

## Irakli Kobakhidze responds to 'CV Victims' article, says Credit Suisse's 'motive' is political

By Liza Mchedlidze

The article published on AP News under the title "CS Victims: Former Prime Minister of Georgia, Bidzina Ivanishvili, alleges political pressure in legal dispute with Credit Suisse" regarding Bidzina Ivanishvili's ongoing legal dispute with Swiss Bank Credit Suisse reads that former Prime Minister of Georgia is accusing the bank of blackmailing and fraud.

Bidzina Ivanishvili has been accusing Credit Suisse and its subsidiaries for more than seven years, and this case has been widely covered by the media, including in Switzerland. According to the statement, it is where the convicted client relations manager "committed fraud and mismanagement."

The article reads that Bidzina Ivanishvili's representatives confirmed 'political pressure' on him in the legal dispute with Credit Suisse in the international press.

Ivanishvili's lawyers wrote in a statement that Credit Suisse is creating the illusion of negotiation that actually served the purpose of political pressure. Lawyers note that the relationship with the bank "went out of the legal plane and became purely political after the start of the war in Ukraine."

According to them, one of the trusts of the bank has not paid the amount for months and they are sending it from court to court "according to the June resolution of the European Parliament".

After the article was pub-



lished, the Chairman of 'Georgian Dream' party, Irakli Kobakhidze publicly spoke about the 'political motives' of Credit Suisse. According to his statement, 'some people' who he did not name, want to force Bidzina Ivanishvili to 'return to politics' and 'act against the country's interests'.

"The public is already widely informed about what is happening at Credit Suisse regarding

funds belonging to Bidzina Ivanishvili. Practically, unheard of processes are produced, which are related to the embezzlement of funds. It is a common robbery that we observe in one of the most powerful Swiss banks, whose reputation is practically ruined and the international media is talking about it widely.

The main thing here is what is the motive. The motive is un-

equivocally political, which was already hinted at by Credit Suisse itself, which pointed to the resolution of the European Parliament in connection with the seizure of these funds, and Bidzina Ivanishvili himself emphasized in his letter a few months ago that everything is political blackmail.

Naturally, we realize what the purpose of all this is. The hint is that some people want to force

Bidzina Ivanishvili, against his will, to return to the political process and do what should not be done, based on the fact that all this is against the national interests of our country. I will say once again, if they do not know Bidzina Ivanishvili, no one can force him to take such a step that is against the interests of our country, our national interests," Irakli Kobakhidze said.

## Viktor Yushchenko 'saddened' Georgia is not providing maximum aid to Kiev

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In an interview with Dmitry Gordon, the former president of Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko discussed 'historic relations' between Georgia and Ukraine and said that he is saddened by the fact that Georgia is not among the countries that provide maximum aid to Kiev in wartime conditions.

Yushchenko said that in 2007, Ukraine gave Georgia all the weapons that Tbilisi asked for, adding that he knew well what would be the reaction of Putin and Russia.

"No, and we well understood the reaction of Putin, Russia... However, the most valuable...

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historical relations between Ukrainians and Georgians cannot be betrayed, they should only be strengthened,” said Yushchenko.

According to Yushchenko, the visit to Georgia, when Russian tanks were 26 kilometers from Tbilisi, was a sign of support and unity.

Former president of Ukraine, also said that it is important for Ukraine to have such a friend

as Georgia, and he thinks that there will be a government in Georgia that will be applauded in future.

“Today, it is so important to have a friend like Georgia in the East of Europe - not only the Baltic countries, not only the

Poles, or the Czechs, or the British. Because we are the voice of Eastern Europe... This is important for them and for us. I understand that this is an episode, I understand that we will get through this and there will be the kind of Georgia that we

dream of and the government will be there that we will applaud, but for today unfortunately, very unfortunately... I cannot comment on many such even human moments. I don't understand,” said Yushchenko.

## The News in Brief

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**Saakashvili's mother says her son weighs 68 kg and rapid process of cachexia has begun**



According to Giuli Alasania, former president Mikheil Saakashvili continues to lose weight and the ‘irreversible process’ of cachexia begins.

As he told journalists after

visiting his son, Saakashvili weighs 68 kilograms and his body is broken.

“The person weighed 120 kilograms, today it is 68 something grams... That is, a very rapid process of cachexia began, which is what the doctors meant when

the experts diagnosed it. They said that a very rapid process would begin, and this process began. The body collapsed completely. If this is an average patient, then I don't know what a

severe patient is like,” said Alasania.

When asked by journalists who is putting pressure on doctors, Alasania answered: “Everyone is lying from beginning to end... who is doing it? We know that one person makes decisions in the country.”

Journalists asked her to clarify whether Bidzina was referring to Ivanishvili, to which Alasania replied: “I don't know who is directly related to them, I'm speaking in general.”

**Mariam Jishkariani calls Bregadze's statement ‘pressure on expertise’ and attempt to damage reputation**

Center Empathy head Mariam Jishkariani responded to the statement of the Minister of Justice who said today that according to Samkharauli's expert opinion, the diagnoses of ‘empathy’ are not ‘reliable and infallible’.

Mariam Jishkariani said that this is pressure on expertise and an attempt to damage reputation.

