



Individuals who are in pre-trial detention

Georgia's ruling party, Georgian Dream, together with its founder Bidzina Ivanishvili, has increasingly instrumentalized the justice system to target and repress peaceful demonstrators who reject the government's pro-Russian, pro-Chinese, and pro-Iranian geopolitical shift and who support Georgia's democratic aspirations.

Core state institutions—including the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Prosecutor's Office, and the judiciary—function in close coordination and serve the political interests of the ruling party. Rather than operating as independent and impartial bodies, these institutions are systematically deployed to suppress dissent, stifle civic activism, and penalize independent media outlets and opposition figures through politically driven prosecutions, censorship, and imprisonment.

Significantly, numerous senior officials within these institutions have already been sanctioned by democratic governments, including the United States and the United Kingdom, for their involvement in corruption and grave human rights abuses. Despite this, these same individuals continue to exercise decisive control over the prosecution and persecution of political opponents of the government.

Since 2024, dozens of individuals have been criminally prosecuted solely for their participation in peaceful protests. As of today, 65 individuals remain in pre-trial detention on charges widely viewed as politically motivated. Those detained include business leaders who openly challenged oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili and expressed support for pro-Western demonstrations.

Independent monitoring organizations have consistently reported entrenched bias within the judiciary, particularly the excessive and unjustified use of pre-trial detention. Prosecutorial requests are frequently submitted without substantiated evidence yet are routinely approved by courts. Judges often reproduce prosecutorial arguments verbatim, without substantive scrutiny of case-specific facts, underscoring political interference and the absence of genuine judicial independence.

These cases illustrate a clear pattern of punishment aimed at silencing those who oppose the ruling party's pro-Russian, pro-Chinese, and pro-Iranian policies and who peacefully defend Georgia's democratic future in the face of increasing authoritarianism.

This list includes individuals who are currently in pre-trial detention, among them politicians, civic activists, and those detained in connection with the events of October 4.

| N | Name/ Surname | Judge | Prosecutor | Story | Preventive Measure |
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| 1. | Levan Khabeishvili | Fikria Sikturashvili | Beka Khunashvili | <p>Levan Khabeishvili is a 38-year-old Georgian politician. From January 30, 2023, to June 8, 2024, he served as the chairman of the opposition party United National Movement. He is currently a member of the party's political council. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of offering a bribe and inciting the violent overthrow of the government. His lawyer claims that Khabeishvili's statements referred to peaceful change and that the charges are unfounded.</p> <p>Khabeishvili first publicly stated in July that he would pay \$200,000 to any special forces officers who refused to disperse protesters. He also made several statements claiming that the government would be peacefully overthrown on October 4, 2025. These two remarks formed the basis of the charges against him. Before the completion of the investigation, the Prosecutor's Office justified his pretrial detention by citing the risk of destruction of evidence, though it simultaneously confirmed that the main evidence in the case consists of Khabeishvili's public statements. Levan Khabeishvili, chairman of the United National Movement's political council, was arrested on September 11 and, on September 13, was placed in Pretrial detention for two months.</p> | Pre-trial detention |
| 2. | Zviad Kuprava | Fikria Sikturashvili | Giorgi Liluashvili | <p>Zviad Kuprava is 42 years old. In 2020, he was a member of the United National Movement. He is currently a member of the Tbilisi City Council. Kuprava was arrested on October 1, 2025. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of committing a crime under Article 317 of the Criminal Code of Georgia - Incitement to change the constitutional order of Georgia through violence, or to overthrow state power. According to the Prosecutor's Office, Zviad Kuprava posted a video in which he urged citizens to disrupt the October 4 elections and overthrow the government. The video in question was published on September 30 and shared by Kuprava on social media.</p> | Pre-trial detention |
