

Kavelashvili Meets Serbian President Vucic in Tbilisi, Both Leaders Visit Patriarch

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Georgian Dream-elected President Mikheil Kavelashvili met Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic in Tbilisi during Vucic's first official visit to Georgia, with the two leaders discussing bilateral relations, geopolitical challenges, and regional connectivity.

According to the Presidential Administration, the talks covered the "close friendly ties" between the two countries, cultural proximity, shared values, and the need to deepen cooperation in political, economic, technological, educational, and scientific-research areas. Kavelashvili noted that the two countries faced "complex challenges" that created "a solid foundation for the further development of bilateral relations and support for each other's positions in the international arena."

The meeting addressed the intensified pace of high-level exchanges, with Kavelashvili noting that his December 2025 visit to Belgrade was the first presidential-level visit between the two countries, and that Vucic's current trip to Tbilisi marked the first such visit by a Serbian president. The leaders also discussed global peace and stability, with both sides noting that "maintaining stability and peace in both regions is gaining particular relevance" amid what was described as a fundamental transformation of the international order.

Kavelashvili emphasized Georgia's interest in expanding



partnership with the Western Balkans as a key link in the Middle Corridor, saying it would contribute to developing transport and logistics connections

between Europe and Asia. He also thanked Vucic for Serbia's support for Georgia's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Following the meeting, Vucic left an

entry in the book of honored guests at the Orbeliani Palace.

The two presidents, accompanied by their spouses, also visited Patriarch Shio III at the Patri-

archate, where talks focused on the historical, cultural, and spiritual ties between the two Orthodox nations and the importance of deepening bilateral relations.

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Amnesty International Urges Georgia to End Smear Campaigns Against Media and Activists

Amnesty International has called on the Georgian Dream government to end what it describes as smear campaigns targeting independent media, civil society organizations, opposition politicians and activists, warning that such practices have contributed to an increasingly repressive environment.

The recommendations are contained in the organization's new report, Georgia: Anatomy of Repression: 500 Days of Protest, Crackdown and Resilience, which examines the authorities' response to protests and dissent since 2024.

Among its key recommendations, Amnesty International urged the government to stop disinformation and stigmatization campaigns directed at journalists, human rights defenders,

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