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Samtskhe-Javakheti region

The same person has attempted to vote several times in Buzaveti # 38 polling station (Akhalkalaki # 40 district election commission). However his attempt has been prevented by the local observers.

The person has dropped the several ballots in the ballot box in Zakvi # 24 polling station (Akhalkalaki # 40 election district). The precinct election commission refuses to accept the complaint filed by the observers. The observers complain that there have been some facts of psychological pressure imposed on them.

The marking liquid as well as the checking appliance is not being applied at the # 63 polling station of Akhalkalaki # 40 election district. This fact has been challenged by the observers at precinct commission.

The observers are refused to accept their complaints by Buzaveti # 38, Diliska # 24, Zakvi # 28 and Akhalkalaki # 63 precinct commissions. The complaint is filed to Akhaltsikhe district election commission.

One fact of dropping the ID instead of ballot inside the ballot box has been identified in Borjomi # 4 polling station. The # 4 and # 6 precinct commissions do not follow the legally defined rules to fill in the registration journal. The amount of voters' marking liquid is not enough in Abatkhevi # 25 polling station (Akhalsikhe # 37 election district) – the district election commission has not appropriated the needed amount. Polling station in Satkhi village of Ninotsminda # 41 election district is having the sign outside the premises of polling station with the assigned number 25. However all the elections related documentation shows number 26 for this particular polling station. In addition, the marking procedures of the voters have not been carried out during a half of a day. Moreover, the seal on the voting box has been removed for a while and sealed again after the complaint raised by the observers. These facts have been objected by the observers and consequently filed the complaints.

In Katnatu # 20 polling station (Ninotsminda # 41 election district) two registers shared one seal. In the special list for soldiers there have been 25 persons, however the votes have been given by 26 soldiers. All these facts have been challenged by the observers and filed the complaints.

In addition, the observers have identified the serious fact of violation of the electoral law in Korkhi # 15 polling station (Akhalkalaki # 40 district). The members of the precinct

election commission were dropping the bigger number of ballots inside the ballot box. The observers have recorded this fact on video which will be additionally disseminated by PMMG. This fact has been challenged by the observers and consequently submitted the filed complaint to the Akhalkalaki district election commission.

Kvemo Karti region:

The same person has voted twice in village Tazakendi # 25 poling station (Gardabani # 21 election district). The person has changed the clothing and showed up in the poling station to cast a vote for the second time.

The same person has voted several times in village Kizilajlo # 48 poling station of Marneuli # 22 election district. This fact has been challenged by the observers.

The same person has voted twice in village Tazakendi # 25 poling station of Gardabani # 21 election district. Moreover, some other electoral shortcomings have been identified by the observers in this poling station: the members of the precinct election commission do not speak Georgian language and therefore experienced serious problems in filling in the registration journal as well as some other necessary documents as defined by the elections law; therefore they have made numerous changes and corrections inside the journal and made it almost unreadable; some members of the precinct election commission as well as observers had not been present in the process of dropping the controlling paper inside the ballot box; 80 voters have been registered to cast a vote through the removable voting box, however, the commission only appropriated 30 ballots (for casting the vote through majoritarian voting) and 150 ballots (for casting the vote through proportional system – 120 ballots were returned back). Therefore only 30 voters participated at home while the rest – 50 did not receive the necessary ballots to vote; the chairman of the commission did not have the special appliance (pillow with the paint) for the use of the commission seal. The observers have filed 5 complaints on the identified violations.

The facts of casting the votes for several times by the same persons are still persistent in village Sadakhlo # 29 poling station of Marneuli election district. Moreover, the observers have identified one fact according to which a person with different passport have registered and obtained several ballots; consequently he voted not once. In addition there is an open manifestation of the propaganda in favor of the ruling party “United National Movement” inside the poling station which is prohibited by the law. The voters are openly approached and advised to vote for this political party inside the premises of the poling station.