

# Georgia faces key parliamentary vote

The South Caucasus nation goes to the polls on Oct 26, with voters facing a choice between a pro-European or pro-Russian government

## GEORGIAN DREAM

■ Ruling party seeking fourth term in office, has in last two years shifted towards pro-Russian rhetoric

■ Passing of controversial “foreign influence law” in May 2024 sparked weeks of mass street protests

■ Move prompted Brussels to freeze Georgia’s EU accession process, while U.S. sanctioned dozens of Georgian officials



■ Party led by Prime Minister **Irakli Kobakhidze** (above left) but controlled by billionaire oligarch **Bidzina Ivanishvili** (right)



## MAIN OPPOSITION GROUPS

**1 Unity** – led by **United National Movement** (UNM) and headed by MP **Tina Bokuchava**

**2 Coalition for Change** – alliance of several parties led by former UNM figures such as **Nika Gvaramia**

**3 Strong Georgia** – led by **Lelo** party of former banker **Mamuka Khazaradze**

**4 For Georgia** – party founded by former Prime Minister from Georgian Dream, **Giorgi Gakharia**

