

GAP-INC-2025-0001

Date: 2025-12-28 Time (approx): afternoon Status: PUBLISHED

Classification

Type	UNLAWFUL DETENTION
Severity	MEDIUM
Verification	DOCUMENTED BY INTL ORG (by Human Rights Watch) on 2026-01-15

Location

City	Tbilisi
Location	Sidewalk near Parliament building

Summary

Sandro Megrelishvili was detained in late December 2025 for standing on a sidewalk near the parliament building. He was held for 4 days. Human Rights Watch documented the case as an example of arbitrary detention of peaceful protesters.

Victims

Sandro Megrelishvili

Occupation	protester
Role in incident	primary victim
Current Status	released

Identified Individuals

Unknown — Patrol Police Officers SUSPECTED

Name (KA)	აქტივისტების დაპატიმრების ოპერაცია
Unit	Patrol Police
Agency	MoIA
Role	arresting officer / unit
Actions	Participated in arrest and/or detention operations
Current Status	active duty

Evidence

MEDIA REPORT

Description	HRW report documenting arbitrary detention of peaceful protesters
Captured At	N/A

Legal Context

Charges Filed	Administrative violation — petty hooliganism
Legal Basis	Administrative Offences Code
Outcome	Administrative penalty — 4 days detention

Sources

Human Rights Watch (NGO report)

<https://www.hrw.org/>

december-2025 arbitrary-detention sidewalk

Related Profiles

Vakhtang Gomelauri — Minister of Internal Affairs — commanding authority over police operations