

NEWSLETTER

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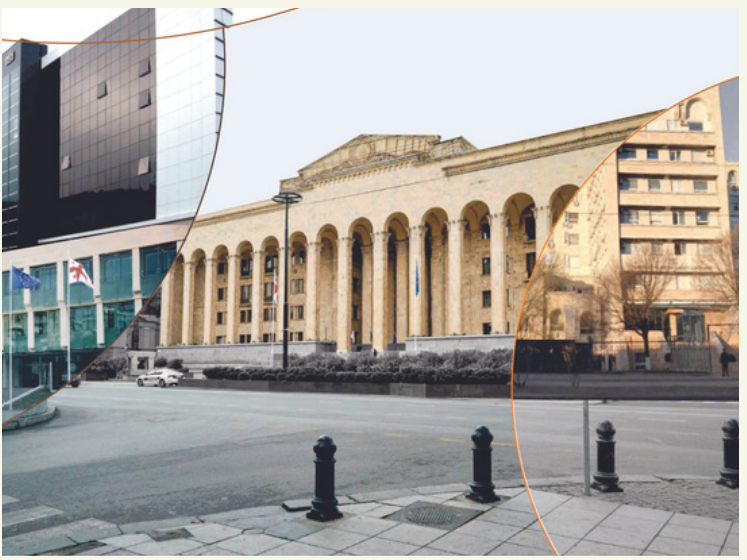
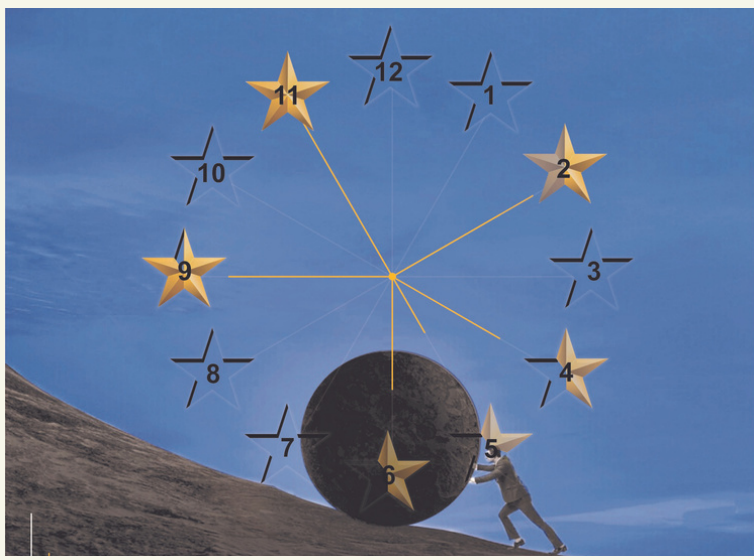
- Solidarity to Palitra
- Civil society organizations address to EU Commissioner Varhey
- Response of organizations working on the rights of persons affected by conflicts and peace issues on current political processes
- Russian Law is not the will of Georgia
- Statement regarding the trial of Mikheil Saakashvili

DRI activities in February - March

- DRI: Russian propaganda has intensified in Abkhazia after the Russian law "On Transparency of Foreign Influence" was dropped by the Parliament
- DRI: Residents of the occupied territories are illegally restricted from transporting cargo through the de facto checkpoint
- DRI: Georgian Dream continues its information campaign discrediting civil society
- DRI: At least three articles of the European Convention were violated against Zurab Japaridze
- DRI: It is not possible to withdraw a draft law passed in one reading at the plenary session
- DRI: The authorities grossly restrict freedom of assembly and expression
- Anti-Western statements made by Georgian Dream leaders are an attempt to avoid political responsibility

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ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 12 PRIORITIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The report reviews Georgia's work on the implementation of 12 priorities for obtaining the EU candidate country status, evaluates the implementation of each point and addresses related challenges.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITY SECTOR AND ONGOING CHALLENGES

The report the mechanisms of parliamentary oversight of the security sector were evaluated critically, and also assesses the legislative changes implemented in the direction of parliamentary oversight within the framework of the implementation of the 12-point plan of the European Union.



PROTESTS UNDER OBSERVATION

The observation showed that, compared to 2020-2021, the number of persons arrested during peaceful assemblies and the frequency of the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers have decreased. However, **the selective approach of law enforcement officers and courts towards persons arrested at rallies remains noteworthy.**

ANTI-GENDER RHETORIC IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL OF FAR-RIGHT GROUPS' AGENDA

the far-right groups' practice is to completely ignore and deny it, which is especially harmful and dangerous for women. In fact, it's one of the primary practices in their entire agenda with a coordinated, disinformative media campaign against women's rights activists and gender movements.