





GYLA Presented Trial Monitoring Results

| criminal cases in Batumi, Kutaisi and Tbilisi City Courts and Tbilisi and Kutaisi Appeals |
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| Courts on June 22, 2015. Danielle Reiff, Head of USAID Democracy and Governance |
| Office, and Anna Natsvlishvili, Chair of Georgian Young Lawyers [] Association opened |
| the presentation. The court monitoring conducted by the GYLA is funded by the USAID |
| through the Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia (PROLoG) Activity implemented by the |
| East-West Management Institute (EWMI). |
| GYLA \coprod court monitoring project aims at improving the transparency of criminal |
| proceedings in Georgian courts by monitoring court hearings and publishing |

The Georgian Young Lawyers \(\precedef{Association} \) Association presented the results of its monitoring of

monitoring reports. GYLA has prepared seven court monitoring reports that covered the period from October 2011 to January 2015. The GYLA

report N7 covers the period of August 2014 - January 2015.

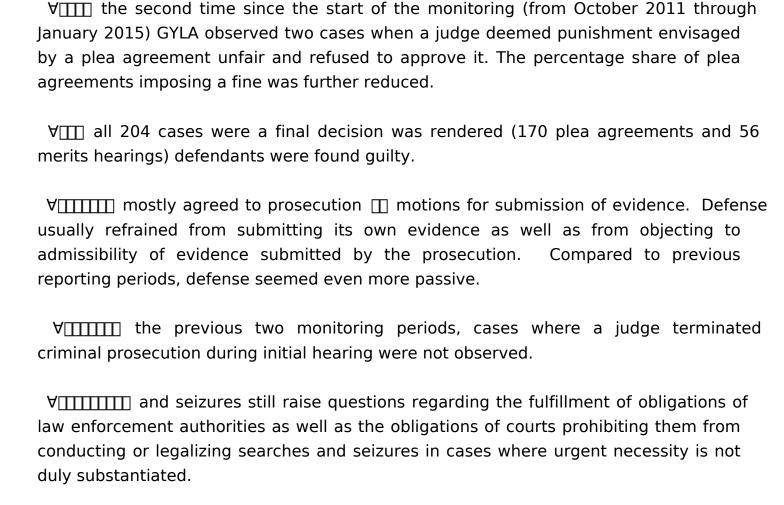
Among the findings GYLA presented the following trends were observed:

VIIIII previous reporting periods the courts seemed to have taken a more active role and demonstrated attempts to examine fairness of punishment envisaged by plea

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agreement in most of the cases.



GYLA remains hopeful that its recommendations and conclusions will be considered by judges in both the courts monitored by GYLA and other district courts of Georgia where the monitoring is not performed. The GYLA believes this will encourage

improvement of criminal justice system in Georgia.