

INCOMPLETE ASSET DECLARATIONS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND ACTIVITIES
INCOMPATIBLE WITH OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL AND CITY COUNCIL OF KUTAISI

TI Georgia continues to [study](#) the asset declarations of public officials. This time we present information on those officials **employed in the City Hall and City Council of the City of Kutaisi** who filled out the asset declarations incompletely in the years 2017-2018 – in particular, those who failed to include information about their and/or their family members’ participation in commercial activity and, also, those who are engaged in activities incompatible with office.

We have studied the asset declarations of up to 30 public officials as part of the research. As a result, **we revealed 8 cases of incompletely filled out declarations, as well as 3 cases where officials were engaged in activities incompatible with office, in the City Hall and City Council of Kutaisi.** This violates the requirements of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#), according to which a public servant may not perform any kind of paid work (except for scientific, pedagogical or creative activities) or hold a position in another budgetary institution or a legal entity of private law.

The study has revealed one more violation of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#), which obliges public servants to transfer the management rights of their stakes in business entities to another person for the duration of their time in office. **Eight public officials employed in the City Hall and City Council of Kutaisi have failed to transfer the management rights of their takes in enterprises.**

 The City Hall of Kutaisi

Giorgi Chigvaria
Mayor



In a [declaration](#) filled out in 2018, Giorgi Chigvaria failed to indicate that his father, Taniel Chigvaria, owns a 33.3% stake in [Independent Teaching University of Kutaisi LLC](#).

He also failed to indicate in the declaration that Taniel Chigvaria owns land plots with areas of [474 sq m](#) and [989 sq m](#) in the village of Chrebalo. Taniel Chigvaria also owns [two land plots, both of them with an area of 2,500 sq m](#), in the village of Maglaki, although Giorgi Chigvaria has only indicated one of these land plots in the declaration.

Valeri Kenia
Head of the Military Conscription Service



In a [declaration](#) filled out in 2018, Valeri Kenia failed to indicate that he owns the following land plots in the village of Chaisubani:

- An agricultural land plot with an area of [2,522 sq m](#);
- An agricultural land plot with an area of [2,518 sq m](#);
- An agricultural land plot with an area of [5,040 sq m](#).

Giorgi Giorgobiani
Head of the Service of Economic Development and Management of the Property and Transport of the Municipality



Giorgi Giorgobiani failed to include in his [declaration](#) that he owns a 33.3% stake in [G.T.G. Group LLC](#). He has also failed to transfer the management rights of his stake to another person, which is a violation of the requirements of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#).

 The City Council of Kutaisi

Nikoloz Lataria
Chairperson of the City Council



The [declaration](#) that was filled out by Nikoloz Lataria in September 2017 shows that he owns a 50% stake in [Nikoili-Terjola LLC](#) and, also, a 40% stake in [Gio LLC](#), although he hasn’t transferred the management rights of the said stakes to another person, which is a violation of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#).

Nikoloz Lataria has not indicated in his declaration that he owns a 100% stake in [Nikoili 9 LLC](#). He also owns a 55% stake in [Fresh Food LLC](#), which he has also failed to indicate in the declaration. In addition, he has not transferred the management rights of his stakes to another person, which contradicts the requirements of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#).

Nikoloz Lataria has also failed to include in the declaration that his mother, Dali Lataria, owns a 50% stake in [Nikoili + LLC](#), while his spouse, Khatia Sirbiladze, owns a 70% stake in [Nikoili LLC](#).

Kakhaber Bochorishvili
Chairperson of the Finance and Budget Commission



In a [declaration](#) filled out in 2018, Kakhaber Bochorishvili indicated that he owns a 67% stake in [New Transport 2015 LLC](#), as well as a 50% stake in [Konsoli XXI Saukune \(Console 21st Century\) LLC](#). The declaration indicates that Kakhaber Bochorishvili is the owner of a 10% stake in [Argmsheni LLC](#), although, according to the data of the Public Registry, his actual stake in the said business entity amounts to 50%. Kakhaber Bochorishvili has not transferred the management rights of any of the said stakes to another person, which is a violation of the requirements of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#).

Eleonora Archaia
Chairperson of the Georgian Dream faction



The [declaration](#) filled out by Eleonora Archaia in 2018 does not show that she is the director and owner of 100% stakes in [Kodori LLC](#) and [Kartuli Delikatesebi \(Georgian Delicatessen\) LLC](#). She has also failed to indicate that she owns a 34% stake in [Business Group LLC](#) and a 50% stake in [Time-Out LLC](#). By taking the position of director in the business entities, Eleonora Archaia has violated the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#), according to which a public official does not have the right to be the head of a business entity. Eleonora Archaia has also violated the requirement of Article 13 of the same law, as she failed to transfer the management rights of her stakes to another person.

