

ISFED Reports Fake and Suspicious Profiles on CEC's Facebook Page

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The International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) has reported 7 fake and 15 suspicious profiles involved in a support campaign on the Facebook page of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Georgia.

ISFED reports that these inauthentic accounts, some of which appear to steal identities, are coordinated and have repeatedly commented on posts by the CEC. The comments are often identical or very similar across different accounts.

According to ISFED, these fake profiles praise the electronic technologies used in the 2024 parliamentary elections and the voting process while downplaying the significance of observed violations, presenting them as disinformation. In addition to defending the CEC and its chairman, Giorgi Kalandarishvili, the profiles attack opposition parties, civil society organizations, and promote anti-Western views. They also interact with accounts critical of the CEC, often responding with offensive content.

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ISFED notes that the use of fake profiles in the CEC support campaign was also evident during the 2018 presidential elections, with links to the Russian-run agency Newsfront. Inauthentic accounts were used to promote a positive narrative about the administration, though their activity was less intense on election days. These accounts became more active in late October, following the growing discussion of election violations.

ISFED also points out that while they cannot verify the photos posted on suspicious accounts, there are clear indicators of inauthenticity. Many of these profiles share identical posting times, contain only 2-3 photos published on the same day, and have minimal interactions. Some of the profiles are newly created, which suggests they were designed specifically for the campaign.

ISFED continues to raise concerns over the impact of such inauthentic activity on the electoral process and urges further scrutiny of social media interactions during the election period.

Zurab Japaridze Calls for Mass Protests to Prevent GD from Legitimizing Parliament

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Zurab Japaridze, leader of the Girchi-More Freedom Party and Coalition for Change, has outlined a series of steps to prevent the Georgian Dream (GD) from legitimizing the new parliament following the October 26 elections. In an interview with Formula TV, Japaridze emphasized that mass protests will be needed to block GD from officially forming the parliament.

Japaridze pointed to specific deadlines in the coming month that will determine the political process. Currently, the focus is on filing lawsuits related to detected cases of electoral fraud, with protests targeting the courts and the Central Election Commission (CEC). He stressed the importance of preventing the CEC, led by Chairman Giorgi Kalandarishvili, from finalizing the election results, which Japaridze claims are influenced by GD leader Bidzina Ivanishvili. The final vote tally must be announced by November 21, and Japaridze warned that this period will be crucial for blocking the CEC's actions.

After the CEC's final protocol, attention will shift to the Georgian president, who under the constitution must convene Parliament within 10 days. Japaridze believes the president will refuse to do so, setting the stage for the next phase: mass protests to prevent the GD from legitimizing the new parliament. He called for other political parties to boycott Parliament, daily cooperation with international partners to prevent the results from being recognized abroad, and a large rally to physically block GD MPs from entering the building.

Japaridze warned that if the GD succeeds in legitimizing the new parliament, it will rapidly implement policies like the foreign agents law and intensify political persecution. He also cautioned that many of the citizens currently protesting will be forced to leave the country. According to Japaridze, this is the only realistic plan to prevent Georgia from following a path similar to Belarus.

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Russia Calls for 'Border Delimitation' of Occupied Georgian Territories



Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called for the "border delimitation" of Georgia's occupied territories...

occupied regions.

The Russian Ministry linked the urgency of this call to what it claims as Georgia's growing recognition of political forces both within the country and abroad...

forming a "second front" against Russia in Abkhazia and South Ossetia. "Also with the regular confirmation of the doctrinal record of the country's accession to NATO and the EU in the Constitution of Georgia...

CEC Rejects Opposition and GYLA Election Complaints



The Central Election Commission (CEC) rejected complaints from opposition parties and the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)...

ity and, in some cases, echoed accusations from the ruling party. She cited questions that were irrelevant to the matter at

hand, such as whether GYLA agreed with donors on the content of training for observers.

Despite these challenges, Kurdovanidze noted an important revelation during the session: a member appointed by the ruling Georgian Dream party confirmed that the cameras in the precincts were their property.

CAREC Ministers Endorse Climate Change Action Plan and 2030 Strategic Priorities, Launch Regional Climate Fund

ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN (8 November 2024) — Member countries of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program have endorsed a new Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) and launched the CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF)...

The endorsement took place at the 23rd CAREC Ministerial Conference held today in Astana. Ministers also endorsed the Mid-term Review of the CAREC 2030 Strategy...

"The approval of the CAREC Climate Change Action Plan and the establishment of the Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund are significant milestones in our collective efforts to address climate change," said Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masatsugu Asakawa...

ered by renewable energy."

The CAREC Program is a partnership of countries in Central Asia, the Caucasus, South Asia, and East Asia, and development partners aiming to promote sustainable development through regional cooperation.

The CCAP, spanning from

2025 to 2027, prioritizes initiatives to implement the CAREC Climate Change Vision. It focuses on four main areas to tackle climate challenges in the region.

The CSPPF will assist CAREC countries in developing

the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea, generating a total of \$5 million initial funding for CSPPF.

During his visit to Kazakhstan, Mr. Asakawa met with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to discuss ongoing cooperation and future initiatives with ADB.

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Monday, November 11

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Night Mostly Cloudy Low: 3°C

Tuesday, November 12

Day Partly Cloudy High: 15°C

Night Partly Cloudy Low: 6°C

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