

Foreign Minister Darchiashvili Urges Opposition’s Active Role in Georgia’s European Integration

By Liza Mchedlidze

Ilia Darchiashvili, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, urged the opposition to participate in the working groups, emphasizing the importance of joint efforts in implementing the recommendations.

“We are actively collaborating with the Venice Commission and other relevant international organizations to ensure that the reforms we are implementing in this direction represent revolutionary steps. The goal is to guarantee transparent and high-level elections in Georgia. The Georgian government is making comprehensive efforts, both practical and legislative, to achieve this. This commitment is evidenced by specific legislative initiatives that have already been implemented and are in progress, with more to be implemented in the future.

As for depolarization, if our opponents are willing to participate in this process and take their share of responsibility for Georgia’s reforms, it will have a great effect from the perspective of depolarization as well,” Darchiashvili said.

According to Darchiashvili, the opposition is not contributing to Georgia’s successful European integration. He called on them to prioritize state interests over “narrow” political agendas and actively participate in shaping the European future of the country. Darchiashvili emphasized that the opposition has the opportunity to engage in discussions and play a role in the reform process.



The Foreign Minister emphasized Georgia’s commitment to European integration. He noted the complexity of the process and highlighted the need for political solutions from European partners, as Georgia’s efforts alone might not be enough.

“We are eager for our country to become a full-fledged member of the European Union family. Therefore, our agenda is to carry out all the reforms on our agenda as much as possible,” the minister said.

Additionally, according to Ilia Darchiashvili, the government’s primary message has always been, is, and will be that Georgia should demonstrate improved results in every subsequent election.



Ana Natsvlishvili Addresses Bureau’s Rejection of Lelo’s Resolution

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The Parliament’s Bureau did not support the draft resolution submitted by the ‘Lelo’ party, titled the ‘Georgia Protection Act,’ which consists of 9 points. The resolution addresses the entry of Russian citizens into the country, the sale of land and property to them, and the establishment of other types of restrictions.

The bureau decided to return the draft resolution to the initiators, citing the negative conclusion of the budget office, as presented by the head of the budget office, Andria Gvidiani.

Lelo deputy Ana Natsvlishvili told reporters after the bureau session that, by not supporting this resolution, the Georgian Dream is prioritizing the protection of Russians over Georgian citizens.

“Today, the Georgian Dream officially declared and confirmed, during the parliament bureau

session, that it does not intend to protect the national security of Georgia and its citizens. Instead of safeguarding citizens’ safety, the party advocated for the uncontrolled entry of citizens from the occupying state into the country, the unrestrained purchase of Georgian land and property by citizens of the occupying state, and uncontrolled business activities. This poses a direct threat to every citizen of Georgia.

The response of the Georgian Dream to the Act of Protection of Georgia initiated by Lelo is that they will prioritize the protection of Russians over Georgians and Georgian citizens,” Natsvlishvili said.

Natsvlishvili dismissed their arguments about the resolution as ‘ridiculous.’ She pointed out that there is another resolution initiated in the same parliament, albeit not on such a large

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scale but with similar content, for which the same budget office has issued a positive conclusion. "The 'argument' for this is absolutely ridiculous because there is a resolution, not on such

a large scale but with a similar content, initiated in the same parliament. The same budget office issued a positive conclusion for it. However, with a change in leadership, a negative conclusion was issued for the 'Lelo' resolution," Natsvlishvili said.

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Prime Minister Irakli Gharibashvili Leads European Integration Commission Meeting



The 70th session of the European Integration Commission was held under the leadership of the Prime Minister of Georgia,

Irakli Gharibashvili. According to the government's press service, the session, held at the government administration, focused on discussing Georgia's reform agenda and approved the action plan for implementing the rec-

ommendations of the European Commission.

"The preparation of the action plan was coordinated by the Min-

istry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Parliament of Georgia. The plan was developed with the involvement of all relevant agencies, describing specific steps to be implemented within the framework of the recommendations. The responsible agencies and the deadlines for implementation are clearly defined," as noted in the information from the Government of Georgia.

Defense Minister Juansher Burchuladze Meets with Turkish Counterpart Yasar Güler

Juansher Burchuladze held a bilateral meeting with the Minister of National Defense of Turkey, General Yasar Güler. Talking to his colleague, the Minister of Defense of Georgia thanked the Turkish side for its firm political and practical assistance and unwavering support for

Euro-Atlantic aspirations.

According to the Defense Ministry of Georgia, the minister highlighted the successful cooperation with the strategic partner in the defense sector, empha-



sizing Turkey's active involvement in the development of Georgia's defense forces, including material-technical and financial assistance.

