

Georgia Has Grave Concerns

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The Georgian Foreign Ministry has demanded information from Russia regarding reports of construction work being done on top of the grave of a Georgian prince.

Georgia sent a communique to Russia via the Swiss Embassy seeking to find out whether construction is being done in Vsekhsvyatskoye Cemetery in the Sokol district in Moscow, where Prince Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani, who lived from 1658 to 1725, and members of the Bagrationi dynasty are buried, Georgian Deputy Foreign Minister Nino Kalandadze told Interfax. He cited media reports that illegal construction was underway in the cemetery.

If construction is taking place that could threaten the graves, Georgia would ask Russia to intervene to halt it and raise the issue of moving Orbeliani's remains, Kalandadze said.

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