

## Georgian Citizen Killed, Another Kidnapped by Russian Occupying Forces

By Liza Mchedlidze

The State Security Service of Georgia has stated that Russian occupiers opened fire near the village of Kirbali in Gori Municipality, resulting in the death of one Georgian citizen and the kidnapping of another.

"On November 6, 2023, within the occupied territory near the village of Kirbali in the Gori municipality, a Georgian citizen died as a result of gunfire by Russian occupying forces while attempting an illegal arrest of a local resident. Additionally, another citizen was unlawfully arrested. The central government of Georgia is currently engaged in active communication, utilizing all available resources," the State Security Service's statement reads.

Consequently, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia launched an investigation into the murder of a Georgian citizen and the kidnapping of another individual.

"An investigation has been launched under Articles 109 and 143 of the Criminal Code, relating to intentional murder and illegal deprivation of liberty. Law enforcement officers are conducting investigative procedures concerning the matter," the Ministry of Internal Affairs stated.



სახელმწიფო უსაფრთხოების სამსახური / State Security Service Of Georgia

45K likes • 54K followers

of Internal Affairs stated.

In a follow-up statement, the State Security Service noted that the Georgian government has requested a technical meeting set for November 6. Representatives from the Russian occupation forces, the occupied Tskhinvali region, and the EU monitoring mission will participate in this meeting.

participate in this meeting.

"In response to the murder of a Georgian citizen by the Russian occupation forces, the central government's representatives promptly requested a technical meeting to be held on November 6 of this year. This meeting will include participation from the representatives of the

Russian occupation forces, the occupied Tskhinvali region, and the EU monitoring mission.

This incident stands as another alarming manifestation of the criminal actions of the Russian occupying forces within the framework of the occupation, for which the occupying power bears full responsibility.

The central government of Georgia is demanding the punishment of all individuals responsible for the violation of a Georgian citizen's life and the immediate release of the illegally detained Georgian citizen through all international channels," State Security Service's statement reads.

## EU Monitoring Mission Condemns Killing of Georgian Citizen by Russian Occupying Forces

By Liza Mchedlidze

The European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM) has released a statement concerning an incident that occurred at the breakaway region's South Ossetian Administrative Boundary Line, leading to the tragic loss of a Georgian citizen's life. The statement starts by confirming the information and extending condolences to the deceased person's family and loved ones.

EUMM strongly condemns the use of force in any form and emphasizes deep concern over the lethal shooting incident. The EU Monitoring Mission stresses the importance of preventing such incidents to uphold peace, security, and stability in the region.

The statement calls on all involved parties to exercise restraint and take necessary measures to prevent any further escalation. It highlights the EUMM's active monitoring of the situation and its efforts to reduce tensions. Additionally, it

mentions the utilization of the EUMM-managed Hotline for exchanging information related to the shooting incident.

"The EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM) confirms that an incident occurred at the South Ossetian Administrative Boundary Line, resulting in the tragic loss of a Georgian citizen's life. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of the deceased.

We condemn in the strongest terms the use of force in any form, and express our utmost concern over the deadly shooting incident. It is imperative that such incidents are prevented to maintain peace, security, and stability in the region.

We call upon all parties involved to exercise restraint and to take all necessary measures to prevent any further escalations. We are monitoring the situation closely, and are working to diffuse tensions, including through the extensive use of the EUMM-managed Hotline to exchange information surrounding the shooting," the statement reads.

# STATEMENT



### The News in Brief

PREPARED BY MESSENGER STAFF

#### Prime Minister Gharibashvili Urges International Response to Russian Occupying Forces Killing Georgian Citizen

ing by Russian occupiers near the village of Kirbali, Prime Minister Irakli Gharibashvili has offered his condolences to the family members and relatives of the deceased.

According to Gharibashvili, "What happened near the village of Kirbali once again confirms the difficult security environ-

occupation, with which the Georgian authorities, and also the civilians have to deal with."

"The most tragic incident occurred in the territory occupied by Russia near the village of Kirbali in the Gori municipality—a Georgian citizen was killed by a representative of the Russian occupation forces during an attempt to illegally arrest him.

Following this incident, all relevant mechanisms have been activated, and our international partners have been duly informed.

Efforts are actively underway to secure the prompt release of another Georgian citizen who has been unlawfully detained by the occupying forces.

We call on the international community to provide an appropriate assessment and response to the incident, and we urge the representatives of the occupation regime to collaborate with all parties in identifying and holding the culprit accountable," The Prime Minister stated.

#### President Zourabichvili: Russia Has Once Again Revealed Its True Face

The President of Georgia, Salome Zourabichvili, has addressed the killing of a Georgian

citizen by Russian occupiers near the village of Kirbali in a statement.

