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Georgian President Confirms Appointment of New Prime Minister

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Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili on Monday officially confirmed Irakli Garibashvili for the post of prime minister.

Bidzina Ivanishvili, now acting Georgian prime minister, earlier nominated Garibashvili, the country's interior minister and his long-time associate, to replace him when the billionaire politician steps down later this month.

Earlier on Monday, the Georgian Dream political coalition which has a majority in parliament, submitted Garibashvili's candidacy to Margvelashvili, who was sworn in Sunday.

Garibashvili on Monday also named a cabinet, which saw no changes from its previous composition and is expected to face a parliamentary vote later this week.

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