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GYLA Reacts to the Developments around Maestro TV

Georgian Young Lawyers' Association expresses its concern over the developments around Maestro TV.

As you may be aware, Maestro TV has been off air since today morning due to the disagreement between its founders and Erosi Kitsmarishvili, the founder of the company managing Maestro TV. Journalists were not allowed inside the building to carry out their professional activities.

Later, one of the founders of Maestro TV, Mamuka Glonti and some of the employees

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of the TV company managed to get inside the building. As of now, Maestro has resumed broadcasting live on air; however, according to its founders the threat of suspending broadcasting of Maestro TV still exists.

GYLA believes that every citizen's right to receive information from all sources of information should be guaranteed by media outlets first and foremost. GYLA calls on founders of Maestro TV and its managing company to act responsibly in their duties and resolve the dispute by legal means in order to prevent unlawful interference with freedom of expression.

We believe that in consideration of high public interest, the TV Company should immediately be allowed to carry out broadcasting to the fullest extent.

GYLA remains hopeful that corresponding agencies will respond immediately to the developments.

GYLA's Georgian Media Legal Defense Center expresses its readiness to get involved in the process of finding a legal solution to the problem.