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Results for the polling day observation as of 5 PM

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Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA) continues observing the course of the polling day, at 35 election districts of Tbilisi and regions.

As of 5 PM, certain persons are still mobilized at the nearby areas of the polling stations, who are registering the flow of voters. We interpret the fact as indirect influence on the free will of the voters and regard it as inexpedient. It is important that many troubled citizens who are getting in touch with us through a hot line, find

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this fact limitation for free manifestation of their will.

We appeal to the political parties to stop limitation and restriction of voters' manifestation of their free will.

During the last several hours, following violations have been revealed by GYLA observers:

- 1. 5 cases of the fact, when the signature was already present in the list across the voter's name, by the time he/she entered the polling station. (#23 and #58 precincts in Batumi, and #21 Saburtalo precinct in Tbilisi)
- 2. The marking procedure is still a problem at some precincts. Because the marking liquid is of poor quality, the stain of the liquid is not present. In spite of our complaint, the polling process continues with the application of poor quality liquid, or without any marking liquid at all.
- 3. Frequent cases, when video shooting is illegally restricted are manifested on the majority of precincts. Sagarejo district is of special importance. Members of commission ask the video operators to shoot only the ballot box and not entire polling area, which is the legislative restriction.
- 4. When a GYLA observer decided to write a complaint, he/she was illegally banished from #50 Marneuli precinct. Later, with the participation of CEC, the observer was allowed back to the precinct.
- 5. There are not only military forces and convicts registered at #11 Gori precinct and #115 Gldani precinct, allocated at the #8 Penitentiary establishment, but the personnel of the establishment as well, who are voting for candidates of both, Majoritarian and proportional system.
- 6. There are frequent cases of agitation at the Sagarejo's lormughalo precinct, among them are the demonstrational marking of the bulletin, which the commission member leaves without reaction. Commission member was agitating at #45 Sagarejo precinct.
- 7. The members of the observing organization at Tskaltubo precinct "strategic research center for the administrative territorial structure" had an obvious influence on commission members' activities.

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- 8. Lots of citizens are getting in touch with us, complaining about the absence of their last names in the voters' lists.
- 9. Several voters, at the precinct in Germany were absent from the voting list, as they were registered at the consulate.
- 10. In New York, USA the opening of the precinct was delayed by almost 2 hours. The great number of voters are mobilized, however they are not allowed to vote. The commission members are restricting them from entering the polling station, stating that they have not presented correctly certified IDs.

GYLA continues observation of the polling day, the next press-conference will be held at 9 PM.