



Irakli Garibashvili

*Position:
Prime Minister*

Links with Bidzina Ivanishvili

Prior to entering politics, Garibashvili's entire career was working for Ivanishvili and his family:

In 2004-2012, he **held** various positions in companies and organizations owned by Bidzina Ivanishvili; in Ivanishvili's own **words**, Garibashvili was his official representative and "secretary". According to media reports, Garibashvili also worked as the **producer** of Ivanishvili's rapper son Bera.

Allegations of Corruption

Irakli Garibashvili faces numerous allegations of corruption, none of which have been investigated, including:

- * Nepotism and influence peddling – Appointment of relatives on high-level government positions and helping their companies get lucrative government **contracts**.
- * Abuse of official power / misappropriation of state property – **Building** a private residence in a recreation zone and **misappropriation** of an adjacent forest area.
- * Unexplained wealth – Failure to declare and **explain** a collection of luxury watches worth more than all of his declared income.

Human Rights Violations

Irakli Garibashvili's tenure has been characterized by an increase of polarization and rise in violence. Examples include:

- * **Attacks** on opposition political parties (both on offices and individuals)
- * Emergence, strengthening, and open support of extreme-right, pro-Russian groups
- * **Vilification** of civil society and **targeting** of critical media organizations
- * Assaults on LGBT activists (on **17 May 2013**) and journalists (on **5 July 2021**)
- * Implementation of discriminatory **policy** against religious and ethnic minorities
- * Release of secret recordings featuring private lives of political opponents



Quote: Actually, [political] power, the mandate belonged, belongs to Mr. Ivanishvili. Everyone forgets this. And by 'everyone' I mean everyone



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Career

2012 – Entered politics with the Georgian Dream party and was appointed as Minister of Internal Affairs.

2013 – Replaced Bidzina Ivanishvili as the Prime Minister.

2015 – Stepped down after "consulting" with Ivanishvili and started working for a chinese company connected with Ivanishvili.

2019 – Returned to politics and was appointed by Ivanishvili as the Minister of Defense.

2021 – Was appointed as Prime Minister for the second time.