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OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEEK

39 15-21 DECEMBER

The following tendencies have been noted in the period of 15-21 December:

- Incitement of individual hatred by a journalist (Kviris Chronika newspaper) against the former president of Georgia;
- The source of xenophobia were both media (Kavkasia TV, internet portal Saqinform) and respondents (Gigla Baramidze and Temur Shashiashvili, Burjanadze-United Opposition; Iase Zautashvili, General Director of Airzena; a participant of a rally in Racha);
- Homophobic sentiments were traditionally spread by the media union Obiektivi, newspapers Asaval-Dasavali and Kviris Chronika, internet portals Saqinform and Geworld.ge, and their respondents;
- Anti-Western sentiments were connected to the assessment of the phenomenon of Stalin, events in Ukraine, the NGOs and the attempt to label them as the fifth column.



Charter of Journalistic Ethics revealed violation of three articles in the case Tariel Nakaidze vs. mediacity.ge



On December 16 the Charter of Journalistic Ethics made a decision on case of Tariel Nakaidze vs. mediacity.ge, according to which web portal violated 3 Articles.

Media Development Foundation advocating complainant's interest filed a complaint regarding an interview of Mediacity.ge with the Deputy Chairman of the Georgian Muslims' Union Tariel Nakaidze. Published version of the interview do not actually reflect his telephone comments and thus violates Articles 1 (accuracy) of the Charter .

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INCITEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL HATRED

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 15 DECEMBER

NINO SAMKHARADZE, journalist: "Misha [Saakashvili] thinks Ukrainian criminals are like Georgian lazy ones... You Georgian Chikatilo, I want to warn you that they will make you eat your own meat in Ukraine and then make you take your evil head in your hands!"

XENOPHOBIA

KAVKASIA, SPEKTRI, 16 DECEMBER

GIGLA BARAMIDZE, Burjanadze-United Opposition: "Where was that northern empire when we were selling out our blood and flesh..."

DAVID AKUBARDIA, anchor: "...We improved the breed of the Turks..."

BARAMIDZE, Burjanadze-United Opposition: We improved the breed of the Turks, the Persians...

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2471589

KAVKASIA, SPEKTRI, 19 DECEMBER

DAVID AKUBARDIA, anchor: "We withstood Shah Abbas! We won after all... Have you ever spoken to the Persians? They are banished, as if exiled right?! No Persian, Iranian can even develop his business here."

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2473857

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 15-21 DECEMBER

Iranians have bought land near Gelati gate and are building a hotel!

TEMUR SHASHIASHVILI, Burjanadze-United Opposition: "I checked it and they

told me that indeed, the area near Gelati gate has been sold [to Iranians], where Georgians are selling the handmade things. If Arthur Leist and Marjory Wardrop were alive, those whom Ilia Chavchavadze called "the faraway our own", they would stand beside us and protest against this horror. What can McCain protest against, and how can he stand beside us? All that is national and traditional is under such an attack in Georgia, that I deem a rebellion will happen!"

PRIME TIME, 15 DECEMBER

IASE ZAUTASHVILI, General Director of Airzena: "...He [Minister of Economy] has decided that the Turks must have the airport and the Russians – the sky. So where do we Georgians have a place in our country?"

SAQINFORM, 15 DECEMBER

ARNO KHIDIRBEGISHVILI, Saqinform editor-in-chief: "In Georgia [Mikheil Saakashvili] destroyed the Russian language – to kick the Russian-speaking population from Georgia and to bring 300 thousand Meskhetian Turks instead."

<http://bit.ly/178XT4V>

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DAVID AKUBARDIA,
anchor: ...We improved the
breed of the Turks...

XENOPHOBIA

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RUSTAVI 2, KURIERI, 20 DECEMBER

The story concerns construction of hydroelectric power station in Racha

LOCAL RESIDENT: "We shall go and strangle that Turk"...

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2476375&rc=1

HOMOPHOBIA

OBIKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 15 DECEMBER

NINO RATISHVILI, anchor: "So this anti-discrimination law concerns only certain sects and certain layers, or how is it?! ...

