

Kobakhidze Attends 2026 Antalya Diplomacy Forum



sively about a "lack of leadership" in global politics, alleging that "informal influences" and "wrong intentions" have disrupted the recruitment of national leaders and the traditional rules-based international order.

Regarding regional stability, the Kobakhidze positioned Georgia as a "reliable bridge" between Europe and Asia. He argued that the country's pro-peace and pro-development approach has secured high economic growth and fostered a strong partnership with Turkey. He further characterized diplomacy as an essential part of Georgia's history, noting that the nation has transitioned toward a more pragmatic strategy to survive its complex geopolitical environment.

Outside of the main panels, Kobakhidze met with OSCE Secretary General Feridun Sinirlioğlu to discuss Georgia's ambition to assume the OSCE Chairmanship in 2027 and its commitment to democratic principles.

Simultaneously, Georgian Dream Foreign Minister Botchorishvili held bilateral meetings with officials from Albania and Kyrgyzstan to discuss cooperation and regional engagement.

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Georgian Dream Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze, accompanied by Foreign Minis-

ter Maka Botchorishvili, participated in the Antalya Diplomacy Forum in Turkey from April 17 to 19.

During the Mapping Tomorrow,

Managing Uncertainties panel, Kobakhidze addressed the impact of global conflicts on trade and energy. While he reaffirmed Georgia's goal of join-

ing the European Union, he claimed the bloc currently faces significant challenges regarding its identity, prosperity, and the rule of law. He also spoke exten-

Expelled Azerbaijani Journalist Sadigov Says He Wanted to Stay in Georgia and 'Fight to the End'

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Afgan Sadigov said he regrets being forced to leave Georgia, saying he had planned to stay and continue "the struggle against dictatorship."

In a social media post, Sadigov wrote that he remained emotionally tied to the country. "All my heart, my thoughts, and my soul remained in Georgia, with people in front of the parliament and in the fight alongside our friends," he said, thanking Georgians and supporters for their backing.

He harshly criticized Bidzina Ivanishvili, founder of the ruling Georgian Dream party, accusing him of harming the country's reputation. "Ivanishvili... dealt a huge blow to the image of the Georgian state by expelling me," Sadigov wrote, claiming the move violated international law and a European Court decision.

Sadigov also referred to the official justification for his removal, saying authorities described his presence as "a very serious threat to the Georgian state."



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