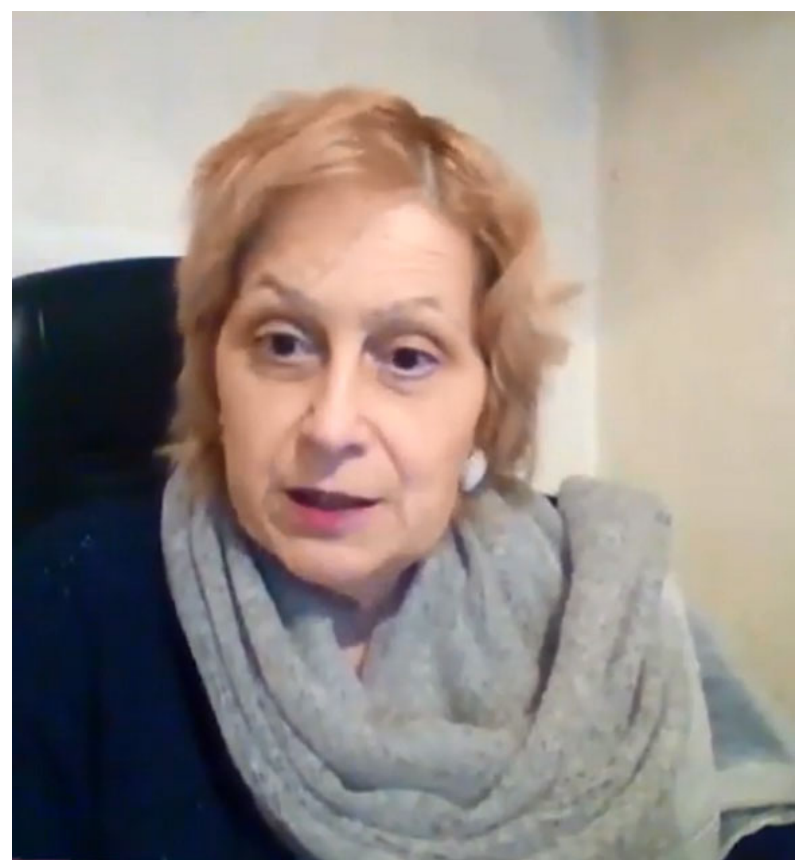
“The Ministry of Justice conducted an examination of the Samkharauli Examination Bureau on the conclusion of the

Center ‘Empathy’: is there a question? By which law? This is a pressure on expertise and an attempt to damage reputation.

Six international experts

international experts and there will be an appropriate response.

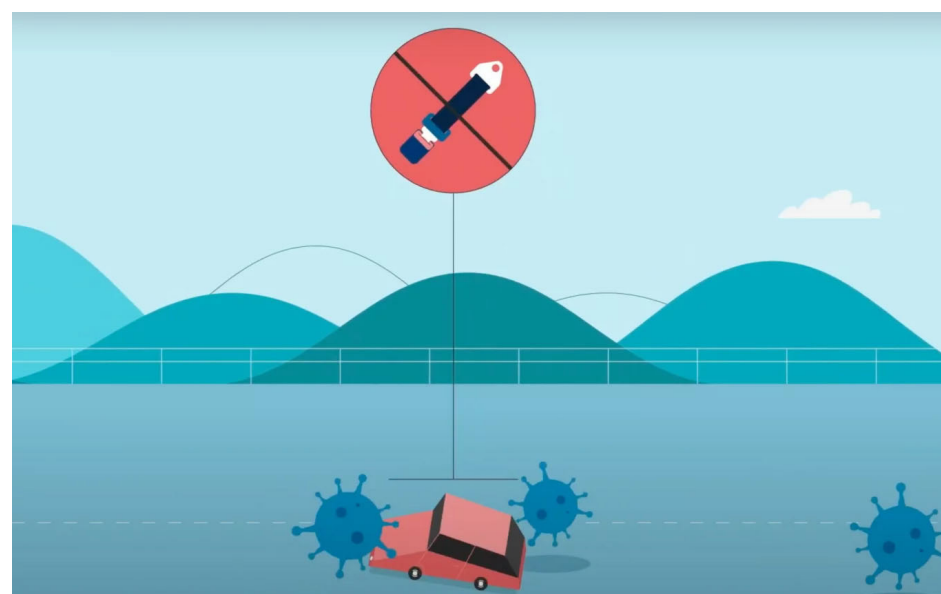
Also, the public will be presented with the ‘substantiated’ conclusions of the council. They



agree and sign the conclusion of the center. A total of 16 experts, we will study Samkharauli's expert opinion together with in-

will have to make public all the conclusions, where they have diagnosed ‘dementia,’” Jishkariani wrote.

**New WHO and EU platform: all your questions about COVID-19 vaccines answered in Georgian, Romanian, Ukrainian and Russian**



The World Health Organization and Hospital Clínico Universitario de Santiago de Compostela, with EU funding, have created a new platform on vaccines against COVID-19.

The website includes a set of videos and podcasts answering 135 questions related to vaccination issues.

The platform is aimed at health professionals and the

wider audience who are interested in questions about vaccines.

Information is available in English, Georgian, Ukrainian, Romanian, and Russian.

Podcasts are also available on Soundcloud, Spotify, and Apple podcast.

The questions and answers are also collected together in a PDF format so you can print or read them offline from any device.

You can also sign up to be quickly informed of new additions to the platform.

([eunighbourseast.eu](http://eunighbourseast.eu))

## Weather

Friday, January 27

Day ☀️ Clear  
High: 5°C

Night 🌙 Clear  
Low: -4°C

Saturday, January 28

Day ☀️ Clear  
High: 7°C

Night 🌧️ Mostly Cloudy  
Low: 1°C

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