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STATEMENT BY THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE JAVAKHETI ARMENIANS

WITH RESPECT TO VIOLENCE AGAINST JAVAKHETI POLITICAL ACTIVIST VAHAGN CHAKHALYAN

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On 30th April 2010 Javakheti political activist Vahagn Chakhalyan, who is serving sentence in Rustavi prison in Georgia, was beaten by prison guards. The incident took place after the meeting of Vahagn Chakhalyan with his family members. When he was guarded to the cell prison guards suddenly pounced on him, inflicting blows to the body and face.

This is the second time, when Vahagn Chakhalian is beaten in Georgian prison. The first such incident occurred on 16 April 2009 in Gldani Penal Establishment of Tbilisi. Two days earlier - on April 14, the Coordination Council of Armenian Organizations of France held a protest in support Chakhalyan.

The Coordination Council for the Protection of the Rights of the Javakheti Armenians, basing on reliable information, states that the incident is directly related to the local elections in Georgia, scheduled for May 30.

The Coordination Council for the Protection of the Rights of the Javakheti Armenians, strictly condemning the incident, calls on international organizations to give proper assessment to this disgraceful step by the Georgian authorities, by which they once again cynically violate all international obligations aimed at prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

The Coordination Council for the Protection of the Rights of the Javakheti Armenians reaffirms its determination to fight for the liberation of Vahagn Chakhalyan.