The declaration filled out by Eleonora Archaia indicates that her son, Konstantine Tsirekidze, owns a 0% stake in [Kutaisi Business Group LLC](#). According to Archaia’s declaration, her spouse, Zaal Tsirekidze, also owns a 0% stake in [Baraka 1994 LLC](#). However, according to the data of the Public Registry, Konstantine Tsirekidze and Zaal Tsirekidze are owners of 100% stakes in the corresponding business entities. The declaration also fails to show that Konstantine Tsirekidze is the director and owner of a 100% stake in [Kutaisi Business Center LLC](#), as well as the director and owner of a 50% stake in [Kutaisi TV Station LLC](#). In 2013, Kutaisi TV Station LLC concluded 2 simplified procurement contracts with a value of GEL 600.

In the years 2017-2018, [Baraka 1994 LLC](#) has concluded 8 simplified procurement contracts with a total value of GEL 14,220 with the Georgian National Tourism Administration, Akaki Tsereteli State University of Kutaisi, and the Georgia Airports Association. The procurement object of the contracts was the catering of canteens and public nutrition enterprises.

[Kutaisi Business Group LLC](#) has also concluded simplified procurement contracts with the same aim – in 2015, the company received GEL 4,280 from 9 simplified procurements.

Amiran Kopaleishvili
Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Greens faction



Amiran Kopaleishvili indicated in his [declaration](#) that he owns a 33% stake in [DAMI LLC](#), although he hasn’t transferred the management rights of the said stake to another person, which is a violation of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#).

Amiran Kopaleishvili hasn’t indicated in his declaration that his father, Gia Kopaleishvili, is the director and owner of 100% stakes in [Pudze Giorgi LLC](#) and [Danko LLC](#).

Gia Kopaleishvili is also the director and owner of a 100% stake in [Gi-An 2011 LLC](#). From 2014 to 2018, this company took part in 72 tenders and won 18 of them ([NAT180007514](#)), ([SPA 180001557](#)), ([NAT170005309](#)), ([SPA170005546](#)), ([SPA170004933](#)), ([SPA170004932](#)), ([NAT170002936](#)), ([SPA170004465](#)), ([SPA160012621](#)), ([SPA160010509](#)), ([SPA160004383](#)), ([SPA160004381](#)), ([SPA150006609](#)), ([SPA150004775](#)), ([SPA150004215](#)), ([SPA150003358](#)), ([SPA140019374](#)), ([SPA140012484](#)). The total value of these contracts amounted to GEL 8,143, 468. Of this, the company concluded 11 contracts with the Kutaisi City Hall, with a total value of GEL 5,144,772. The object of the contracts was the acquisition of construction materials. All the contracts (except two) were concluded before Amiran Kopaleishvili was elected a member of the City Council.

In 2014-2015, [Gi-An 2011 LLC](#) concluded 3 simplified procurement contracts with procuring organizations (the [Kutaisi City Hall](#), the [Association of Nurseries and Kindergartens of Kutaisi](#)). It should be noted that in 2015 Gi-An 2011 LLC and the Kutaisi City Hall concluded a [simplified procurement contract](#) with a total value of GEL 253,066.

Lasha Gvenetadze
Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Entrepreneurs faction



According to a [declaration](#) filled out in April 2018, Lasha Gvenetadze owns a 20% stake in [VIP Kakhianaui LLC](#). He hasn’t transferred the management rights of the said stake to another person, which is also a violation of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#).

Imeda Saginadze
Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Greens faction



In a [declaration](#) filled out in February 2018, Imeda Saginadze failed to indicate that he is the director and owner of a 25% stake in [Sameba \(Trinity\) LLC](#). Imeda Saginadze has not transferred the management rights of his stake to another person, which is a violation of the requirements of Article 13 of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#). By serving as the director of the business entity, he also violates another requirement of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#), according to which a public official may not be the head of a business entity.

Merab Kvitsaridze
Member of the City Council; Head of D. Nazarishvili Regional Teaching Center of Family Medicine of Kutaisi LLC



In a [declaration](#) filled out in March 2018, Merab Kvitsaridze failed to indicate that he is the director and owner of a 48% stake in [International Educational Academy LLC](#). He hasn’t transferred the management rights of the said stake to another person, which is a violation of the requirements of Article 13 of [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#). By serving as the director of the business entity, he also violates another requirement of the [Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service](#), according to which a public official may not be the head of a business entity.

Verification of asset declarations of public officials is one of the major instruments for combating corruption. **Accordingly, TI Georgia requests the Civil Service Bureau to study the asset declarations of the individuals mentioned in the study and respond in a relevant manner on the basis of the presented information.**