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## The court issues a judgment of conviction on the violence on the ground of sexual orientation

GYLA was protecting the interests of the injured, who was a victim of violence committed by a family member (brother) due to sexual orientation. The victim was systematically humiliated, verbally and physically abused by the violator because of sexual orientation, as a result, the injured was forced to change the place of residence.

On October 29, 2019, the Khelvachauri District Court issued a judgment on this case

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and found the violator guilty in committing the crime (domestic violence) envisaged by Part 1 of Article 126<sup>1</sup> of the Criminal Code. The court also applied **Article 53<sup>1</sup> of the Criminal Code and found the crime committed on the ground of sexual orientation as an aggravating circumstance of liability.** The Kutaisi Court of Appeal also upheld the judgment.

This case was handled by GYLA with the support of USAID/PROLoG.