| 3. | Lasha beridze | Lela Maridashvili | Vazha Todua Tamar Bezhuashvili | <p>Lasha Beridze is the former head of Georgia's mission in Afghanistan and a colonel. At the trial he said: "I do not consider myself a victim of the regime, I am a fighter[...] Here they spoke about the 1924 uprising and drew parallels; we will not share the fate of those people, we will prevail [...]" When the prosecutor pointed to some fight and violence, it would be hard for me to find a person in this courtroom, and probably in Georgia, who has spent more combat days defending this country than I have. It would truly be difficult, but today our struggle is a peaceful struggle. A peaceful struggle is very specific - it requires peacefulness, first and foremost, calm. The fact that I am sitting here today and am a captive is also part of the peaceful struggle."</p> | Pre-trial detention |
| 4. | Paata Manjgaladze | Lela Maridashvili | Vazha Todua Tamar Bezhuashvili | <p>Paata Manjgaladze is 46 years old. He is the Secretary General of the opposition political party Strategy Aghmashenebeli. At the trial, he stated that apart from taking</p> | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | a photo, he had no connection with the organizers. He supported the rally but was not one of its organizers. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of organizing group violence. | |
| 5. | Murtaz Zodelava | Lela Maridashvili | Vazha Todua Tamar Bezhuashvili | Murtaz Zodelava is 49 years old and a member of the United National Movement's political council. From 2009 to 2012, he served as the Prosecutor General of Georgia. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities; of organizing and leading group violence; and of inciting the violent change of Georgia's constitutional order and the overthrow of state authority. Previously, he was arrested with Levan Khabeishvili. At that time, he was charged with obstruction of the investigation but was released on bail. | Pre-trial detention |
| 6. | Irakli nadiradze | Lela Maridashvili | Vazha Todua Tamar Bezhuashvili | Irakli Nadiradze is a member of the United National Movement. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities; of organizing and leading group violence; and of inciting the violent change of Georgia's constitutional order and the overthrow of state authority. | Pre-trial detention |
| 7. | Paata Burchuladze | Lela Maridashvili | Vazha Todua Tamar Bezhuashvili | Paata Burchuladze is an internationally renowned opera singer. He is 60 years old. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities; of organizing and leading group violence; and of inciting the violent change of Georgia's constitutional order and the overthrow of state authority. Before his arrest on October 4, he had been taken to a clinic, where he was also detained. At the trial, he stated: "Georgia is on the path to ruin and must be saved; it will take a little time, when scientists and historians sit down and mark October 4 as a day of victory." | Pre-trial detention |
| 8. | Temur Kurtsikidze | Lela Kalichenko | Ketevan Sonadze | Temur Kurtsikidze is accused by the Prosecutor's Office of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 9. | Genadi Kulikhashvili | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Genadi Kulikhashvili is accused by the Prosecutor's Office of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence | Pre-trial detention |
| 10. | Davit Ghurtskaia | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Davit Ghurchkaya is accused by the Prosecutor's Office of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence | Pre-trial detention |
| 11. | Simon samkharadze | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Simon Samkharadze is accused by the Prosecutor's Office of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 12. | Avtandil Topchishvili | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Avtandil Topchishvili is accused by the Prosecutor's Office of participating in group violence. According to his lawyer: "Avtandil Topchishvili's spouse is an oncology patient. He has two children and is their sole provider; he is the family's only breadwinner." | Pre-trial detention |
| 13. | Sergi Megrelishvili | Nana Shamatava | Vazha Todua | He is 45 years old; a displaced person living in the Samtredia IDP settlement. He has the status of a socially vulnerable person. His household consists of four members, and both his | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | wife and mother have health problems. He worked in daily labor, earning 20 GEL per day, with a maximum monthly income of 500– 600 GEL. He is the primary breadwinner for his family. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | |
| 14. | Kakhaber Mzhavanadze | Fikria Sikturashvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | <p>He is 58 years old and lives in Tkibuli Municipality. He is unemployed. He has a spouse and two children who are university students. His wife has health problems that require daily care. He stated: “My wife is in the hospital; she needed surgery and has been on dialysis for a week. Dialysis appointments mean that I must take her to Kutaisi every day - this is what I have at home, and I have my own problems - I have narrowing of blood vessels in my legs and have difficulty moving. You can understand the rest of my situation. I want to say that we are not those people; here are my two sons, both are at home, one is finishing his master’s degree... If you use bail, I assure you I will not hide, I won’t hide anyway.”</p> <p>At the trial, he also stated: “When I arrived at the President’s Palace, there had already been a commotion, and the fence had been knocked down. Only the gate was standing. I saw that some people were under the effects of gas and some were running; there was chaos. I went there to express my protest and pushed on the gate, which a few people were already pushing. That’s all that happened - the gate opened, nothing else was damaged. If anyone wanted to enter, they could have entered. The fence was completely knocked down over a width of about 20 meters. The claim that I intended to enter was not true.”</p> <p>The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence.</p> | Pre-trial detention |
