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Georgian Young Lawyers' Association submitted a research on media business in Georgia

On December 19, 2012, in the frames of "the Human Rights' Week", the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association held presentation of the research "Media Business in Georgia".

Within the scope of the research, Georgian Young Lawyers' Association studied the trends of media business development in Georgia. GYLA considers that media condition is among hot and important issues in the country. It should be noted that media is a field bearing two major functions: firstly, it is a mechanism ensuring realization of the right to expression in the society, whilst it is also considered to be one of the interesting and attractive businesses throughout the world.

In Georgia, like many other countries, interest of politicians towards media is high. They tend to be linked to media on the one hand from the reason of fear and on the other hand from the desire to get benefit.

It should be noted, that Georgia is the country of developing democracy. Protection of standards ensured by freedom of expression law is not ensured yet. In addition, socio-economic situation in the country affects sustainability of the business environment significantly.

Findings of the research illustrate that media environment reflects reality of the country.

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Representatives from international organizations, executive branch and NGOs attended the presentation.

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