JONDI BAGHATURIA, Georgian Group:

They are telling us directly that the priority is... a sexual minority, which must sit on our heads, and various sects. Now they are mainly stressing the issue of sexual minorities, they like this very much.

NINO RATISHVILI, anchor: I must tell you that this aggression, which unfortunately exists, has been caused by the adoption of this law to the greater extent than it had been before."

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2471667

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 15-21 DECEMBER

MEGI SAJAIA, journalist: "Mr Zurab, people of non-traditional sexual orientation have multiplied lately. Is this connected to wrong upbringing?"

ZURAB MARSHANIA, sexologist: " They [refined homosexuals] have a difficult choice to make: to live only as homosexuals, or to reject the sexual life at all, which depends on the beliefs of a specific person. The modern

science does not have actual proof that a person gains homosexual identity at birth... Despotism of the parents may support development of sexual deviations, which becomes a personal tragedy!"

GEWORLD.GE, 16 DECEMBER

„The journalists accredited in Turkey are shocked: US consul in Turkey Charles Hunter is going to marry his young Turkish boyfriend Ramadan Chaisever."

<http://bit.ly/1A2kDOn>

SAQINFORM, 16 DECEMBER

"The diplomats accredited in Turkey are shocked! This is what the website of the Turkish „Sabah“ newspaper writes and says that the US consul in Istanbul Charles Hunet is going to marry a young Turkish man of the non-traditional orientation, called Ramadan Chaisever."

<http://bit.ly/1A4Uikh>

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 15 DECEMBER

INCOGNITO RESPONDENT: "Vakho [Vakhtang Gomelauri. Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs] was the one controlled all that situation about the pederasts on 17 May... They should have direct that water on them. When a man wants a man, is this normal? "



JONDI BAGHATURIA, Burdjanadze -United Opposition:

They are telling us directly that the priority is... a sexual minority, which must sit on our heads, and various sects.

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HOMOPHOBIA

SAQINFORM, 19 DECEMBER

NINO KARTVELISHVILI, author: "Physicians of all countries know that only 5% of the so called sexual minorities are born that way... They should have the same rights as cripples and people with the Down syndrome and other illnesses..."

From the perspective of ethics and moral, such relations were considered immoral by the society! But in the past nobody gave grants, good jobs for its propaganda, nor did the law (anti-discrimination) protect them. Did anyone advertise such proclivities?!"

<http://bit.ly/1Ap22N2>

GENDER

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 15 DECEMBER

GEGA ABULADZE, poet: Politicians(!)... Go away while you have time, or I will give it to your mouths, like Irakli Kirkitadze gave to the feminist women.

I am afraid when a 16 year old girl wears T-shirts of some party. I, Gega Abuladze should be screwing her, and she became political whore."

ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

OBIEQTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO,
21 DECEMBER

VALERY KVARATSKHELIA, anchor:
„The German fascism, which was a horrible evil for the humanity, was bred with American money, USA encouraged it, and it served the interests of that country first of all. That is why Hitler's fascist party had not just some financing, but huge financing..."

Those who incessantly cry about Stalin's repressions, but say nothing about so many American crimes, beginning from the genocide of the aboriginal population of the American continent, continuing with Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan... Have you ever heard about any protest by these so called humanists about that terrible vandalism, that unimaginable cruelty which Americans com-

mitted in Japan...

Listen carefully to the President of the USA at that time Truman, for whom even the hell's fire should be soft and lenient punishment.

STORY: Can anyone doubt how much it was historically necessary for Stalin to repress the fifth column that existed in the Soviet Union?

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2474636
http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2474661&rc=1
http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2474674

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ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

ASAVAL-DASAVALI,
15-21 DECEMBER

TEMUR KHACHIASHVILI, former Minister of Internal Affairs: "We must join Eurasian Union, which means that Georgian peasants and producers will bring their products to the Russian market without any tariffs and payments... This is the real road to prosperity and restoration, which is blocked by NATO and EU, with their agents in Georgia – the Nationals and the forces on their orbit!"