| 15. | Beka Machavariani | Nana Shamatava | Vazha Todua | <p>He is 35 years old. His mother lives abroad, and he has a father who has mobility issues. He is self-employed and occasionally works as a taxi driver. He has health problems, and his lawyer is considering requesting a medical examination. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence.</p> | Pre-trial detention |
| 16. | Aleksandre Khabeishvili | Nana Shamatava | Vazha Todua | <p>He is 35 years old, from Abasha. He is socially vulnerable. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence</p> | Pre-trial detention |

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| 17. | Manuchar Mikeladze | Nana Shamatava | Vazha Todua | Manuchar Mikeladze has four children. He and his young child both have health problems, and the child requires periodic treatment abroad, in Turkey. He used to take his child, Alexander, for treatment. He is self-employed and has worked temporary jobs. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 18. | Davit Sturua | Lela Maridashvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Davit Sturua is 24 years old. He studied at Ivane Javakhishvili State University, but his status is currently suspended. He is from Samtredia and lives in Tbilisi in rented accommodation. He works as a cashier-consultant at Spar and financially supports his elderly parents. He worked to pay for tuition, rent, and to help his family. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 19. | Vakhtang Pitskhelauri | Nana Shamatava | Vazha Todua | Vakhtang Fitskhelauri is 33 years old, has a spouse and two young children. He is the sole breadwinner of his family and works as a phone repairer and handyman - "he makes a living through daily labor and effort." He was arrested while going to pick up his child from kindergarten. According to him, his arrest involved at least some use of physical force. He reports having been subjected to physical and verbal abuse, threats, and a dismissive attitude related to his participation in protest rallies and the assumption that he wanted a particular party to come to power. These were the main exchanges between him and the investigative authorities. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 20. | Giorgi Rurua | Fikria Sikturashvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Giorgi Rurua is 38 years old. He has a spouse and a 2-year-old child. He grew up an orphan, raised by his aunt and grandmother. He is educated as a lawyer and most recently worked in a Domino's warehouse, supporting his family himself. He has neuralgia and is at risk of nephritis. At the trial, he stated: "I did not participate in any of the actions mentioned in the charges, such as throwing stones, clashing with police officers, committing violence against police, or throwing objects at police. I did not commit any of these acts; therefore, the relevant factor for the charges should be the person's actual actions, not hypothetically what they might have done or could do in the future." The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 21. | Aleksandre Gogoladze | Fikria Sikturashvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Alexander Gogoladze is 63 years old and lives in Tbilisi. According to his lawyer, he is an oncology patient and has previously suffered a heart attack. He is in serious health condition. When addressing the court regarding the issue of preventive measures, Alexander Gogoladze stated: "Given my health condition, it causes me great discomfort to require additional attention where I should be — in the cell. Additional attention, opening extra doors, and so on. On top of that, my medications, the procedural specifics of my | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | treatment, and the inconvenience my presence causes for others in the cell. Approximately every hour and a half, I need to get up, walk around, and exercise a little to feel somewhat better. That is the situation, Your Honor.” The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | |
