical to safeguard the well-being of Georgia’s aging population in a fiscally sustainable manner,” said ADB Public Finance Specialist Rogério de Almeida Vieira de Sá. “ADB’s program will help Georgia sustain inclusive economic recovery underpinned by macroeconomic stability.”

Georgia joined ADB in 2007, and the bank has since become one of the country’s largest mul-

tilateral development partners, with committed loans amounting to \$3.92 billion and technical assistance projects worth \$28.9 million. ADB’s development priorities in Georgia include expanding trade, creating jobs, and combating poverty by developing economic corridors.

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.

## Weather

Tuesday, November 15

Day Partly Cloudy  
High: 14°C

Night Partly Cloudy  
Low: 6°C

Wednesday, November 16

Day Mostly Cloudy  
High: 10°C

Night Overcast  
Low: 5°C

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