

Parliament Chairman Papuashvili Addresses Killing of Georgian Citizen by Russian Forces, Calls for Ceasefire Compliance and End of Occupation

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The Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia, Shalva Papuashvili, addressed the killing of a Georgian citizen by Russian occupying forces in the village of Kirbali.

Papuashvili mentioned that during a meeting with representatives of the EU member states, they also discussed the murder of a Georgian citizen in Kirbali. He offered his condolences to the family of Tamaz Ginturi and emphasized the need for those responsible for his death to be held accountable.

The Parliament Chairman emphasized the significance of a ceasefire agreement that was established in 2008 through the mediation of the European Union. He highlighted that this agreement has not been fully enacted, and therefore stressed the necessity for the international community to apply more pressure on Russia to comply with the terms of the agreement.

"We are waiting for a reaction to this, as well as evaluations from our international partners and, accordingly, the punishment of the perpetrators. The government is very active in this regard. As for the fact itself, this is exactly what we are talking about - a severe consequence of the occupa-



tion, when not only, and especially, the population living along the occupation line, but also their lives and safety, face daily threats and pose a challenge to the state as a whole. That is why it is important to end the occupation.

In 2008, through the mediation of the European Union, a ceasefire document was signed, which has not been implemented to this day, so it is important for the international community to increase pressure on Russia to

fulfill the agreement, to end the occupation, which means a safer situation for our population, especially along the occupation line. That's why the decision of the European Union and our move towards the European

Union are important, since these decisions, in the end, contribute to a peaceful end and the peaceful restoration of the territorial integrity of the country, therefore, the end of the occupation," said Papuashvili.

Parliamentary Opposition Holds Meeting with EU Special Representatives' Delegation

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The parliamentary opposition representatives in Georgia met with a visiting delegation of special representatives from the European Union and its member states to discuss Eastern Partnership matters.

During the discussion, they addressed the European Commission's upcoming conclusion regarding Georgia's candidate status, expected to be published tomorrow. Additionally, they highlighted the tragic incident involving the killing of a Georgian citizen and the abduction of an individual due to gunfire from a Russian occupation forces representative near the village of Kirbali, Gori municipality.

"We unanimously requested that the delegation consider the sentiments of the Georgian people and the entire political spectrum. We encouraged them

to consider not only the laws passed by the 'Georgian Dream' in this parliament but also the opposition's proposed projects. Although the parliamentary majority did not bring these proposals up for discussion, we are willing to accept them. We seek candidate status to further our progress toward European integration. We all unanimously agree on this.

We also discussed the tragic events in Kirbali village that occurred yesterday. We requested the delegation members to convey this information to their respective countries through their own channels, enabling a proper political evaluation of Russian aggression, which has led to the loss of innocent lives. In these matters, we have the unwavering support of our European friends," stated Usupashvili, Chairman of Lelo, after the meeting.



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Nikoloz Ginturi Reveals his Brother, Major During 2008 War, Was Targeted by Russian Troops



Nikoloz Ginturi, the brother Georgia war, and ultimately lo-

of Tamaz Ginturi, who was shot and killed by the Russian forces at the South Ossetia border discussed the circumstances of his brother's murder with journalists. According to Ginturi, the Russian forces targeted his brother, who had served as a Major during the 2008 Russia-

cated and killed him.

"My brother was at the grave of his deceased parents. He lit a candle, went back, and saw Lomisa Church. He wanted to go up there, went up to the church, circled it three times, lit the candles, he was attacked from behind. Two bullets hit him. When they brought him, he was already dead.

In 2008, he participated in the war; he was a major. As far as I know, he was searched for and was caught. There were 9 people, and how could two people fight 9 people? They couldn't fight 9 armed people with bare hands," said Nikoloz Ginturi.

On November 6, Russian occupation forces killed one Georgian citizen, Tamaz Ginturi, and arrested another, Levan Dotiashvili, near the village of Kirbali, in Gori municipality.

Russian-Occupied Tskhinvali Claims Killed Georgian Citizens Were 'Intoxicated'

The so-called Security Service of the Russian-occupied

Tskhinvali addressed the murder of a Georgian citizen, Tamaz Ginturi, and the kidnapping of another Georgian citizen near the village of Kirbali on November 6.

Occupied Tskhinvali claims that the Georgian citizens were 'intoxicated'.

"While attempting to arrest them, they resisted and threatened the lives and health of the border guards. The intruders used an axe. Subsequently, they

attempted to strike a border guard with a car and escape to Georgia.

In an effort to halt these illegal actions and prevent the illegal crossing of the state border of the Republic of South Ossetia, the border guards fired a warning shot. Due to continued disobedience toward the legal directives, they subsequently opened fire on the car's tires," the statement reads.



EU and GITA Unveil Tech Boost Project for Georgia

On 6 November, the project 'Do IT with the EU' was launched in Georgia, funded by the European Union and implemented by the Innovation and

Technology Agency of Georgia (GITA).

The project aims to transform Georgia's IT sector by integrating global standards, fostering

sought-after and highly-paid professions in the world, including cybersecurity, Data Science, cloud services, project management, etc. More than 1,000 IT specialists will be able to obtain an international certificate, and 300 IT specialists will get unique job prospects that will make them competitive in the global technology market.

"The 'Do IT with the EU' project holds significant importance for Georgia's technological development. Its primary objective is to promote innovation and foster job growth within the country," said Pawel Herczynski, Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia, at the launch event in Tbilisi. *(eunighbourseast.eu)*



Weather

Wednesday, November 8

Day ☀️ Clear
High: 19°C

Night 🌧️ Partly Cloudy
Low: 8°C

Thursday, November 9

Day ☁️ Partly Cloudy
High: 19°C

Night 🌧️ Partly Cloudy
Low: 10°C

skill development, and creating employment opportunities for Georgian citizens.

Thanks to EU support, more than 1,300 Georgian citizens will be trained in some of the most

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EU delivers more than 370 school buses to Ukraine

On 4 November, more than 370 school buses were delivered to Ukrainian communities as part of the EU solidarity campaign 'School buses for Ukraine'. The campaign was launched

"This cruel war has robbed thousands of Ukrainian children of their innocence and childhood. But it will not deprive them of the bright and happy future they deserve. That's why I am happy



by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska in November 2022.

The school buses were officially handed over to representatives of local authorities from the Kyiv, Sumy, Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv and Chernihiv regions by Olena Zelenska and Ursula von der Leyen during her visit to Kyiv on Saturday.

that we can help bringing Ukrainian children safely to school," said von der Leyen.

The European Commission purchased 100 school buses, worth approximately 14 million. In addition, public and private entities in EU Member States donated 271 school buses via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, managed by the European Commission. *(eunighbourseast.eu)*

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