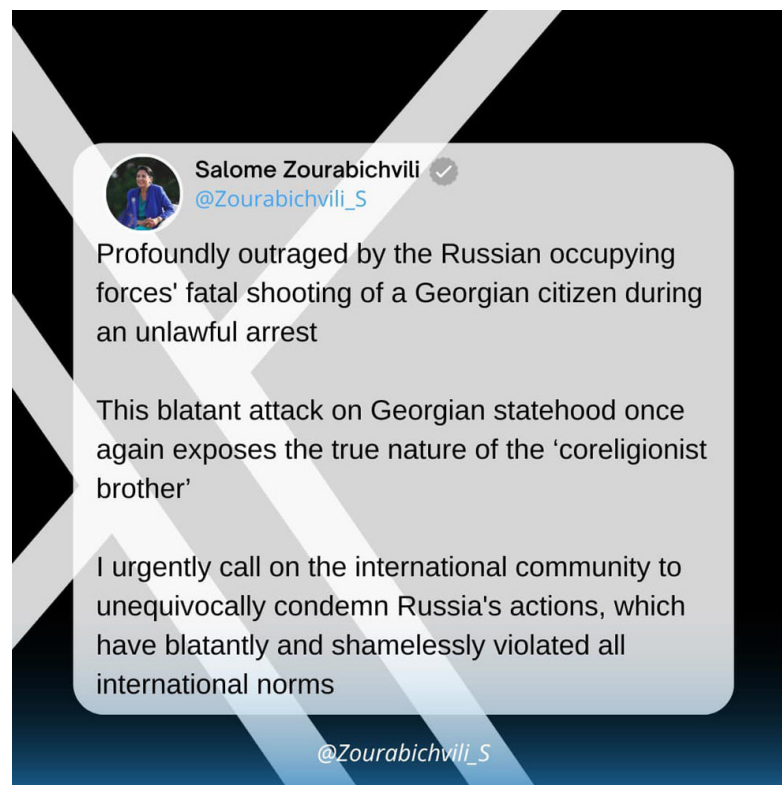
Zourabichvili urged the international community to unequivocally condemn the actions of Russia, emphasizing that these actions blatantly and shamelessly violate all international norms.

ing illegal detention by the Russian occupying forces. This brutal attack on Georgian statehood once again exposes the true face of the 'co-religionist brother.'

I urgently call on the international community to unequivocally condemn the actions of Russia, which blatantly and shame-



In response to the death of a Georgian citizen due to the shooting on the ground and speaks of the severe consequences of the



"I am deeply outraged by the killing of a Georgian citizen dur- lessly violate all international norms," the President wrote.

On 6 November, the EU4Energy programme kicks off its new campaign aimed at introducing renewable energies and their importance for mitigating climate change to schoolchildren.

The main character of the campaign is Ozzy the Hamster, a comic book clean energy champion. In this latest awareness raising campaign, Ozzy becomes an EU Young Energy Ambassador to show how renewable energy is vital to our planet's future.

The campaign is implemented by the Council of the European Energy Regulators (CEER) in collaboration with EU Neighbours East and the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC). Initially, it will

be implemented as a pilot project in Georgia, before gradually expanding to cover all the countries of the Eastern Partnership.

During the campaign, Young European Ambassadors (YEAs, a non-political youth network within EU Neighbours East) and

experts from GNERC will visit Georgian schools and organise workshops on renewable energies with engaging educational materials designed specifically for young minds in a simplified yet informative manner.

The campaign has been developed in the framework of the EU4Energy Programme Phase II – Promoting the Clean Energy Transition in the Eastern Partnership Countries, which contributes to the development of sound legislative and regulatory frameworks for energy and to support the region's transition to clean energy and the liberalisation of its energy markets. The

programme runs until December 2024 and will address new challenges and opportunities such as the gradual digitalisation of all energy-relevant market segments, while promoting cost reflectivity. Thus, citizens of the Eastern Partnership countries will benefit from sustainable energy investments and increased regional market integration and intra-regional trade.

The EU4Energy initiative is funded by the European Union with a total budget of Euro 8.5 million and is jointly implemented by CEER, the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Energy Community Secretariat (EnCS).

(euneighbourseast.eu)



### Weather

Tuesday, November 7

Day ☀️ Clear High: 20°C

Night 🌙 Clear Low: 8°C

Wednesday, November 8

Day ☀️ Clear High: 18°C

Night 🌧️ Partly Cloudy Low: 9°C

published by The Messenger

43, Chovelidze st., Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Founded by Prof. Zaza Gachechiladze Tamar Gachechiladze Publisher

Mob.: +995 599 565621; +995 577 760000 E-mail: messenger@messenger.com.ge http://www.messenger.com.ge/

Nino Metreveli Commercial Director

Mariam Mchedlidze Editor-in-Chief

Khatuna Gogichaishvili Layout Designer, Photographer

The Messenger welcomes your contributions. If you are interested in submitting an article or news item please contact. All contributions should be submitted by e-mail.

The Messenger Georgia's English language daily is an independent newspaper, and

therefore, the opinions expressed in some articles do not necessarily coincide with those of the newspaper. We take no responsibility for any claims made in advertisements.

The Messenger preserves the style of a source written in English where possible.



# The Day of Japanese Culture

On the occasion of the Day of Japanese Culture, an event was held at the 'Georgian School,' which was attended by the Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan to Georgia, H.E. Mr. Ishizuka Hideki, Mr. Ryosei Suginaka, a representative of

the embassy in the field of culture, Mr. Hiroyuki Mori, a representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the renowned pianist Mr. Toshiki Usui.

It should be noted that since 2022, the

'Georgian School' has held an honorary certificate from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan in recognition of its significant contribution to the development of friendly relations between Japan and Georgia.

Mr. Toshiki Usui performed four selected compositions at the event.

The students of the 'Georgian School' introduced the school's history to the guests, and the guests had the opportunity to view an exhibition dedicated to the Day of Japanese Culture. Additionally, the girls' choir of the Georgian school performed Japanese, Georgian, and Laz songs.









