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DRI activities in May

- The authorities illegally dispersed an assembly against the Russian law
- The Ministry of Internal Affairs violates guidelines for acting during assemblies and demonstrations
- Police inaction towards violence against protestors indicates instrumentalization of violent groups
- DRI: Violence against civilians and civil activists is normalized by the authorities
- Physical retaliation against protestors cannot be considered a legitimate police measure
- 32 years have passed since the tragedy of Zari
- Muhajirism without Georgian Government's political assessment
- Sokhumi is delaying the consideration of the foreign agents law. At the same time, pressure on non-government organizations operating in occupied Gali
- Democracy Research Institute assesses situation of those arrested during the protests against the Russian law



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DRI in Coalition activities

- The Government's Violence Cannot Stop the Georgian People's Aspiration towards the European Future
- The Russian Law must be withdrawn unconditionally
- The government continues to use violence against the participants of the peaceful protest in order to defend "Russian Law"
- Statement: We Will Not Obey the "Russian Law"
- We continue our legal fight against the Russian law
- Georgian non-governmental organizations continue to protect the rights of detainees at peaceful demonstrations

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- You feel oppressed in or outside of school;
- You are being bullied/cyber-bullied and abused online;
- You are experiencing any form of physical abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, coercion, etc.);
- You are a parent/legal guardian and your child needs legal help due to bullying, hate crime, or violence;
- You are another involved entity (educator, social worker, psychologist, etc.) and your student/beneficiary has been subjected to hate speech, and oppression and requires legal assistance.

