



## **Elections Monitoring News Update at 12 p.m.**

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“Public Movement Multinational Georgia” is carrying out the monitoring of the elections day in the regions of Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli under support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) within the framework of the project “Civil initiative on monitoring of Local Government Elections 2010 – Enabling ethnic minorities in Kvemo-Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti to secure fair elections”.

***Samtskhe-Javakheti region:***

Ms. Tamar Gogoladze, regional representative of “Alliance for Georgia” in Samtskhe – Javakheti has explained to the observers of PMMG that unprecedented number of voters gave their votes in several precincts in Akhaltsikhe district in a shorter period of time. According to her it was not possible for the polling station to process so many voters for a limited period of time.

She noted that by 11 A.M. 156 voters participated in the elections at the #8 polling station; 136 voters participated in the elections at the #2 polling station; 250 voters - # 21 polling station; 180 voters - #22 polling station; 150 voters – 19 polling station; 107 voters - #14 polling station (9:30); 201 voters - # 37 polling station; 200 voters - # 30 polling station; 160 voters - # 31 polling station and 300 voters - # 24 polling station.

In the village Vachiani, Akhalkalaki election district # 40 the practice of dropping the several ballots into the ballot box still persists.

The unidentified person has tried to vote for the second time in the precinct # 3 of Akhalkalaki election district # 40. The members of the precinct election commission are registering the voters in the register journal, put the necessary signatures and seals on the ballots and issue the envelopes to the persons without actual appearance of the voters in the polling station. This method is applied by the commission members to deliberately inflate the number of turnout.

The practice of casting votes without presenting the IDs as well as voting on behalf of the family members still persists in Akhalkalaki and Ninotsminda election districts.

The members of the precinct commission have been dropping the filled in ballots (presumably do not belonging to them) inside the ballot box at Orja # 14 polling station (Akhalkalaki # 40 district).

Voters have been dropping several ballots instead of one inside the ballot box at # 3 polling station of Akhalkalaki # 37 district election commission. The same practice is being witnessed in # 12 polling station of Village Aragva.

In General the members of the precinct elections commissions refuse to accept more than one complaints in the districts of Samtskhe-Javakheti region.

***Kvemo Kartli region:***

The observer Merab Modebadze nominated by one of the opposition parties has been dismissed from # 34 precinct station of # 23 Bolnisi election district on the ground of verbal assault of the commission members on the part of Mr. Modebadze.

The election instructions (rules and procedures) are displayed only in Georgian language in village Tsintskaro # 22 precinct of Tetrtskaro 26 election district which is incomprehensible to the majority of local residents.

Nasim Talibov has been denied the right to be registered at # 10 precinct of # 23 Bolnisi election district as the observer. This is because as the members of the precinct commission complained the observer's special badge (issued by the CEC) stipulated that he can move to any precincts and consequently he cannot stay in and carry out observation only in one polling station. The complaint has been filed on this fact.

Khasrat Mamedov has been denied the right to be registered as an observer at # 7 precinct of # 24 Dmanisi district as far as the members of the election commission did not know how to proceed with the registration procedures. The complaint has been filed on this case.

The same person has voted 3 times in the village karajalari # 58 polling station of # 21 Gardabani election district. Moreover, 3 persons without attaining the voting age has been identified in the polling station casing the vote. The marking appliance has not been functioning for a certain period of time. However, the polling station has continued to operate. Moreover, from the early morning forward the polling station has been left without electricity supply. In addition, voting process has been proceeded in an unusual environment – the members of the commission has been assuming responsibilities and working in one room and the ballot box has been stationed in another room. The complaint has been filed on this case.

The same person has voted several times at village Sadakhlo # 29 polling station of Marneuli # 22 election district.

The observers assigned to # 29 polling station of Gardabani 21 election district has noted that the same person has voted several times. The observers also suspect that several unused ballots have been taken out of the polling station.

Lela Gogolauri (representing the local Gambeoba) has protested the fact that the secretary of the precinct commission Mr. Gusein Kasumov at # 27 Village Birliki polling station of Gardabani # 21 election district has asked Khatuna Abramishvili, one of the members of the commission to fill in the election documentations because of his inadequate understanding of Georgian language. Lela Gogolauri has filed a complaint and left the polling station.

One of the members of the precinct election commission has identified the several already filled in ballots with the sign 5 circled around put into the envelop while trying to place her own ballot inside the envelop. This fact has happened at village Karajala # 58 polling station of Gardabani # 21 election district. This fact has been protested by the observers.

Zakir Abdunaev has voted several times at village Kizilajlo # 49 polling station of # 22 Marneuli district. As he explained he was advised by the “United National Movement” to

cast the votes in favor of number 5 – assigned number to the “United National Movement” by the CEC.

In general one can witness the big number of persons surrounding the polling stations that meet the cabs and approach the voters in an aggressive manner. The police do not show any initiative to interfere.

Turnout of voters by 12.00

Bolnisi district:

№47 – 2350

№30 – 261

№31 – 230

№62 – 220

№49 – 456

№9 – 461

№46 – 130

№51 – 240

№38 – 225

№32 – 180

№50 – 350

№27 – 144

№33 – 220

Dmanisi District

№1 – 255

Tetritskaro district

№1 – 143

№2 – 113

№20 – 120

№34 – 44

№23 – 90

Total in Tetritskaro district – 1 469

Gardabani district

№6 – 150

№2 – 68

№61 – 417

Total Gardabani district – 18 464

Marneuli district

№1 – 52

№50 – 238

№27 – 111

№49 – 220

№83 – 235

№85 – 36

№64 – 60

№12 – 170

Total Marneuli district – 18 464