
EU POSTS BAIL TO FREE JAILED GEORGIA OPPOSITION LEADER

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The European Union said Saturday that it had posted bail for Georgia's jailed opposition leader, Nika Melia, paving the way for his release and ending a protracted political crisis in the Caucasus country.

Melia, the chairman of Georgia's main opposition force, the United National Movement (UNM), was arrested in February in a violent police raid on his party headquarters, sparking protests and condemnation from the West.

His release is expected to end the political crisis that has gripped the ex-Soviet republic since October parliamentary polls the opposition denounced as rigged.

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