

Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Gharibashvili Meets with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin

BY LIZA MCHEDLIDZE

During a working visit, the Prime Minister of Georgia, Irakli Gharibashvili, met with the Federal Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz, in Berlin.

According to the government administration, during the meeting, Gharibashvili briefed Scholz on Georgia's advancements towards European integration, highlighting the implemented reforms and notable progress made in fulfilling the 12 recommendations put forth by the European Commission.

The Prime Minister also emphasized the significance of granting Georgia the status of a European Union member. He expressed that Georgia is eagerly awaiting the candidate status by the end of the year.

"At the meeting, the Prime Minister also noted that for Georgia, both the political and practical support of the member states are critically important for the next stage of the country's accession to the European Union.

According to the head of the government, the federal chancellor always openly supports Georgia's European integration, for which Irakli Gharibashvili thanked Olaf Scholz.

The close partnership and friendly relations between the two countries were also noted at the meeting. The parties discussed the security environment in the region and the world. The conversation also touched on Georgia's Euro-Atlantic integration and the progress achieved in recent years," stated the press service of the government.



Georgian Prime Minister, Irakli Gharibashvili, took to Twitter to express satisfaction with his meeting with Olaf Scholz. Gharibashvili mentioned that their discussion focused on Georgia's progress in the European Union accession process and the importance of further enhancing the already strong partnership between the two

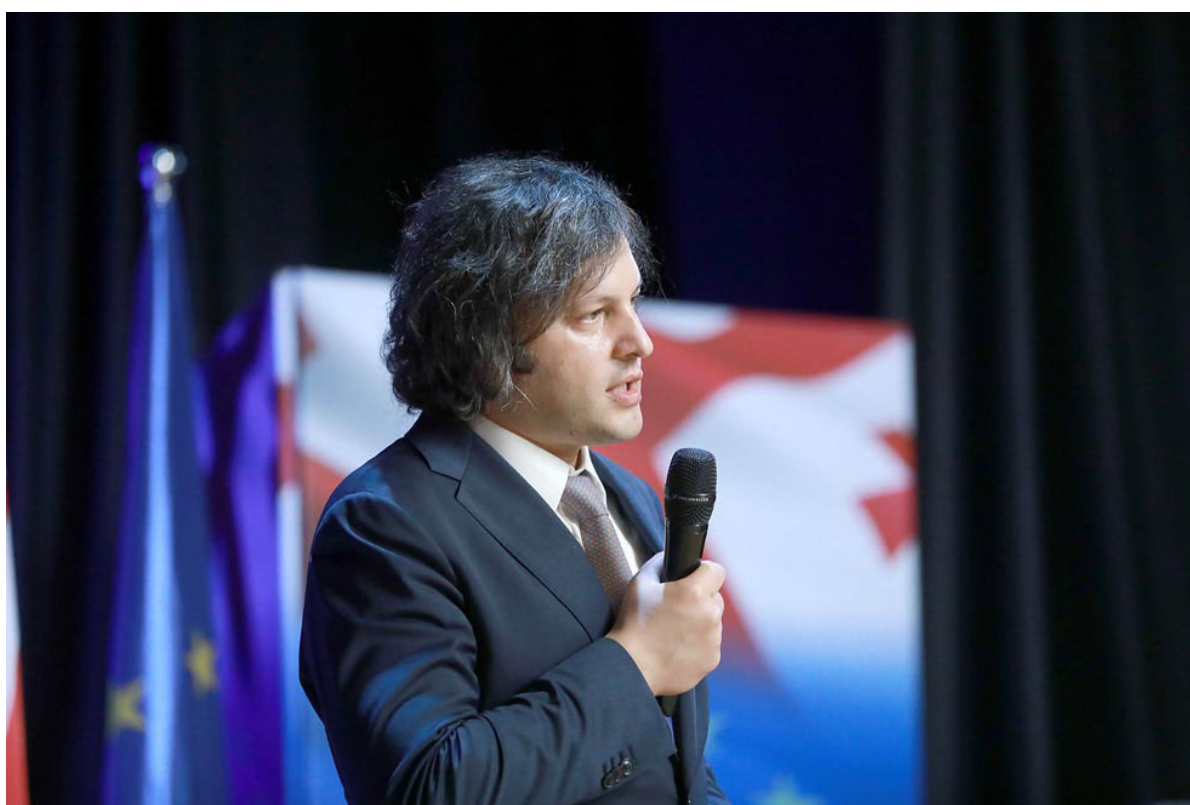
countries.

The Prime Minister expressed gratitude to the Federal Republic of Germany for its unwavering support of Georgia's integration into the European Union and expressed confidence that the relationship between the two nations would strengthen further due to Georgia's significant achievements.

The German Ambassador to Georgia, Peter Fischer, also wrote about the meeting between Irakli Gharibashvili and Olaf Scholz, confirming Scholz's support for Georgia's path to the European Union on his official Twitter page.