ASAVAL-DASAVALI,
15-21 DECEMBER

TEMUR SHASHIASHVILI, Burjanadze-United Opposition: "I am asking Georgia – are these the friends of the Georgian people [on the statement about selective justice by Joao Soares, OSCE's special representative in South Caucasus]? No, they are enemies in the mantle of friends!"

GEWORLD.GE,
17 DECEMBER

NANA DEVDARIANI, author: „...Torture and terror were learnt by Saakashvili regime from his “democrats” from the other side of the ocean, the USA have lost any moral right to criticize someone's democracy and violations of the human rights ...

...For 80 million dollars received from the American budget they (psychologists Grayson Swigert and Hammond Dunbar) developed 20 forms of torture. Among them was burying people alive. 10 forms of torture were recognized brutal even by the CIA and they did not use them. But they used such a thing as putting a person in a cell size of a coffin."

<http://bit.ly/1vgkDVR>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI,
15-21 DECEMBER

GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist: "NATO does not want us, and till when shall we desperately sing serenades to the Brussels beauties?!"

And even if some miracle happens and despite the fear of Russia NATO accepts us as full partners in their wonderful palaces, this will not help our territorial integrity!"

GEWORLD.GE, 17 DECEMBER

TAMAR DAVITULIANI, author: „...Batumi's attitude is not strange – they feel they are victims of the Turkish expansion in the form of NATO.“

<http://bit.ly/1x2WqWb>

GEWORLD.GE,
18 DECEMBER

JOHANNES FOGENGRUBER, former member of European Parliament from the Green Party : „USA plays the main part in this conflict. The Western countries are to blame in the developing of this conflict in Ukraine..."

Russia was recognizing integrity of Ukraine, including Crimea. Russia was doing this until a putsch happened in Kiev against the democratically elected president. These are the praised European values!"

<http://bit.ly/1E2rOFw>

GEWORLD.GE,
18 DECEMBER

ARMAZ SANEBLIDZE, author: „Today they call Washington the new Rome, it tuned EU into their vassals..."

Population of Germany pays billions of Euros every year for their own occupation. With this money Germans are financing the anti-humans wars conducted with drones against the states sealed with the death penalty.“

<http://bit.ly/1Avqknu>

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ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

KVIRIS CHRONIKA,
15 –21 DECEMBER

GIORGI JIKIASHVILI,
journalist: "This fifth column [the NGOs] are little girls and boys "educated" beyond the ocean and depleted of the national values, who are acting with direct instructions from the American CIA"...

SAQINFORM,
16 DECEMBER

"According o Richard Bekker, during the last 50-60

years, millions of people became the victims of torture by either American military and intelligence agencies, or of the foreign governments supported by Washington."

<http://bit.ly/1zJRLXJ>

SAQINFORM,
16 DECEMBER

NINO KARTVELISH-VILI, author: "It is like enchanted circle. On the one hand we strive towards the European integration

and NATO, which obliges us to protect sexual minorities from the point of view of the human rights. On the other hand, what this European integration and the Western course demand from us through these "NGO known faces" obviously contradicts the moral and ethical norms established in the majority of the Georgian society?!"

<http://bit.ly/1K91yyE>

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The Articles 7 of the Charter linked with the discrimination was violated as well.

"The journalist's approach to discuss the issue of building a mosque in the context of reciprocity (Natia Vasadze: Turkish side has changed its decision as well; does it ask to construct a mosque in exchange for the restoration of the Georgian monuments?), as well as the asked question "Do you forget that the Christianity is declared as the state religion in Georgia? – are discriminatory, as they are inconsistent with the fundamental principle of equality and represent the Georgian Muslims as second rate citizens", - the complaint reads.

The respondent's appeal to the editorial about correcting the inaccuracies, which was followed by manifestation of hate speech toward Muslims in social networks, was left without response, which violates the Article 5, according to which "Media is responsible to correct inaccuracy, which misleads the public".

During discussions the editorial of Mediacity.ge presented transcript of the audio recording, which proved the inaccuracies between the published version on the web page and the actual comment made by Tariel Nakaidze.

According to the decision of Charter of Journalistic Ethics the web portal violated the Article 1 (accuracy), 5 (correcting inaccuracy) and 7 (discrimination) of the Charter.