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### “NATION IS MOTHER OF LANGUAGE”

Russian government was carrying out its assimilation policy in Georgia for two hundred years according to the well-devised schemes by way of clandestine activities that were being led by its emissaries. Presently it openly declares its plans and puts them out into action. The issue tends to receive a rather delicate turns as the anti-Georgian phenomenon finds supporters within the Georgian state as well. They send “letters of evidence” to the European institutions and elsewhere, in an effort to prove that Megreles, Laz, and Svans belong to national minorities in Georgia, and that their dialects in fact are independent languages and as if Georgians violate their rights.

In the late half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the population of Megrelia and a few public men of Georgia thwarted the Russia’s imperialistic aspirations aimed at language, cultural and ethnic crumbling of Georgia that would ultimately conquer Georgia and include the South Caucasus within its Geopolitical area.

Georgia has survived through its historical route of martyrdoms through which it has **never betrayed the language unity idea that has always been the main premise and an innate impulsive energy for the Phoenix-like restoration of the waned Georgian nationhood.** Those to whom the Georgian nationhood is of no value aim at tearing down this citadel. However, Georgian people have such unfathomable resources of language and ethnic unity that no outer waves can shake its solidity.