

INCOMPLETE ASSET DECLARATIONS OF BATUMI MUNICIPALITY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Eight public officials of Batumi Municipality City Hall and City Assembly incompletely filled out their asset declarations.

During November 14-21, Transparency International Georgia has studied asset declarations of 30 public officials of the municipality. In six cases, public officials did not provide complete information about property (real estate, company shares) owned by them or their families, in two cases public officials had conflict of interest (they managed business companies).

Moreover, some public officials did not transfer their company shares to their trustees. This also violates the Law of Georgia on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service.¹

Sopio Mikeladze

Head of Health and Social Protection Service of Batumi City Hall



On October 24, 2018, Sopio Mikeladze filled out her [asset declaration](#). She did not provide information about her husband's – Revaz Verd zadze – business interests. Verd zadze owns 25% of [Khelmarjve Ostati LLC](#). This violates article 15 of the Law of Georgia on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service.² This company has not participated in public procurement.

Levan Maminaishvili

Head of Mobilization, Military Registry and Conscription Service of Batumi City Hall



On September 23, 2018, Levan Maminaishvili filled out his [asset declaration](#). He did not provide information about his wife's – Lali Dzeladze– business interests. Dzeladze owns 25% of [Velzi LLC](#). This violates article 15 of the Law of Georgia on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service.³ This company has not participated in public procurement.

Irakli Pataridze

Chairman of the Commission on Education, Culture, Tourism and Sport of Batumi City Assembly



Irakli Pataridze is a director and owner of 100% of [Bagira 21 LLC](#). Law of Georgia on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service prohibits public officials of city assembly from being a director of a company.⁴ – On January 15, 2018, Irakli Pataridze, pursuant to the mentioned law, addressed business registry in order to leave his position of director of the company. However, according to the business registry, proceedings on Pataridze's statement have been halted due to lack of sufficient documentation that should have been provided by him Therefore, Pataridze maintains its position of the director. Moreover, the abovementioned law obliged him to transfer his 100% company shares to his trustee.

On January 22, 2018, Irakli Pataridze filled out his [asset declaration](#), where he indicated that he held 50% of two companies – [Trading Service LLC](#) and [Trading Service LLC](#) (the same company name, but written in Georgian). Pataridze did not transfer his company shares to his trustees, which is against the law.

In addition, Irakli Pataridze did not indicate his farther's – Mamuka Pataridze - business interests in [Badura LLC](#) in his asset declaration. The father of the city assembly public official is a director and owner of 100% of this company.

In 2016, Irakli Pataridze [donated](#) GEL 2 000 to the ruling party - Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia.

Irakli Pataridze's companies Trading Service LLC and Trading Service LLC (the same company name, but written in Georgian) actively participate in procurements of public institutions of Batumi and the rest of Adjara.

The mentioned companies offer hygiene and cleaning products to public procurers like: Public Kindergartens of Batumi, Black Sea Flora and Fauna Scientific Study Research Center, N(N)LE Batumi Sport-Youth Center, Batumi Sport School, Batumi Marine Academy, Adjarian Agency for Protection of Cultural Heritage. Batumi Public Music Center and dozens of other public institutions.

In 2015-2018, the mentioned two companies of Pataridze have received over GEL 500 000 by winning in 113 public tenders and GEL 170 000 through simplified public procurement contracts. Nevertheless, Irakli Pataradze in his 2018 asset declaration indicated that he did not earn anything from his companies.

Zurab Nakaidze

Chairman of the Commission on Finance and Economic Development of Batumi City Assembly



On May 16, 2018, Zurab Nakaidze filled out his [asset declaration](#).

He did not provide information about his business activities. Nakaidze is a director of [Biola LLC](#) and he violates the Law of Georgia on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service. This company has not participated in public procurement. In 2014, Zurab Nakaidze [donated](#) GEL 2 200 to the ruling party - Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia.

Omar Makharadze

Chairman of the Commission on Legal and Procedural Issues of Batumi City Assembly



According to the [asset declaration](#), Omar Makharadze owns 50% of [Aisi LLC](#) and 20% of [Water in Makharobeli LLC](#). He did not transfer his company shares to his trustee and violated the law. Moreover, in his asset declaration he did not provide information on his [garage](#) located on Bakhtioni street in Tbilisi and [garage](#) and additional [space](#) on Gorgasali street in Batumi.

Aisi LLC has provided hotel services through simplified procedure to such public procurers as Batumi Culture Center, Batumi Botanic Garden, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Adjarian Employment Agency, National Administration of Tourism, etc. The latest public contract was signed with Aisi LLC on August 2, 2018 and the first one – on July 18, 2012. Aisi LLC received up to GEL 60 000 from 37 simplified procurement contracts. However, Omar Makharadze indicated in his asset declaration that he did not earn anything from half ownership of Aisi LLC in 2017.

As for electronic tenders, Aisi LLC has participated only in two public tenders. The value of the first one (SPA150028280) is GEL 1 200 and that of the second one – GEL 37 000 (SPA180008373). This company won both tenders by offering lower price. Right now the contracts are under preparation. The Academy of the Ministry of Finance is a procurer.

Natalia Dzidziguri

Chairperson of Batumi City Assembly Faction Georgian Dream – the Conservatives



On February 23, 2018, Natalia Dzidziguri filled out her [asset declaration](#). She did not provide information about her husband's – Iago Takidze – [attic](#) of 77.6 square meters on Khimshiashvili Street in Batumi. She also did not indicate that her husband owns 2.38% of [Republican Clinic Hospital LLC](#). Both actions violate article 15 of the Law of Georgia on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service.

Neriman Tsintsadze

Deputy Chairperson of Batumi City Assembly Faction Georgian Dream – the Conservatives



On March 7, 2018, Neriman Tsintsadze filled out her [asset declaration](#). She did not provide information about her husband's – Rostom Tsintsadze – business interests. He owns 6.67% of [Skin and Venereal Disease Medical Center LLC](#).

Mirdat Kamadadze

Chairperson of Batumi City Assembly Faction United National Movement



Mirdat Kamadadze indicated in his [asset declaration](#), which he filled out on December 20, 2017, that he earned GEL 33 000 in 2016 from owning 40% of G LG LLC. Kamadadze did not transfer his company shares to his trustee and that is against the law.

In 2016 and 2018, Mirdat Kamadadze [donated](#) GEL 10 000 to the United National Movement.

Verification of asset declarations of public officials is an important tool for fighting corruption. Therefore, Transparency International Georgia calls on the Civil Service Bureau to study the mentioned asset declarations and take proper measures.

1 A public servant shall, for the term of his/her office, under a trust agreement, transfer to other persons for management a capital share (block of stocks) of an enterprise of the business entity owned by him/her, as determined by the legislation of Georgia:
<https://matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/33550?publication=63>

2 Ibid

3 Ibid

4 Ibid