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## **GYLA expresses concern about the limitation of the right to defence of the detainees**

GYLA Ozurgeti Office revealed yet another fact of the interference in the exercise of the right to legal assistance of the detainees, which is guaranteed under the Georgian Constitution and the International Human Rights Law.

One of the participants of the May 26th rally, Mr. Nugzar Burchuladze, is represented by GYLA Ozurgeti Office. Ozurgeti District Police Department summoned Mr.

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Burchuladze as a witness. He appeared before the Police Department while being accompanied by GYLA lawyer. Police Department Officials did not allow the lawyer to be present at his client's questioning.

Our lawyer submitted a written complaint to the Head of District Police Department asking for non-interference with Mr. Burchuladze's right to defence. In response, the lawyer was told that Mr. Burchuladze rejected the need for legal protection. However, no written proof was provided and the lawyer was not allowed to communicate with the client either. GYLA emphasizes that the above-mentioned is the interference with the fundamental human rights of the detainee. We urge Ozurgeti Police Department to ensure Mr. Burchuladze's access to lawyer. We also call on Ozurgeti investigative bodies to examine thoroughly these facts.