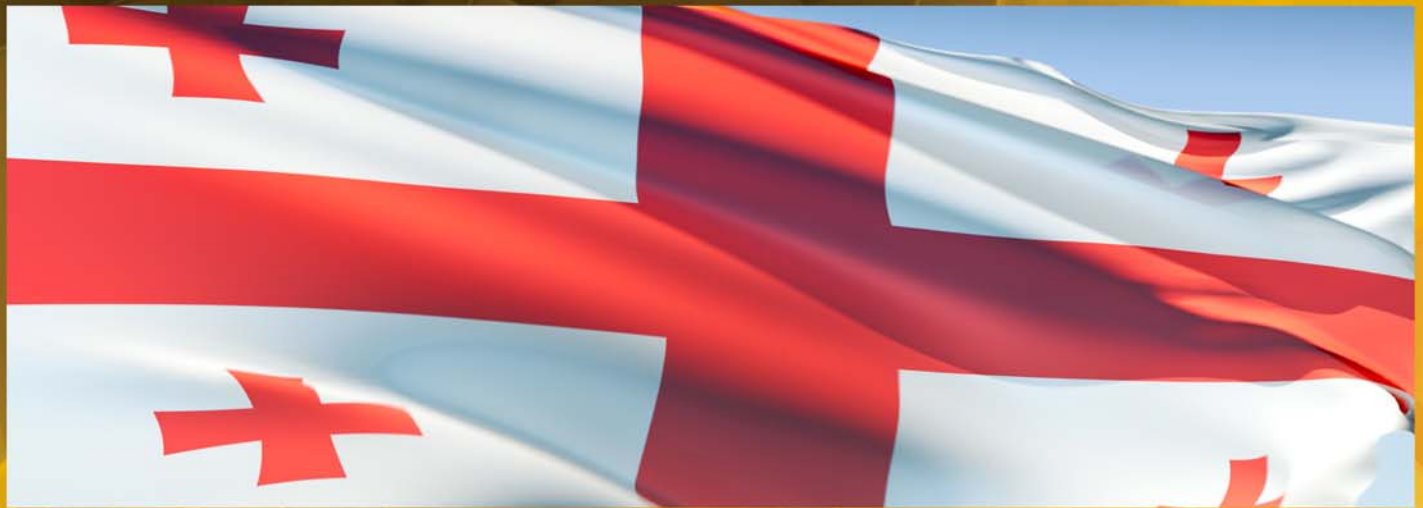


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Vice Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia

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Giorgi Baramidze is Vice Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia. Born in Tbilisi in 1968, he graduated from the Georgian Technical University in 1992. While there, he co-founded the student movement and subsequently helped to establish the Green Party of Georgia. Upon graduation, he worked as a department head at the Committee of Human Rights and National Minorities. In 1992, Baramidze was elected to the Parliament of Georgia and served as the Secretary for the Commission of Human Rights and National Minorities and as member of the Parliamentary Defense and Security Commission. In 1995 he was re-elected to Parliament and the following year he served as Chairman of the Investigation Commission of the Parliamentary Anti-Corruption Committee. From 1998 through 1999, Baramidze worked as an Associate Researcher at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., conducting research on U.S. government policy, structures and functions as well as on political, military and defense issues in the Caucasus. Upon his return to Georgia in 1999, he was re-elected to Parliament and served as Chairman of the Defense and Security Committee. He subsequently played an active role in the Rose Revolution in November 2003 and was later appointed Minister of Internal Affairs by the new government. In June 2004, he was appointed Minister of Defense and in December he assumed the post of Vice Premier and State Minister for Euro-Atlantic Integration. In April 2006, Baramidze assumed the position of Vice Prime Minister.

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