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UEFA CUP Qualifying Round 2

WIT Georgia - Austria Vienna will be a one-off game!!

It is now official.

The UEFA Cup second qualifying round – first leg tie between FC WIT Georgia and FK Austria Wien is cancelled and will be played as a one-off game in Vienna on 28 August due to the political situation in Georgia.

Political concerns

The opening leg was scheduled to be played at the Mikheil Meskhi Stadium in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, on 14 August but due to political problems in the north of the country, WIT suggested Rize in Turkey as an alternative venue. UEFA agreed to relocate the match to the Rize Atatürk Stadium but was subsequently informed by the Georgian Football Federation (also speaking on behalf of WIT) that the squad could not travel due to security concerns.

Austrian hosts

As WIT are not in a position to organise a safe and secure venue in Georgia nor to play at an alternative venue on 14 August, UEFA has decided to cancel the first leg and play the tie as a one-off match on 28 August in Vienna, staged by Austria Wien. UEFA will contact the clubs and national associations concerned in due time to communicate the rules applicable to this single match.

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