

US Ambassador to Georgia Kelly Degnan Visits Constitutional Court in Batumi

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On April 20, US Ambassador Kelly Degnan visited the Constitutional Court of Georgia in Batumi and met with the judges.

In the statement released by the court, it is written that during the meeting, the judges and staff of the office had the opportunity to ask the ambassador questions on various issues of cooperation between Georgia and the USA in the legal field.

"Chairman of the Constitutional Court, Merab Turava, thanked the Ambassador for her visit and contribution to the strengthening of the strategic partnership between Georgia and the United States of America," the court's statement reads.

The US Embassy also disseminated information about the visit, which included joint photos of Ambassador Kelly Degnan and the judges of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.

"Georgia's future, in many ways, depends on its judges. This is an honorable and significant responsibility. During her tenure in Georgia, Ambassador Degnan visited many courthouses and met with numerous judges to discuss their work and challenges.

During her visit to the Constitutional Court of Georgia, the Ambassador noted the importance of this court in the path towards the country's democratization and expressed hope that the decisions made by the court will always be dictated by the best interests of Georgia. The United States remains committed to cooperating with Georgia towards this purpose."



Georgian Dream Continues to Boycott Parliamentary Vote on Court Investigation for Third Day in 'Solidarity' with Sanctioned Judges

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Due to a lack of quorum, the voting on the issue of creating a temporary investigative commission regarding the court could not take place on April 20, marking the third day in a row. The parliamentary majority did not register again. The management team noted that they support the independence of the court and express solidarity with Georgian judges.

Tina Bokuchava, a member of the "United National Movement," stated that the authorities are coordinating the covering of the hands of the judges, which not only sabotages the parliament, leaving it dysfunctional but also sabotages the European choice of the country.

Bokuchava explained that

"the institutional and functional significance of the parliament was taken away by the frightened majority, which for the third day is avoiding parliamentary processes and does not participate in the registration."

"Parliament is paralyzed for the third day. Not only the issue of the commission but also the voting of all other laws cannot be held because the frightened majority must cover the judicial clan, which was sanctioned by the USA in the form of the impeachment of four judges. This already reveals what the commission wanted to establish," added Tina Bokuchava.

Mamuka Mdinardze, chairman of the "Georgian Dream" faction, said that they spent three days with the opposition in the

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parliament and forced them to be in the parliament session hall and

participate in the work process. He also stated that they will not hinder the activities of the Parliament.

According to Mamuka

Mdinaradze, the Georgian Dream will not obstruct the activities of the parliament, and voting issues will be resolved in

time. They will go through the topics, and he guarantees that there will be no problems with the activities of the parliament.

He also suggested that they should read the regulations to find something there, so they won't have to do fortune-telling.

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Minister of Justice of Georgia Holds Farewell Meeting with UNICEF Representative Ghassan Khalil



The Minister of Justice of Georgia held a farewell meeting with the representative of the United Nations Children's Fund in Georgia, Ghassan Khalil. Rati Bregadze thanked Khalil for

their fruitful cooperation and expressed hope that the partnership between the Ministry of Justice and UNICEF would continue in the future.

The Minister of Justice noted that the projects implemented with the support of UNICEF primarily serve to protect the

best interests of the child and their rights. For the Ministry of Justice, cooperation with UNICEF in this field has been very fruitful.

Rati Bregadze emphasized ar-

eas of partnership, such as the reform of the juvenile justice system, elimination of violence against children and expansion of social programs for them, juvenile rehabilitation and resocialization, and crime prevention projects. The minister also emphasized the importance of training professionals involved in mediation and diversion processes.

The Minister of Justice wished the head of the mission success in their future work.

Public Defender Levan Ioseliani Emphasizes Importance of Investigative Commission to Address Questions on Judges

Public defender Levan Ioseliani stated that it is important to clarify the issue related to judges in the parliament, and he discussed it with journalists. He noted that society deserves to have the questions accumulated answered within the investigative commission.

"You know that one of the important issues is the issue related to judges, and I also believe that clarifying this issue in the parliament is important. Among

ultimately, I think the society deserves to have their questions addressed within the framework of the investigative commission," he said.



them, there is this procedural war going on between the ruling party and the opposition, but

Levan Ioseliani also emphasized that this transparency and openness will only facilitate the process.

EU4Youth programme creates Telegram chat-bot game on fair employment for Georgian and Moldovan youth

The 'EU4YOUTH: Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship' programme has created a Telegram chat-bot game @fairemployment, which aims to raise awareness and promote a better understanding of fair employment practices and standards for both young people and employers.

The @fairemployment game takes players on an educational journey of choosing whether to be an employer or an employee and testing their knowledge of



fair labour practices in a series of workplace scenarios.

It is a four-stage game that simulates the pre-interview, interview and contract stages, where participants answer three questions and learn about risk areas based on their answers, and at the end of the game identify violations of workers' rights and risk areas for employers.

The game is available on the Telegram app in Romanian and Georgian.

The 'EU4YOUTH: Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship' programme is co-financed by the EU and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and implemented by the Central Project Management Agency (CPMA), Lithuania. It aims to spread information about the career guidance process, labour market, personal development, and decent work standards for youth.

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Weather

Friday, April 21

Day Showers
High: 16°C

Night Mostly Cloudy
Low: 8°C

Saturday, April 22

Day Partly Cloudy
High: 19°C

Night Partly Cloudy
Low: 8°C

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