



Election day observation results, as for 18:00

As for 6 p.m. GYLA continues to monitor the course of election day at 36 Election districts both, in Tbilisi and regions.

First of all, we would like to state, that as already reported at previous press-conferences, elections are taking place in a calm environment with no significant violations observed so far.

During the last several hours, following types of violations have been revealed by GYLA's observers:

Voting instead of another person

At Khelvachauri #27 precinct, voter was unable to vote, as the signature was already detected across his/her name. GYLA representative has already drafted a complaint and submitted to the relevant administration.

Agitation at the polling place

Voter admitted to #46 precinct of Sagarejo District was wearing a t-shirt with symbolics of the coalition Georgian Dream. Upon the demand of GYLA observer, chairperson of the commission expelled the voter from the precinct.

Inking related problems

At Saburtalo #33 precinct, inking procedure was held with violation. On the grounds of the remark, from GYLA observer, PEC chairperson eliminated the problem and as for now, the inking procedure is taking place in correspondence to Election Code.

Problems regarding filling out the ballot-paper

At #25 precinct of Terjola District, PEC registering clerk had prepared 5, in advance sealed ballot papers. On the grounds of remark, made by GYLA observer, the violation has been eradicated by the commission chairperson.

Violations regarding filling out record of registrations

At Kutaisi #81 precinct record of registration has not been filled out. GYLA observers appealed to Commission chairperson to eradicate the violation.

Voting by unauthorized person

At Gori #25 precinct a person, already inked had a an attempt to vote. After remark, made by GYLA observer, the person was not allowed to vote.

At this point GYLA's observers already drafted 26 pieces of complaints on these violations and registered approximately 45 remarks in the special log book.

From the date of its establishment in 1994, GYLA is active in monitoring legislative, executive and local government's elections and strives to support conduct of elections in a peaceful and fair environment with observance of Georgian legislation.

On October 27th, the Presidential Election Day, GYLA will have more than 400 observers at 36 precincts of Tbilisi and 8 regions.

On-site observers are placed throughout the whole territory of Georgia in more than 220 polling stations, whereas mobile groups are observing 36 polling stations. GYLA is also monitoring the special polling stations, in the districts of ethnic minorities and polling stations of those districts where gross violations were reported during previous elections.

It should be noted that a hot-line is operating on the election day through which both citizens and journalists can get legal consultations about polling procedures.

Hot-line number is: **218-26-11**

In addition, all the relevant information about elections will be posted on www.electionsportal.ge, where anyone can report about witnessed violations by

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filling in the online form and by sending the free SMS to 90039.

GYLA plans to organize two more briefings on the Election Day observation results at the NGO Media Center (at the address: 34/36 Kobuleti Street).

Next briefings will be at 9 p.m. and on October 28th GYLA will sum up the election observation results at the briefing scheduled at 12:00 p.m.

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