

Georgien im Aufruhr: Oppositionsführer Japaridze bei Protesten verhaftet!

Georgiens Oppositionsführer Zurab Japaridze wurde während pro-EU-Protesten festgenommen, nachdem die Regierung Gespräche aussetzte.



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Massive protests erupt in Georgia as opposition leader is arrested amid escalating tensions.

In a dramatic turn of events, Georgian police have arrested prominent opposition leader Zurab Japaridze during fierce protests against the government's decision to delay talks on joining the European Union. This shocking arrest occurred on Monday, as police unleashed water cannons and tear gas on tens of thousands of defiant protesters in Tbilisi, who are demanding a pro-European stance from their government. The Coalition for Change, the largest opposition party, confirmed

Japaridze's arrest, stating he was forcibly taken while attempting to escape the chaos, highlighting the regime's targeted crackdown on dissent.

Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze has accused the opposition of orchestrating "coordinated violence" aimed at destabilizing the constitutional order. Footage captured the moment Japaridze was shoved into an unmarked vehicle by masked officers, leaving many questioning whether he will face any charges. The protests erupted following the government's announcement last week to suspend EU membership talks, a move seen by critics as a shift towards Russian influence, a claim the ruling party vehemently denies. The United States and the EU have expressed deep concern over what they perceive as a decline in democracy in Georgia, a nation of 3.7 million that straddles Europe and Asia.

Escalating Violence and International Alarm

The unrest has intensified over the past few days, with protesters gathering for the fourth consecutive night on Rustaveli Avenue, clashing with police who responded with force. Reports indicate that 21 police officers and numerous protesters have sustained injuries, prompting condemnation from the U.S. for the excessive use of police force. President Salome Zourabichvili, a pro-EU advocate, voiced her support for the protesters, asserting that many detainees suffered serious injuries from police brutality. The situation has led to widespread resignations among diplomats and civil servants, with open letters protesting the suspension of EU talks gaining traction.

As tensions rise, Zourabichvili has called for action against the ruling Georgian Dream party, alleging electoral fraud in the recent elections. However, Kobakhidze has dismissed calls for new elections, further fueling the unrest. The ruling party insists it is safeguarding Georgia's sovereignty against external pressures, particularly from the West, as fears of a potential conflict with Russia loom large. The unfolding crisis in Georgia is

a stark reminder of the volatile intersection between national sovereignty and the aspirations for European integration.

Details	
Vorfall	Körperverletzung, Vandalismus
Ursache	Proteste, Polizeieinsatz
Ort	Tbilisi, Georgien
Verletzte	134
Festnahmen	1
Quellen	• www.aljazeera.com

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