| 22. | Davit Zhghenti | Fikria Sikturashvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Davit Zhghenti is 49 years old and from Tbilisi. He is a sculptor by profession and currently unemployed. He lives with his elderly parents. Davit Zhghenti was initially detained under administrative procedures. After 48 hours, when he was released from the detention center, investigators met him, transferred him to the Central Criminal Police Department, drew up a detention report, and after his release, criminal proceedings against him began, leading to his arrest under criminal law. According to his lawyer, during and even after his detention, when he was taken into the President’s Palace by GDD officers, several officers physically assaulted him using their hands and feet. He has visible injuries, described by a doctor, to his left eye socket as well as his hands, elbows, and knees. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 23. | Abo Naveriani | Lela Maridashvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Abo Naveriani is 43 years old, from the village of Lenjeri in Mestia. He came to Tbilisi to attend the rally. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 24. | Tornike Mchedlishvili | Lela Maridashvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Tornike Mchedlishvili is 27 years old and from Tbilisi. At the trial, Mchedlishvili stated that after his arrest he was verbally abused and threatened at the police station. “If I’m not mistaken, it was Dgebuadze, in whose office I was. He said everything that came to mind — threats, what could happen to me in prison and so on. There was no physical abuse, but there was a threat of rape.” The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 25. | Mamuka Labuchidze | Arsen kalatozishvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Mamuka Labuchidze is 49 years old, unmarried, and has a higher education. He lives in Tbilisi with his elderly father and brother. He is currently employed in the construction sector. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 26. | Nana Sanderi | Fikria Sikturashvili | Vazha Todua | Nana Sanderi is a 36-year-old activist. She has permanent residence in Germany and a German spouse. She most recently came to Georgia on October 1 to attend the October 4 rally. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses her of organizing group violence. According to the prosecution, she collected funds through social media for rally participants to purchase equipment “so that they could carry out violent acts.” The defense argues that the case materials do not show any evidence of organizing violent actions. Her lawyer stated | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | that, according to Nana, she was threatened even before coming to Georgia, and the threats continued after her arrival. She received calls in which she was told that she would be arrested or killed, and was warned with statements like, “You know, cases like this usually end in suicide...” She does not know the identity of the person who made the threats, but the content of the threats indicated that she would be arrested. | |
| 27. | Koba Epitashvili | Arsen kalatozishvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Koba Epitashvili is 64 years old, lives in Tbilisi, and works in repair services. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 28. | Nika Gventsadze | Arsen kalatozishvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Nika Gventsadze is 50 years old, a marketer. He worked for many years at the company Geocell and gave lectures at GIPA. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 29. | Vladimer Gvelesiani | Arsen kalatozishvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Vladimer Gvelesiani is 43 years old, lives in Tbilisi, and takes care of his ill mother. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 30. | Levan Jikia | Fikria Sikturashvili | Roin khintibidze | Levan Jikia is 55 years old and currently unemployed. He has a spouse and three children. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 31. | Lasha Ivanidze | Fikria Sikturashvili | Roin khintibidze | The Prosecutor’s Office accuses Lasha Ivanidze of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. At the trial, he addressed the judge: “I will speak briefly. I have two young children. They have no other provider besides me. I have worked physically all my life and bring money home for their sustenance. I ask you to take this circumstance into consideration.” | Pre-trial detention |
| 32. | Sulkhan Tugushi | Fikria Sikturashvili | Roin khintibidze | Sulkhan Tugushi is 41 years old and self-employed. He currently lives in Tbilisi. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 33. | Genadi Kupreishvili | Fikria Sikturashvili | Roin khintibidze | Genadi Kupreishvili is 44 years old, a displaced person from Abkhazia, and lives in Senaki. At the trial, he stated: “I have a retired mother who has a loan of 20,000 GEL. I was going to pay this money, and if I don’t, my mother’s pension will be cut and she will be left without income. I have socially vulnerable nieces and nephews whom I support. Before making a decision, imagine yourself in my mother’s place. I cannot, in any way, destroy the evidence.” The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 34. | Gocha Katashvili | Fikria Sikturashvili | Vazha Todua | Gocha Qatashvili is 52 years old. He has a spouse and four children, two of whom are university students and two are school pupils. He lives in the village of Sakobo, Signagi District. He is the sole breadwinner of his family and is self- | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | employed. Years ago, he had hepatitis C and participated in a treatment program, but he “did not fully recover” and requires a strict dietary regimen to prevent his condition from progressing. One of his children has heart problems and respiratory insufficiency, and his spouse also has a serious health condition. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | |
