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Georgia wants terms "occupation" and "ethnic cleaning" to be internationally accepted

By Mzia Kupunia

The Georgian Government is trying to ensure that the terms "occupation" and "ethnic cleansing" are officially applied by international bodies to the activities carried out by the Russians in Georgia's breakaway regions, the Georgian Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

"For Georgia it is important that the current situation on the occupied territories, which is recog-



NEWS IN BRIEF

Entrepreneurs report inaccuracies in voters list

The Industry Will Save Georgia party has objected to inaccuracies in the voters list. Leader of the party Zurab Tkemaladze said at a briefing yesterday that the number of the voters listed in the official Central Election Commission register is unreal and does not correspond to the real number of eligible voters in Georgia.

"The monitoring we have conducted has confirmed that there is real chaos in the voters list. The CEC has inserted non-existent blocks of apartments and invented the names of imaginary voters. Considering our demographic sit-

...comes recognised de jure," Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia Nino Kalandadze said. Speaking at the traditional Monday media briefing, Kalandadze said that "our main aim is that the terms 'occupation' and 'ethnic cleansing'

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New library and sports hall opened in village



The children of Kelktseli in their new sports hall village of Kelktseli in Gori district on February 12.

By Etuna Tsofniasvili

The International Rescue Committee and Stichting Vluchteling (SV), in partnership with the local school administration, opened a new school library and sports hall in the

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Nino Kalandadze at the briefing

Saakashvili says that Noghaideli is angry with the Georgian people

By Gvantsa Gabekhadze

The President of Georgia met representatives of the Georgian Diaspora in Vancouver, Canada on February 15 and talked about the situation in Georgia, relations with Russia and some Georgian opposition leaders' frequent visits to Moscow.

Saakashvili called politicians who visit Russia angry with the Georgian people. "Those who have become malicious because the Georgian people do not love them are angry with the Georgian people. They take revenge on them by openly hugging the enemy. These kind of actions cannot diminish Georgia, because if we remember the past, there have always been such people in our country," the President stated.

Zurab Noghaideli, the leader of the Movement for Fair Georgia, who is often criticised for his frequent visits to Moscow and his collaboration with the Russian ruling forces, says that these visits will ensure a better future for Georgia. It has recently been reported that Noghaideli might be arrested due

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...ation it is hard to believe that the number of Georgian citizens grows by tens of thousands annually," Zurab Tkemaladze said on the tenth day of monitoring. The opposition party leader said they would continually report the results of their monitoring to the public.

Other opposition leaders have also reported violations in the voters list. Tina Khidasheli from the Republican Party has also demanded an investigation into the non-existent blocks of apartments and imaginary voters registered officially by the CEC.

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Nodar Kumaritashvili's body to be returned to Georgia on 17 February

The body of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili will be returned to Georgia at dawn on 17 February, *Interpressnews* has been

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More recently, we have seen this solidarity in the democratic uprisings in Georgia in 2003 and in Ukraine in 2004, which should have drawn the attention of those who remained deaf through 12 years and 200,000 deaths in the martyrdom of Chechnya. In Ukraine, President Putin intervened shamelessly in the affairs of a state whose independence he refused to recognise. In Georgia, he sent in the tanks. Responding to the international press, Putin denounced the peaceful uprisings that swept away post-Soviet puppets in Tbilisi and Kiev as "permanent revolution" and "its dangerous disorders." Thus he defamed a liberating uprising of long duration, one that started in the blood of East Berlin in 1953; continued in Poznań and Budapest in 1956, in Russia with the dissidence of the sixties, in Prague in 1968, and in the struggle of Solidarity in the 1980s; and was crowned by the fall of the Berlin Wall.

It is an uprising that in Poland brought together Catholics and free-thinkers, at odds for more than a century, who together founded Solidarity. In Russia, moderns like Andrey Sakharov and traditional believers like Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn worked side by side. In Prague and Bratislava university professors, instead of teaching the official lies, chose to be window washers or furnace repairmen, and Charter 77 brought together the Left and the Right, sceptics and the religious. Antitotalitarianism cultivates its own convictions, without sectarianism; dissidence does not attempt to replace the official dogma with another one but instead introduces an intellectual revolution that precedes—and that alone makes possible—the social and political changes that will remake the map of Europe.

This revolution has not ended, which is why the Kremlin does not appreciate insurrections in Georgia and Ukraine. Europe's new frontier is at stake on the uncertain terrain of history, and the alternatives are still these: Havel and Milošević.

André Glucksmann is a French philosopher. His story was translated by Alexis Cornel.

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New library and sports hall opened in village

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not play there, using the school yard for playing and training. However they could not do this in winter. The library, which was located in a small room, has been fully renovated and now children of all ages can read and take out the necessary books.

15 year old Ketí Tsevelidze, who is in the 10th form and has begun preparing for the United National Exams, said that she and her friends had wanted such a library for a long time as the old one was very small and its books were not new. She said that the renovated room and new books made it easier to find the necessary materials, and they cannot hide their happiness at the opening of the new sports hall as well. "We are really very happy to see what has been done at our school. On behalf of my friends and classmates I would like to thank those who have made a contribution to this work," Ketí told *The Messenger*.

"Events like this opening ceremony support awareness-raising of the plight of war-affected rural community schools and children. This SV-supported programme is a great example of what we can do to provide a little help in an area that concerns us all, as parents and as people, who have a little that we

children went to Gori to train when possible.

"Beside renovation, the sports hall has been equipped with new facilities. The school curriculum will be expanded to allow us to use the renovated sports hall, and the children are waiting for this additional fun and learning facility in their lives. The school's students also have access to a renovated library and are glad to have a playground in the school yard provided by the IRC in addition to the sports hall," Aptisaia said.

Jan Habraken, Programme Officer of Stichting Vluchteling, which is the Netherlands Refugee Foundation, expressed his regret by letter at not being able to attend the ceremony and congratulated the children, parents, teachers and IRC staff on this wonderful achievement. "This programme, implemented by the IRC in coordination with the Government and other involved stakeholders, has been instrumental in providing basic, essential rehabilitation work in schools as well as in improving the learning environment and psychological and emotional wellbeing of the children who have recently returned to their villages and have been confronted with war and forced displacement. The public school li-

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