

We will not be able to elect an ombudsman, we will continue our work, Mamuka Mdinaradze says

By Liza Mchedlidze

According to Georgian Dream MP Mamuka Mdinaradze, the opposition does not support any of the 5 ombudsman candidates proposed by them, therefore they will not be able to elect an ombudsman at this session. He spoke about this at the briefing.

"Consultations were held regarding the candidates for the ombudsman. Today, I can tell you the result with certainty that out of the 5 candidates, from which we proposed to choose one and support them, and after that it was possible to agree on a common candidate, our opponents did not want to support any of the candidates.

Therefore, it is natural that we will not be able to elect an ombudsman and we will continue to work in order to be able to form a common candidate at least in the spring session," he said.

According to Mdinaradze, the opposition has decided on 2 candidates for the position of ombudsman and "other than that, they are not going to support anyone".

"For the spring session, we will try to eliminate this gap. Fortunately, the decision to implement the Euro recommendation and its deadline is not this year, and you know the statements from our friends that it will be all by the end of the year, and therefore, we have the opportunity to be intensive on these issues. We agreed on the spring session through work," Mamuka Mdinaradze said.



Georgia sends 25 units of high power generators to Ukraine

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The Government of Georgia has sent 25 units of high-

power generators worth 1,5 million Georgian Lari, completing the instructions by Prime Minister Irakli Gharibashvili. The

Generators were purchased by the Georgian State Electric System:

"The Government of Georgia

continues to actively support the Ukrainian people. Today, 25 units of high-power generators were sent from Georgia to

Ukraine, which were purchased by "Georgian State Electric System" under the system of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia on the instructions of the Prime Minister, Irakli Gharibashvili.

These are industrial purpose generators with a total value of 1.5 million GEL, which enable hospitals, catering facilities and other critical purpose facilities to work in an emergency mode." statement reads.

The process of loading the generators was attended by the Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Romeo Mikautadze and the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Ukraine Andrey Kasyanov, who personally thanked the Government of Georgia and the Prime Minister for the assistance provided.

"I am happy to note that the Government of Georgia has purchased 25 high-power generators for Ukraine, which will be used for industrial purposes - clinics, hospitals, catering facilities and other critical infrastructure facilities of Ukraine.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal



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gratitude for the decision of the Prime Minister of Georgia, Mr. Irakli Gharibashvili, to purchase and transfer high power generators to Ukraine. Also, I would like to thank all the members of the Georgian government for the quick implementation of this

decision, because all 25 electric generators will be sent to Ukraine today.

Thank you to all Georgians for the very strong and essential support of Ukraine for my country and my people in this very critical period," said the Chargé d'Affaires of the Ukrainian Embassy.

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According to the Deputy Minister Mikautadze, the Government of Georgia and Georgian people from the very first day of

the beginning of the war in Ukraine spare no effort to provide assistance to the Ukrainian people as much as possible. He

expressed hope that the high-power generators sent to Ukraine today will alleviate the problems of the Ukrainian people.

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European Union to publish evaluation of second part of questionnaire

According to the information

tion Committee, this will be an assessment of Georgia's compatibility in the direction of legislative and institutional convergence, and next year, the European Commission's next assessment report will be published.

"We have information that the assessment is positive. We have



of Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Teimuraz Janjalia, by the end of 2022, Georgia is waiting for the publication of the evaluation of the second part of the questionnaire by the European Union.

As the Deputy Minister explained at the meeting of the Parliament's European Integra-

taken important steps regarding the compatibility of Georgia with the European Union in the direction of legislative and institutional rapprochement. In the autumn of next year, we expect that within the framework of the expansion package, Georgia will finally be granted the status of a candidate," said Teimuraz

Janjalia.

According to his information, Georgia continues to successfully implement the obligations stipulated by the association agreement with the European Union and the association agenda.

According to Janjalia, at this stage, Georgia has successfully implemented approximately 50% of the obligations of the association agreement, and approximately 60% of the European directives and regulations in the direction of the implementation of the component of the deep and comprehensive free trade space have already been reflected in the Georgian legislation.

Minister of Defense of Georgia meets with Azerbaijani colonel-general Zakir Hasanov

Within the framework of the Azerbaijan-Turkey-Georgia tripartite ministerial meeting, the Minister of Defense of Georgia, Juansher Burchuladze, held bilateral meetings with his colleagues, and the press service of the Ministry of Defense released the information.

According to the Ministry, the Minister of Defense of Georgia,

during the meeting with his Azerbaijani colleague, colonel-general Zakir Hasanov, focused on the security situation in the region, and the importance of peace and stability.

"Defense ministers discussed

At the meeting, the parties also discussed directions of bilateral cooperation in the field of defense, including cooperation in the field of military education and joint participation in multinational military exercises.



jointly implemented and ongoing important projects. According to Juansher Burchuladze, the implementation of the energy project is of historical importance, which was confirmed by the signatures of the Prime Minister of Georgia and the leaders of Azerbaijan, Romania and Hungary a few days ago.

Azerbaijan-Turkey-Georgia Trilateral Defense Ministerial has been held regularly for years and participating countries are hosting it on a rotating basis. This year, the ministerial meeting is being held in the Republic of Turkey," the Ministry's statement reads.

The Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association (DVV International) opened its 14th adult education centre in Georgia on 20 December. The new centre, which was built with the support of Germany and in close cooperation with the municipality, is located in Kaspi in the Shida Kartli region.

The Georgia Country Office of DVV International has been involved in the development of adult education and learning centres since 2005. With the support of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and De-

Opening of an Adult Education Centre in Kaspi



velopment, 13 adult education centres are now successfully operating in 8 regions of the country, namely Kvemo Kartli,

Kacheti, Samegrelo, Guria, Adjara, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Racha and Imereti.

More than 200,000 beneficiaries

have benefited from the centres' education services from 2006 to date, including internally displaced persons, ethnic and religious minorities, and socially and economically disadvantaged persons.

The adult education centres are based on the experience and methodology of the German Volkshochschule, adapted to the Georgian reality and the needs of the population. They provide education and lifelong learning opportunities for all, regardless of class, gender, education, age, religion, ideology or nationality, and strengthen inclusion.

The centres are at the same time a good tool to address unemployment, poverty, inequality, instability and conflict, and social exclusion. Community-based centres are flexible and respond quickly to changing needs and new demands of individuals and society in the age of globalisation, digitalisation, de-

mographic change and advancing technological development.

Based on a holistic understanding of adult education, the centres offer a multi-component adult education package that includes Personal Development Programme, Vocational, Cultural, Political and Financial Education, as well as Youth, Sports and Health Education.

All centres established by DVV International are members of the Georgian Adult Education Network (GAEN), which provides continuous training for the centres' staff and trainers and ensures the quality of the services offered.



Weather

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Night 🌙 Clear Low: -4°C

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Night 🌙 Clear Low: -4°C

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