| 35. | Guriel Kardava | Arsen Kalatozishvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Guriel Kardava is 36 years old, from Sokhumi, and lives in Khobi. He was a member of the previous convocation of the Khobi City Council. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 36. | Sulkhan Abralava | Fikria Sikturashvili | Vazha Todua | Sulkhan Abralava is 48 years old. He has a spouse and a 6-year-old child. He worked in construction and is self-employed, serving as the sole breadwinner for his family. He had a malignant kidney tumor, underwent surgery, and takes medication daily. His family lives in a rented apartment in Tbilisi, while his mother resides in Zestafoni. According to his lawyer, no physical violence occurred at the moment of his arrest; however, he was subjected to verbal abuse and humiliation. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 37. | Beka Kelekhishvili | Fikria Sikturashvili | Vazha Todua | Beka Kelekhshashvili is 21 years old. He has a secondary education and is self-employed, without stable work. He has previously worked in a store, as a security guard, and in delivery services. He has a mother and two sisters, aged 3 and 20. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 38. | Giorgi Kirvalidze | Fikria Sikturashvili | Vazha Todua | Giorgi Kirvalidze is 38 years old, a professional athlete and boxer, and a former champion of Georgia. He has elderly parents and currently lives in Akhaltsikhe, where he is building a training gym with his own funds and trains children free of charge. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 39. | Aleksandre Chilachava | Fikria Sikturashvili | Roin khintibidze | Alexander Chilachava is an activist from Zugdidi who has been protesting the country’s situation for over 300 days. He is unemployed and has a mother, father, and a brother living abroad. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 40. | Konstantine Kokaia | Arsen Kalatozishvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Konstantine Kokaia is 64 years old and in serious health condition. According to his lawyer, he has undergone heart bypass surgery, has five bypasses, and requires constant monitoring, strict control, and ongoing medication treatment. Additionally, according to his lawyer, during the October 4 | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | rally, pepper spray was sprayed in his eyes and he was struck in the face and neck with a solid object. The lawyer states that as a result, his vision in one eye has significantly deteriorated. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | |
| 41. | Zurab Chavchanidze | Arsen Kalatozishvili | Tamar Bezhuashvili | Zurab Chavchanidze is 59 years old. He is displaced from Sokhumi. He lives in Batumi with his spouse. He is a self-taught artist and created various crafts which he sold for additional income. As a person with displaced status, he received a 45 GEL allowance. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 42. | Saba kordzaia | Fikria Sikturashvili | Vazha Todua | Saba Kordzaia is 25 years old. He has a grandmother in Senaki who raised him and is an oncology patient; he provides her with financial support. His grandmother took a pension loan for his education, which is still being repaid. Despite this, he could not continue his studies, and his student status is currently suspended. He also has a 3-year-old child and has worked in various jobs. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 43. | Khvicha Gogokhia | Mzia Garshaulishvili | Ketevan Sonadze | Khvicha Gogokhia is 52 years old. He has a spouse, a young child, and elderly parents. He is self-employed and works as a handyman. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 44. | Ramaz Mamuladze | Mzia Garshaulishvili | Ketevan Sonadze | Ramaz Mamuladze is 44 years old. He has diabetes. His mother is blind and has a disability status. He has a young child and a spouse. He worked for many years as a school principal. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 45. | Avtandil Surmanidze | Mzia Garshaulishvili | Ketevan Sonadze | Avtandil Surmanidze is 30 years old and fought in Ukraine. He was wounded multiple times in combat against Russia and has sustained a concussion. He has been granted third-degree disability and veteran status in Ukraine. According to his lawyer, he recently underwent a commission review to reassess the degree of his disability, as his condition corresponds to the first, more severe degree. Surmanidze's family lives in Khulo and has socially vulnerable status. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 46. | Giorgi Muladze | Valerian Bugianishvili | Ketevan Sonadze | Giorgi Muladze is 40 years old and a geophysicist. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 47. | Amiran Dolishvili | Eka Barbakadze | Nugzar Tchitadze | Amiran Dolishvili is 22 years old and lives in Mtskheta. The Prosecutor's Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |

