



**GEORGIAN
NATIONAL PLATFORM**

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

The Georgian National Platform of Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum condemns the facts of physical violence and psychological pressure exerted on citizens by homophobic, extremist groups.

We express our solidarity with the media, whose more than 40 reporters and cameramen have fallen victims of violence. It is unfortunate that the violence was carried out under the pretext of protecting traditions or religious sentiments, in some cases with the participation of clergy.

Here we categorically declare that the outrage of a similar scale against the media representatives indicates either the incompetence of the government or the loyalty of their representatives to members of extremist violent groups.

We call on the government to adhere to the Constitution of Georgia and to act in accordance with the laws of Georgia. We would like to remark that the government's readiness to apply for EU membership by 2024 is at risk of failure. The developments of today hinder and distance us from the goal of Georgia's integration into the Euro-Atlantic space, which is a strong aspiration of the majority of the Georgian population.

We insist and demand from the government to restore public order, protect human rights activities and ensure the safety of every individual, promptly investigate violent incidents and carry out a proportionate response as per the law.

The Coordination Council of the Georgian National Platform