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## **GYLA calls on the General Prosecutor's Office for initiation of investigation on the fact of Levan Korkotashvili health injury**

On October 9, Levan Korkotashvili's family members applied to GYLA and alleged that on October 8, law enforcement representatives from old Tbilisi department of MIA No. 4 detained L.Korkotashvili for illegal procurement-storage of drugs. In the moment of detention he was beaten severely and sustained various bodily injuries. Now he is

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placed in Dusheti temporary detention isolator, where his health condition is critical and requires immediate medical intervention.

GYLA's lawyer visited the detained L.Korkotashvili who reported that :

On October 8, at about 12:00 p.m. he was in Daba Tskneti at the bus station, where a car "Niva" approached him and policemen sitting there demanded to follow them. When Korkotashvili asked the reason, the police officers became aggressive, left the car and started to beat him severely. As a result, Korkotashvili sustained serious injuries in the area of arms and face. He has swelling on the right arm and lower jaw fracture.

As L.Korkotashvili alleges, afterwards he was moved to police department, where he was forced to confess guilt, as though he had drug substance with him, however despite implemented physical and psychological pressure no confession was extorted from Korkotashvili. Since his health condition has worsened gradually (his face started swelling and bleeding) he was moved to Ghudushauri hospital, where emergency medical aid was provided and bleeding was stopped, though for sustained injuries on the face he was unable to receive food for two days.

Currently, Korkotashvili's health condition is critical and he requires immediate surgical operation, yet, as it seems, the fact was left beyond attention of investigative agencies.

GYLA will provide lawyer's assistance to L.Korkotashvili and will use all legislative levers with a view to react on similar facts. Information reported by L.Korkotashvili contains elements of offence envisaged by the Penal Code of Georgia. We call on the General Prosecutor's Office to get interested in this and other similar facts. Such conduct diminishes significantly public trust to the police and law enforcement officers and prejudices public security. Accordingly, it is decisive to investigate such instances quickly and impartially.