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| 48. | Zakro Albutashvili | Eka Barbakadze | Nugzar Tchitadze | Zakro Albutashvili is 66 years old. He has serious health problems, including cancer. One of his kidneys has been completely removed, and he has developing issues with the other kidney. His lawyer told the judge at the first hearing: “Imprisoning a person in this condition could have fatal consequences.” According to his lawyer, he has never been convicted, not even under administrative procedures, and he is the breadwinner of his family. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 49. | Giorgi Korkia | Eka Barbakadze | Nugzar Tchitadze | Giorgi Korkia is 54 years old and lives in Tbilisi. The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 50. | Irakli Chkhvirkia | Eka Barbakadze | Nugzar Tchitadze | Irakli Chkhvirkia is 38 years old. He returned to Georgia from abroad last year because his mother’s health worsened and she required care. He also has an 87-year-old grandmother with health problems. Irakli was their sole caregiver and provider. At the trial, he stated: “I attended the rally; the fence was already destroyed. I did not enter inside. Pepper spray was thrown in my eyes, it burned, and I left to the Parliament, where I fell asleep in a puff. When Zodelava and Nadiradze were arrested and the special forces arrived, I was there. I did not flee. There is no risk of me hiding. I was in the nearby area, participating in the rally. But I know myself and I am confident that I did not throw any stones, injure any police officer, or commit any criminal act.” The Prosecutor’s Office accuses him of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 51. | Giorgi Talakhadze | Lela Kalichenko | Ketevan Sonadze | Giorgi Talakhadze is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of participating in group violence. At the trial, he addressed the judge: “Your Honor, I am Giorgi Talakhadze. I spent my entire life in public service—I was a police officer, then an environmental protector. I participated in the 2008 war. My children grew up and 1,300 GEL was no longer enough for them. My father is seriously ill. As you know, my children need to pay for their education. My spouse earns 800 GEL. My imprisonment would destroy everything I have worked for over my 47 years. My children are students. I am now self-employed, working in everything... 1,300 GEL is not enough... I also work physically, sometimes as a driver...” | Pre-trial detention |
| 52. | Iuri Lomidze | Lela Kalichenko | Ketevan Sonadze | Yuri Lomidze is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of participating in group violence. At the trial, he addressed the judge: “Honorable Judge, I have spent my conscious life serving my country. I was 16 when I put on the uniform, and two years ago, because my children had grown, I decided to take a short pause from public service. My spouse helped me guide our children’s education. After finishing my first contract at the Ministry of Defense, I decided to continue in the police because I saw that police officers would be increasingly useful to the state. As a soldier, I could have ended my career without having the happiness of serving my country or shedding my blood. That is why I chose the police | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | and I was happy in those years. I had the opportunity to rescue someone from a wrecked car, someone from a burning house, or help during domestic or other violence, and I was satisfied with that.” | |
| 53. | Davit Giunashvili | Lela Kalichenko | Ketevan Sonadze | David Giunashvili is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of participating in group violence. According to his lawyer: “David Giunashvili is almost 70 years old and was forcibly displaced from Tskhinvali by the Russian regime. He lives in a rented apartment and works in construction. He is a responsible, honorable citizen of our country. According to the lawyer, he has never been convicted.” | Pre-trial detention |
| 54. | Gia Toloraia | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Gia Toloraia is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 55. | Kakhaber Kvachantiradze | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Kakhaber Kvachantiradze is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of participating in group violence. At the trial, he stated: “I did not expect that on the 32nd anniversary of Georgia’s independence, we would move from a democratic state to a totalitarian regime. I completely disagree with the charge, and I want to say one thing - if loving and being loyal to the democratic state of Georgia, and at the same time criticizing the so-called Georgian government collaborating with the Russian regime, as well as peaceful - I emphasize, peaceful - protest is considered a crime, then consider me guilty.” | Pre-trial detention |
