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- 1 This interesting article aims to show how the internal affairs in Georgia and the Safavid politics were closely connected with each other, through an analysis of the career of a Georgian *ḡulām* serving the Safavid court. As in his previous works, Maeda refutes here the thesis that Safavid *ḡulāms* were slave soldiers totally deprived of their ethnic origin and link with their homeland. A famous savant for his numerous literary works, Parsadan Gorgijanidze (1626-96) was recommended in 1656 as deputy governor of Isfahan by then Georgian ruler Rostom Khān, who himself was governor of the Safavid capital. This post allowed Gorgijanidze to intervene in the domestic politics in his native soil by using his connections with the Safavid court. However, his antagonism with the new Georgian ruler, Vakhtang V, eventually resulted in his captivity in Shushtar, the governor of which city was a close relative of Vakhtang's first wife. This event hints a complex connection between Georgian politics and the Safavid court.

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