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REGIONAL MEDIA MONITORING

The Media Development Foundation in the pre-election period is conducting the monitoring of hate speech, anti-Western comments and disinformation in regional and social media. To this end, monitoring of traditional media outlets (TV, Online) and Facebook pages and groups of Adjara, Imereti, Samegrelo, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Shida Kartli and Kvemo Kartli regions is being conducted.

IMERETI

Georgian March. After anti-Liberal movement “Georgian March” officially announced its conversion to a political party, [Ermile Nemsadze](#) was appointed as the head of western Georgia’s office. Turkophobic and anti-Western comments were made on Nemsadze’s Facebook page, as well as on Facebook page [“Georgian March-Kutaisi”](#), created on 9th of June.

Turkophobia

Georgian March - Kutaisi: “(If the situation will continue like this, it would not be surprising that Turks capture Adjara). We are losing lands and we should not be so calm!!” (July, 9)

Ermile Nemsadze, Georgian March: “Now when people are worrying about Hagia Sophia on Facebook, it is right, but, unfortunately, the majority of the people do not know about the vandalism, religious, cultural and ethnic genocode which our strategic partner, Turkey made against us.” (July, 15)

Anti-NATO

Ermile Nemsadze, Georgian March: “For example, in 2001, the explosion of Buddha monument by Taliban, was followed by NATO

occupation for 19 years and is going on till today.” (July, 15)

Sexist / Anti-Liberal

Political party “Lelo for Georgia” protested the demonstration held in Marneuli, demanding the demolition of the monument to Nariman Narimanov. The event of Lelo was followed by sexist and anti-Liberal [messages](#) by Ermile Nemsadze towards Lelo members and NGOs. In Nemsadze posts Lelo members were “awarded” with several statuses, such as “Soros rats”, “penises awarded by SABA”, “members of “vagina” movement”: “The organization “Puchu” (Vagina) is the official branch of Soros in Georgia, which is collecting and using complex women”.

Georgian Dream - Discrimination on the ground of religion

Dimitri Mkheidze, Georgian Dream, Majoritarian MP for Kutaisi: “Today we are facing the problem, when the young people are not joining up the army, they are enrolling in different sects in order to avoid responsibility to serve their own country, it would be good if we will take it into account ” (July, 8)

ADJARA

Islamophobia

Nugzar Chkhaidze, sociologist, TV 12: "...Such aggressive, anti-Georgian manifestations, you know, there is political islam here, which is strenthening in Turkey now. Mosque is a symbol of slavery, everyone should understand this, nobody says that you should leave mosque and go to the church, stay at home, read the book, Georgian literature, Rustaveli and etc".

Against Soros/Liberals

Nugzar Chkhaidze, sociologist, TV 12: Now it is going the awful Liberal-Sorosist Agitation-propaganda which depraves young people, their ideology is not related to homeland and church, it is anti-Georgian movement, so they must be get rid of, otherwise we will have a very bad situation, they are doing anti-state work. "

SAMTSKHE-JAVAKHETI

Local and social media in Samtskhe-Javakheti is not distinguished by active informational flows.

Ninotsminda-based Parvana TV Facebook page shares the articles of different Russian-language media outlets, including: Sputnik-related newsgeorgia.ge (45), Sputnikgeorgia.ru, founded by Russian Government (7), ria.ru (1).

The director of Parvana TV is an actual deputy head of Ninotsminda Sakrebulo, Konstantin Vardanyan.

Facebook page Akhalkalaki News, created on March 21, 2020, supposedly is affiliated with the Alliance of Patriots and is publishing the material showing the conflict between the

member of Alliance of Patriots Samvel Petrosyan and the majoritarian MP for Ninotsminda-Akhalkalaki, Enzel Mkoyan. TV stories of party-affiliated TV Obieqtivi often are shared on the mentioned page.

KVEMO KARTLI

While the escalation of the situation on Armenia-Azerbaijan border, on 16th of July, the demonstration was held demanding the demolition of the monument to Nariman Narimanov in Marneuli. "Georgian March", "Georgian Idea", "Alliance of Patriots" and Primakov Georgian-Russian Public Center were also participating. The statement of Marneuli and Hujabi Bishop, Giorgi Jamdeliani was reported in the story, prepared by Marneuli TV.

Giorgi (Jamdeliani), Bishop of Marneuli and Hujabi: "With awful methods the enemy is trying to go forward (advance). I spit on all Georgians who will protect this monument. He/she is soul-sold, dishonest and its portion with heavenly Georgia is not related with the Church, Georgian identity and dignity."

SAMEGRELO

Alliance of Patriots

On 13th of July, the member of Alliance of Patriots in Zugdidi Municipality, Nino Kvaratskhelia shared a post about Georgian March member Ilia Kobaidze and the representative of "Zneoba" society, Guram Palavandishvili with homophobic comment: "Man who is fighting against patriots and is cooperating with LGBT-liberasts."

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