| 56. | Guri Zhvania | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Guri Zhvania is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 57. | Mikheil Toloraia | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Mikheil Toloraia is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 58. | Ramaz Jorbenadze | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Ramaz Jorbenadze is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. According to his lawyer, the defendant underwent a very serious surgery due to a traffic accident; part of his cranial bone was replaced with plastic, as noted in his medical diagnosis, due to brain compression. As a result, he was in a coma for 42 days, and no one expected him to survive. He has metal implants in his arm, making it nearly impossible to use one hand independently; he cannot dress or lift things without assistance. His lawyer also noted that Jorbenadze’s household includes a second-group disabled person, and a fully deaf pensioner mother, making communication almost impossible—only family members can manage it. He is the family’s sole provider, both materially and physically, despite his extremely severe health condition. | Pre-trial detention |
| 59. | Jandri Tirkia | Lela Kalichenko | Nugzar Tchitadze | Jandri Tirkia is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 60. | Anton Vardanidze | N/A | N/A | Anton Vardanidze is accused by the Prosecutor’s Office of attempting, as part of a group, to seize and block strategic and critical infrastructure facilities, and of participating in group violence. | Pre-trial detention |
| 61. | Gela Khasaia | Nana Shamatava | Mariam Tsulaia | A political activist charged with bodily harm. The prosecution could not counter the claim that the arrest was an | Pre-trial detention |

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| | | | | act of direct political retaliation, based on the defendant's allegation that a police officer had previously "promised" to file a criminal case against him for his activism. His lawyer stated that Khasaia merely witnessed the incident and had no involvement. | |
| 62. | Tamar Lortkiphanidze | Nana Shamatava | Ana Lekiasvili | A 48-year-old protester faces 4-7 years in prison on charges of violence (Art. 126) and attacking a police vehicle (Art. 353 ¹). Prosecutors allege she struck a taxi driver and caused 3,300 GEL in damage by kicking the roof of a police car during an anti-government rally. Though initially held for "hooliganism," her case drew comparisons to a 2016 incident where another activist received only a 500 GEL fine for the same act of climbing on a police car. Legal experts assess that her actions should, at most, be classified as an administrative offense, not a criminal one. | Pre-trial detention |
| 63. | Zurab Menteshashvili | Mzia Garshaulishvili | Maia Jvania | On 31 October 2025, police officers arrested a demonstrator, 61-year-old Zurab Menteshashvili, on Rustaveli Avenue on the grounds of blocking the road. He faces criminal liability and a possible sentence of up to one year in prison. On 16 October 2025, under legislation tightened by "Georgian Dream," the repeated act of "blocking the road" within one year is punishable as a criminal offense. | Pre-trial detention |
| 64. | Isako Devidze | Nino Natchkebia | Ana Metreveli | Civil activist Isako Devidze, who has frequently been targeted by police during demonstrations, was charged with contempt of court. His sister, Mari Devidze, told the media that she learned unexpectedly about her brother's transfer to Gldani Prison. Isako Devidze's 30-day administrative detention, imposed by a Georgian court for allegedly insulting a police officer during a protest near Parliament on December 20, was due to expire in two days, on January 19. His sister states that neither the family nor the lawyers were informed that the court would consider the issue of a preventive measure against her brother, despite the fact that a lawyer's authorization was on file in the case. | Pre-trial detention |
| 65. | Shalva Esartia | Ekaterine Bebia | Boris Kvaratskhelia Ana Aronia | Zugdidi-based activist Shalva Esartia was detained on March 17, 2026, under administrative law. Video footage circulated by another activist shows several police officers using force to place Esartia into a vehicle. Initially, he was detained on administrative grounds for alleged disobedience to a police officer. However, it was later revealed that the charges were reclassified under Article 353 ¹ (ter) of the Criminal Code of Georgia. This provision applies to individuals who have already been sanctioned twice for disobedience to a police officer and commit the same offense again, carrying a penalty of up to one year of imprisonment. This article was added to the Criminal Code in October 2025 and appears to be aimed at targeting activists. Given that administrative offenses in Georgia are often adjudicated without sufficient evidence, frequently relying on questionable witness testimony and in violation of fair trial principles, this provision poses a serious risk of being used against individuals expressing critical views. | Pre-trial detention |