

Witness neurologist says Saakashvili's dementia diagnosis poses risk of death

By Liza Mchedlidze

American expert and neurologist Shaheen Emanuel Lahani, spoke as a witness in the city court, regarding the state of health of Mikheil Saakashvili. Lahani stated that the former president of Georgia has chronic diseases that pose a risk of death and are rapidly worsening, adding that seizures and convulsive attacks can lead to sudden death if not treated appropriately.

According to the expert, the serious diseases that Saakashvili is suffering from are hindering factors for serving the sentence.

"I can say about Saakashvili's health condition that he is seriously ill. He suffers from various dysfunctions, including those of the brain, spinal cord, and digestive system. The most severe diagnosis is unspecified dementia, convulsions, as well as damage to the peripheral nervous system, which makes it difficult for him to walk.

Also, pressure on the spinal cord from the intervertebral discs in the neck area of the vertebral column, a very significant degree of post-traumatic stress disorder. In connection with it, there is polypharmacy, i.e., the prescription of multiple inappropriate medications, he has transient losses of consciousness and



seizures. It has rapid changes in temperature and pressure and significant muscle stretching. This is a list of all his serious illnesses," the expert noted.

According to the neurologist, "Saakashvili's dementia is rap-

idly worsening." As the expert pointed out, this leads to the disruption of a person's daily activities, such as self-care.

"Before being placed in prison, he was neurologically healthy, he had intellectual functions at

an appropriate level, and was able to communicate freely and fully with people. There was a marked decline in his abilities after his arrest, which I saw both in the documents and in my examination of him.

According to Shaheen Emanuel Lahani, Mikheil Saakashvili is not receiving the right treatment and recovery under the current condition is unlikely.

Ukraine asks Georgia to return Buk missile systems handed over during 2008 war

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Andrey Kasyanov, the Ukrainian Chargé d'Affaires in Georgia, published an article where he wrote that the Ukrainian authorities have asked Georgia to return the Buk anti-aircraft missile systems, which Ukraine handed over to Georgia during the 2008 war.

The title of the article is "How Georgia helps Ukraine and where the problems remain" and was published in Ukrainska Pravda.

Kasyanov says in the article that the relationship between Ukraine and Georgia is currently going through a difficult period. Therefore, it is more important to understand how these relationships should develop and where problems arise.

According to him, several issues remain problematic, such as providing military aid to Ukraine, introducing a regime of bilateral sanctions against the Russian

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Federation, and introducing a visa regime for Russian citizens who are fleeing to Georgia en masse. Also, protecting the legal rights and interests of Mikheil Saakashvili, a citizen of Ukraine.

Regarding the topic of weapons, Andrei Kasyanov wrote that the Ukrainian side is consistent in demanding the supply of weapons, military equipment and ammunition to all international partners, including Georgia, and it also openly stated the

vital need for weapons at the very beginning of the Russian Federation's large-scale invasion of Ukraine.

"In particular, Kiev asked for the transfer of the Buk complexes, which Ukraine handed over to Georgia during the 2008 war.

Ukraine's request also included Javelin anti-tank complexes handed over to Georgia by the USA. Regarding the latter, there was not only an agreement from the US, but even a proposal to replace them with new complexes.

"Despite the fact that the gov-

ernment of Georgia has categorically refused military aid, Ukraine opposes the use of this issue in internal political disputes and denies any accusations of trying to engage Georgia in a war with the Russian Federation," he wrote.

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that it is the government's responsibility to provide adequate medical treatment to any prisoner.

