



NEWSLETTER (December, 2014)

IDETAJNMENT OF DIRECTOR OF IDFI- GIORGI KLDIASHVILI AND CIVIL SECTOR STATEMENTS



On December 12th, Department of Criminal Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia detained Giorgi Kldiashvili, director of IDFI for illegal transporting of his own registered collection firearm from official arms' shop to his house.

Giorgi Kldiashvili was arrested and taken to the detention centre i.e. "Moduli" building for two days. Law-enforcing agencies have justified arrest of Giorgi Kldiashvili by an assumption that he would avoid prosecution but during the court hearing on the case the prosecutor failed to present any arguments which would prove the threat of Giorgi Kldiashvili avoiding prosecution.

IDFI has issued the special [statement](#), claiming that detention of Kldiashvili is pressure on the civil society and its active member - director of the Institute and member of campaign This Affects You Too. The court has decided to free Giorgi Kldiashvili from the courtroom on 1500 GEL bail.

Ombudsman and 32 Civil Society Organizations made [statements](#) calling authorities to investigate the legality of the actions undertaken by MIA. MIA has also made the statement emphasizing: "the case of Giorgi Kldiashvili will not have a negative effect on the relationship between MIA and

IDFI".

Currently, investigation continues and the next court hearing is scheduled for January 15th, 2015. According to the decision of the founders of the Institute, Giorgi Khishtovani has been appointed as a new acting director of IDFI.

MURDER STATISTICS ON THE GROUND OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

IDFI has received information on the domestic violence statistics registered and opened in 2006-2014 precisely the murder cases executed within family members.

FREEDOM HOUSE: GEORGIA IS STILL FREE IN TERMS OF INTERNET FREEDOM

On December 4, 2014 Freedom House published report on internet freedom, assessing internet access, censorship, and internet user rights in 65 countries around the world. Georgia as in 2013 obtained 26 scores out of 100 and consequently, was assessed as "Free" in terms of internet freedom. The report about Georgia was prepared by the representative of IDFI



OPENDATA.GE IN THE INTERNATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF FOI PLATFORMS

British organization mySociety has conducted comprehensive research on impact of Freedom of Information tools worldwide. Among other FOI platforms, the study also covers Georgian experience, namely Public Information Database OpenData.ge, created by the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) with financial support from Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) in 2010.

Petition regarding the establishment of investigation commission on Sakdrisi-Kachaghian issue

Jointly with other NGOs IDFI addressed to the Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia and the National Agency of the Cultural Protection of Georgia regarding the renewal of the mining works by the “RMG Gold” in Sakdrisi-Kachaghiani. In addition, they has adopted the petition on the creation of investigate commission regarding the world-scale archeological site.



Information on the Persons Held Responsible for the Facts of Torture in the Prisons is Still Inaccessible

In November 2014 IDFI has referred to the Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia, LEPL “Crime Prevention Center” and LEPL “Legal Aid Service” with the aim of obtaining different statistical information on the cases of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment in penitentiary institutions of Georgia.



Presentation on the concept of new web-portal of Tbilisi City Hall

IDFI with support of the Open Society Georgia and Tbilisi City Hall has organized a presentation within the project of “Concept for the New Web-Page of Tbilisi City Hall” at Courtyard Marriott Tbilisi. The Mayor of Tbilisi city hall –Davit Narmania and other district governors were also attended at the event.

Internet as Human Right

IDFI and Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia held a discussion Internet as Human Right on Saturday, 6th December. Discussion was related to 25th anniversary of World Wide Web (WWW) and International Day of Human Rights, which is celebrated annually on 10th December.

The aim of the event was to discuss the main threats for human rights through the internet, in particular: censorship, secret surveillance, copy-right, hate speech, etc.



International Survey of Information Commissioners

When the new law of Freedom of Information is on the edge of adoption, an establishment of Freedom of Information Commissioner institute in Georgia is considered. The executive director of the Center for Freedom of Information, former Scottish information Commissioner Kevin Dunion, who was invited by Open Society Georgia, followed by the recommendations of IDFI was actively involved in drafting the new law of Freedom of Information in Georgia. IDFI represents the [research](#) findings on international experience of commissioners



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The Ombudsmen Addresses Ministry of Economy with Recommendation on the Fact of Violating the Right of IDFI

Dwelling from the fact, that the Ministry of Economy failed to duly exercise its obligation to provide information as requested, the institute referred to the Ombudsmen, informing him on the fact of violating the right of IDFI, enshrined by article 41 of the Constitution. The Ombudsmen was asked to prepare recommendation insuring that the right of the institute on the access to information would be well respected.

Statistics of the National Examination (2005-2014)

IDIFI has addressed to the National Assessment and Examination Center for providing statistics of 2005-2014 years separately.

Bonuses issued in Tbilisi City Assembly

According to the provided information by the Tbilisi City Assembly IDFI presented the statistics of issued bonuses from November 2013 till November 2014.

IDFI has sent a new form for report on disclosure of public information to state agencies

IDFI decided to send a new form for report on disclosure of public information to all public entities in Georgia, which should be fulfilled in accordance with law and presented to President, Parliament and Prime-Minister of Georgia

Activities carried out within the project of Georgia 2020

60 students were awarded with certificates in the [lecturing course - 25 Years of Transformation – Eastern Europe and Georgia](#).

Lecturing course was held by Institute for Development of freedom of Information (IDFI), Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and Bremen University with the financial assistance of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany within the scopes of the project Strategic Plan Georgia 2020 – Strengthening Public Involvement (ZigB) Georgia.

[Discussion](#) The Compliance of the Education Institutions' Academic Programs with the Requirements of the Labor Market - was held within the scopes of the mentioned project.



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