Among the key subjects addressed during the meeting were the security environment in the region, emerging challenges, and growing threats in both the Black Sea region and the global

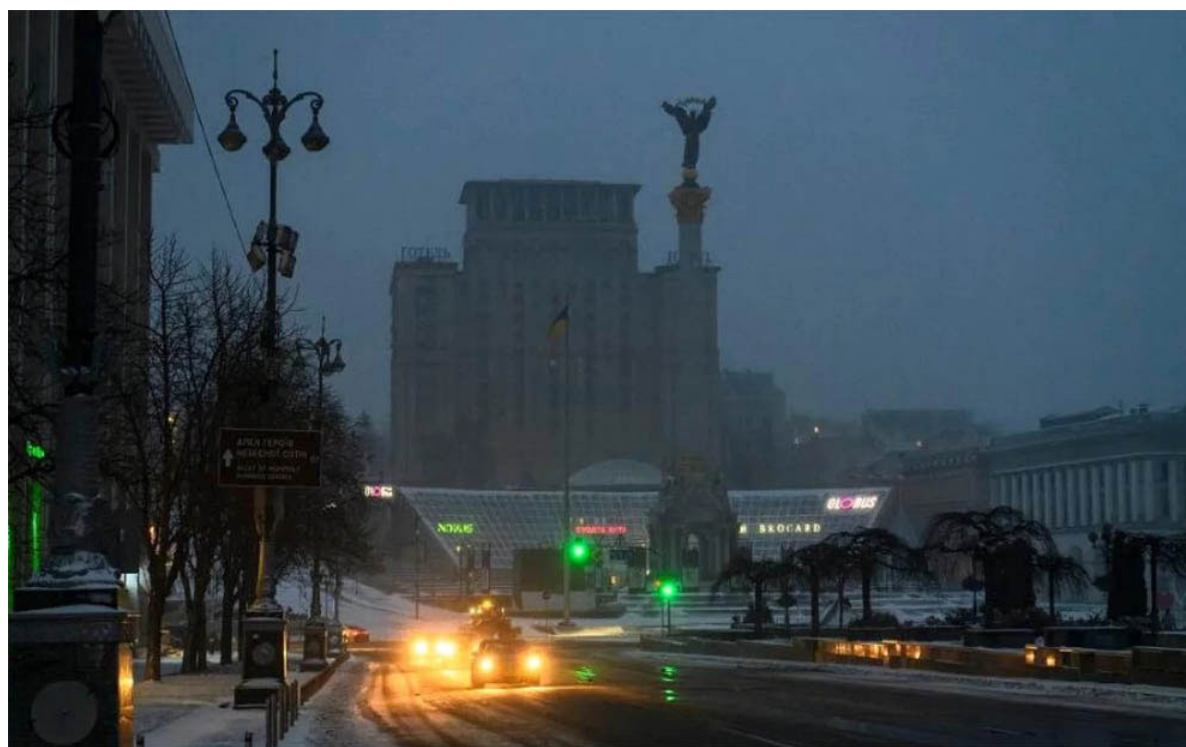
context. The discussion delved into topics such as collaboration with NATO, military education initiatives, and the coordination of joint military exercises.

European Investment Bank delegation visits Kyiv to meet Ukraine's leaders and inaugurate new Regional Hub

Yesterday, the European Investment Bank (EIB) President Werner Hoyer and Vice-President Teresa Czerwinska are visiting Kyiv to meet President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, and other officials, and to inaugurate the EIB Regional Hub for Eastern Europe.

The Hub is designed to provide reinforced support to Ukraine and Eastern Europe, aligning and coordinating closely with the EIB's Representations in Moldova and in the South Caucasus (Tbilisi, Georgia).

"With more resources and expertise on the ground, even closer to the bank's partners, the Hub will be instrumental in supporting recovery and reconstruc-



tion efforts. This expansion builds on the EIB's 16-year presence in Ukraine, with a portfolio of projects valued at Euro7.3 billion, focusing primarily on

transport, energy, and municipal infrastructure," an EIB press release said.

The visit also aimed to reaffirm the EIB's commitment to

working closely with Ukraine, including a series of new recovery and resilience initiatives to be financed under the EIB's EU for Ukraine Fund. These are

designed to address Ukraine's most urgent infrastructure needs and sustain the country's economy.

Among these initiatives are two loans totaling Euro450 million, recently approved by the EIB Board of Directors. The initiatives are currently under discussion with the Ukrainian Ministry of Finance and Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development.

"As the EU Bank, our visit to Ukraine is a demonstration of our unwavering support, especially amid Russia's continued attack and atrocities," EIB President Hoyer said. "With the establishment of our Regional Hub for Eastern Europe in Kyiv, we want to underscore our increased commitment: accompany Ukraine on its European path. Ukraine is an integral part of the EU family, and the EIB is a key part of the EU's long-haul support."

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Weather

Tuesday, November 28

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High: 8°C

Night Clear
Low: -1°C

Wednesday, November 29

Day Clear
High: 10°C

Night Partly Cloudy
Low: 2°C

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