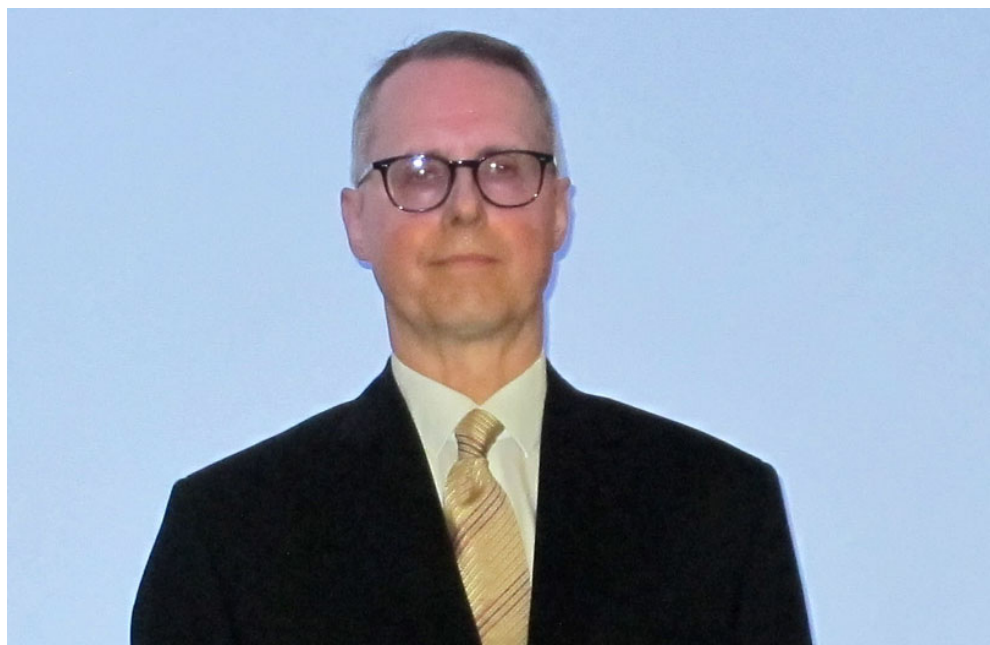
"We are closely monitoring this matter. Moreover, the representative of the embassy often attends court proceedings. Regarding Mr. Saakashvili's condition,

Vice Speaker of Parliament responds to Andrei Kasyanov's letter and calls his actions 'inadequate'

Gia Volski, a member of Georgian Dream and vice-speaker of the parliament, responded to the statement of

for certain amounts.

This trade deal is perfectly healthy, arms procurement is a healthy operation, and the state needs it. But it is doubtful that it coincides with the enrichment of specific people - millionaires, who the day before had nothing and suddenly, in the



Germany's Ambassador to Georgia H.E. Peter Fischer said in an interview with Georgia Today that reports about Saakashvili's health condition are 'cause for concern' and that protecting the rights of the former president is the responsibility of the Georgian authorities.

According to Fischer, the German Embassy is closely monitoring Saakashvili's case and their representative is attending the court proceedings.

Germany's Ambassador to Georgia said

reports of his serious illness are cause for concern, and our position is that it is the responsibility of the Georgian authorities to protect Mikheil Saakashvili's rights, just as the authorities are responsible for the health of any other prisoner. Of course, we will continue to monitor the process and we believe that providing both humanitarian and adequate medical assistance is the responsibility of all authorities," said Peter Fisher.



Andrei Kasyanov, charge d'affaires of the Ukrainian embassy in Georgia, that Ukraine asked the Georgian government to hand over Bulk missile systems and Javelins supplied by Ukraine, which was refused by authorities.

According to Volski, in 2008, Georgia bought weapons from Ukraine and did not receive them for free, and called Kasyanov 'inadequate' in his actions.

"Kasyanov's statement, first of all, is completely inadequate to the situation in 2008. Billions have been paid for the military equipment, and generally what he calls aid has come to Georgia in exchange

post-war period, becomes a billionaire, one of the richest people in the world, and finances politics and the media in Georgia. This is the reality.

"As for the inadequacy of the statement, this is characteristic of some officials, but I think that Kasyanov himself is inadequate in his actions and as a person should be evaluated with this word," said Volski.

Volski confirmed that at the beginning of the war, the Ukrainian authorities asked for weapons and the possibility of volunteers to transport, for which they sent a charter flight, but according to Volski, this meant Georgia's involvement in the war.

Kamala Harris condemns Brasilia attack after swearing in new US ambassador

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Vice President Kamala Harris on Monday condemned the "obvious and clear attack on a democratic process" in Brazil after hundreds of supporters of the country's former leader Jair Bolsonaro stormed the seats of power in the capital Brasilia.

"Let's be clear, this was an obvious and clear attack on a democratic process and we condemn it of course," Harris said to reporters in her ceremonial office, after swearing in the US' newest ambassador to Brazil Elizabeth Frawley Bagley.

"I will also say that, as I've said to the ambassador, Ambassador Bagley, that I'm very confident in her ability to represent the United States and to extend to President Lula all that we mean in terms of the work that we will do together as allies on some of the most im-

portant issues facing our world. So we're very much looking forward to her leadership and to working with President Lula," she added.

Harris ignored a question on whether Bolsonaro should be removed from the US as he currently remains in Florida.

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