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Civil Solidarity Campaign Held Assembly outside Ksani Prison

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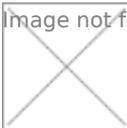
Several days ago it became public that convicts of the penitentiary establishment N15 applied to the Public Defender of Georgia with a collective petition reporting fact of ill-treatment. Civil Solidarity Campaign held a consequent assembly outside Ksani Prison on June 2, 2012.

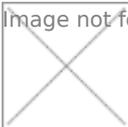
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The petition, signed by up to 700 convicts, reported verbal and physical abuse that prisoners were subjected to on various occasions.

The Civil Solidarity Campaign expresses its solidarity to prisoners and joins the demands of GYLA:

1. The head of the penitentiary department to immediately act on the unlawful actions that occurred at the penitentiary establishment N15
2. The office of the chief prosecutor of Georgia to undertake all necessary investigative actions in a timely manner and ensure effectual investigation of alleged facts;
3. Personnel and the administration of the penitentiary department N15 to  immediately cease unlawful actions against prisoners.

We remain hopeful that publicizing of the facts will not pose a risk to safety of authors of the petition and will not result in yet  another unlawful and degrading treatment against them.

Members of convicts' families also participated in the assembly.