The ambassador affirmed Germany's continued support for Georgia's path to the Euro-

pean Union and emphasized the need for swift and determined reform steps in the coming weeks. Additionally, the ambassador highlighted Germany's unwavering support for Georgia's sovereignty within internationally recognized borders, particularly in light of the security implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.



Georgian Dream Leaders Address Student Protest Against Irakli Kobakhidze

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Chairman of the Georgian Dream, Irakli Kobakhidze, addressed the protest held against him at Tbilisi State University, during which Russian rubles were thrown at him. Kobakhidze claimed that it was not a student protest, but rather a provocation orchestrated by "Formula" TV company. He further asserted that there were young individuals with 'confused orientations' involved in the incident.

Kobakhidze emphasized the need to 'correct' all aspects of the young people's orientations, including their political beliefs. He stated that it is their responsibility to undertake this task and that they will spare no effort in achieving it, with the ultimate goal of 'saving' these young individuals.

"This was a provocation arranged by "Formula" TV company. They were the ones who came to film this so-called incident. In fact, there were several

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young people affiliated with 'Formula' who have all kinds of confused orientations.

Our goal should be to save these young people. I believe it is possible to save them. I am sure we can get them on the right track.

These young people... who stood in front of the Parliament a few days ago and made insulting statements towards the Prime Minister. Their studentship has nothing to do with this.

I will reiterate that there were some young people, young people affiliated with Formula. Their orientation is all messed up. I think that these people should be guided onto the right track. Boys should find wives, and girls should get married and reproduce, etc.

All their orientations, starting from political ones, should be corrected. This is our task. We will do everything to accomplish it and save these young people," said Irakli Kobakhidze.

Mamuka Mdinardze, the Executive Secretary of Georgian Dream, also commented on the student protest against Irakli Kobakhidze. According to Mdinardze, he believes that 'representatives of minorities' are being manipulated as tools against Kobakhidze. Furthermore, he asserted that what he

referred to as 'LGBT propaganda' has a detrimental impact on society, emphasizing that the government should 'confront it openly'.

In response to the question regarding the involvement of LGBTQ+ community representatives in the protest against Irakli Kobakhidze, Mamuka Mdinardze stated that they are being used as part of a larger plan against Kobakhidze. He suggested that the utilization of 'representatives of minorities' in this manner is intentional.

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Government Implements EU Recommendations, Opposition Hinders Progress, says Kakha Kaladze



The Mayor of Tbilisi Kakha Kaladze told reporters that the government solely takes part in executing the 12 recommendations provided by the European

Union, while the opposition, on the contrary, obstructs this progress.

He emphasized that the government of Georgia is fully committed to implementing the recommendations, and the outcome in December will ultimately rely on the European friends who have to make a decision.

tion of these recommendations. The opposition is not fully involved, moreover, they are busy trying to hinder this process, to hinder the difficult path of Georgia's European integration.

There is nothing new, as years ago there was an attempt to prevent the visa liberalization and association agreement of the country, they ran to the cabinets in Brussels, the same is happening today, although the Georgian government will do everything to implement the recommendations, and in December everything will depend on our European friends to make a decision. I want to believe that a fair decision will be made and not as it was done when Ukraine and Moldova were given status and Georgia was oppressed based on certain political interests," Kaladze told journalists.

Liechtenstein's Minister of Foreign Affairs Dominique Hasler Visits Odze Village Near Occupation Line
Dominique Hasler, the Min-



ister of Foreign Affairs, Education, and Sports of Liechtenstein, who is currently visiting Georgia, paid a visit to the village of Odze, located near the occupation line. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has released information regarding this visit.

As per the agency's report, Lasha Darsalia, the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, along with a representative from the State Security Service, briefed the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein about the challeng-

ing humanitarian conditions prevailing in the area.

Lasha Darsalia emphasized the significance of international support in upholding Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Furthermore, the press release confirms that Dominique Hasler is currently undertaking a visit to Georgia from June 11-13. As part of this visit, Dominic Hasler will hold meetings with top officials from the executive and legislative branches of the Georgian government.

Georgia: Young European Ambassadors open new EuroClub in Qeda

On 8 June, the Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) network in Georgia celebrated an official opening of the EuroClub at the Qeda Public School in Qeda Municipality, in the Autonomous Republic of Adjara, Georgia.

Two hundred school children and 12 YEAs took part in the opening ceremony. The Young European Ambassadors presented 40 students with the 'European Way' board game developed by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.



The young people were joined by the Ambassador of the European Union in Georgia, Pawel Herczynski, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Adjara and Qeda Municipality officials.

The Qeda Euroclub was an initiative of the Young European Ambassadors, who operate within the framework of the EU-funded programme EU NEIGHBOURS EAST. This is the third space launched by the programme in Georgia to create non-formal education opportunities for local youth and strengthen the partnership between the European Union and Georgia. The other two are in Tbilisi (Euroclub Gldani) and in Kvareli.

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Weather

Monday, June 12

Day Partly Cloudy
High: 31°C

Night Partly Cloudy
Low: 19°C

Tuesday, June 13

Day T-storm
High: 30°C

Night T-storm
Low: 18°C

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