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## **The issue of migration in Georgia**

### **Short review of migrants and their crimes in Georgia**

**Abstract.** This report presents the Statistical Bulletin Announced by the Ministry of Internal Affairs from 2011 to 2015 and comparison with the condition of 2016, that will give the picture of those risks related to the migration although that will not affect the unchanging culture of Georgian hospitality

#### **1. Introduction**

1. Migrant's crimes

2. The statistics published by the Ministry of Internal Affairs

The issue of migration is one of the major challenges of modern states, especially in countries which use visa-free regime. Since one thing is the state of the process and another how it is perceived in the citizens of that state for which it is an opportunity to cross the border in order to solve personal economic problems by deceiving others or using force or threats to others. Citizens of Georgia take the offenses in the territory of another country. The crimes committed by them are mostly economic. They do not go back to the border because they are legally acting until they cross the border of another country. This is what is happening in Georgia, where foreigners who come here are criminals to the citizens of Georgia, but mostly they are exposed to crimes against foreigners. They are mainly people who have run away from the economic crisis in their country and try to move to Georgia or similar countries.

Such cases are not frequent, but for such a state like Georgia and which is considered as one of the priority areas of tourism, such cases are inadmissible, due to the strict and permanent control exercised by the government the facts like these are gradually decreasing.

Statistical data published by the Ministry of Internal Affairs can impose crimes committed against Georgian citizens and against foreign citizens or stateless persons. Statistics covers the situation from 2011 to the end of 2015.

Statistical data show that migrants have committed the following categories of crimes: intentional light damage to health; Hooliganism; Robbing Theft; Beating and man

trading. As can be seen from the statements, most of the foreigners living in Georgia commit crimes not against locals but foreigners, though it certainly will have a negative impact on the criminal situation in the state of Georgia.

## 2. Migrants and their crimes

We present the statistical data published by the Ministry of Internal Affairs on this issue<sup>1</sup>:

Crimes: health intentional light damage-2 facts, - a citizen of Turkey and a citizen of Turkey.

A citizen of Moldova by a Moldovan citizen. Crime was observed in Adjara;

Hooliganism - 1 fact - a citizen of Azerbaijan by a citizen of Azerbaijan. The crime was observed in Adjara;

To trade trafficking- 1 fact - a citizen of Uzbekistan against Uzbek citizen;

Robbery - 1 fact - a citizen of Turkey by a Turkish citizen. The crime was observed in Adjara;

Theft - 1 fact - a citizen of Uzbekistan against Uzbek citizen. The crime was observed in Adjara;

Beating - 8 facts - one Turkish citizen and Turkish citizen Towards, one Uzbek citizen by Uzbek citizen.

Towards the two citizens of Uzbekistan citizens of Turkmenistan Towards and four Turkish citizens by four Uzbekistan Towards citizens. The crime was committed in Adjara.



Adjara, officially known as the Autonomous Republic of Adjara is a historical, geographic and political-administrative region of Georgia. Located in the country's southwestern corner, Adjara lies on the coast of the Black Sea near the foot of the Lesser Caucasus Mountains, north of Turkey. It is an important tourism destination and includes Georgia's second-largest city of Batumi as its capital. As you can see, Adjara has a strategically good position with the States from which individuals will be involved in the offense in Georgia.

That is why it is not surprising that the foreigners have been forced to do so. That is why it is not surprising that the crime committed by foreigners in Adjara is fixed.

2011 According to statistical data, as a victim and victim of crime in Georgia, citizens of foreign countries, including Georgian capital, however, the region of Adjara is also very strong in this regard and is a large indicator of comparison with other regions of Georgia.

Presenting the data:

<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, Foreign visitors and their crimes committed in Georgia, 2014.

Guria 31; Kartli 28; Kakheti 15; Mtskheta-Mtianeti 3; Imereti-Racha-Lechkhumi, Kvemo Svaneti 38; Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti 37; Samtskhe-Javakheti 10; Tbilisi 123; Adjara – 162<sup>2</sup>.

A total of 513 citizens of foreign countries in 2011 are within 2015;

The offense has been committed against a citizen of 23 countries; Among the citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Moldova, the United States and other countries, most of the victims are Russian citizens.

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The Ministry of Internal Affairs has allocated 5 of the most widely reported crimes in which foreigners have been exposed: drug possession and possession; Purchase and storage of weapons, stealing; Smuggling; Attempt to cross the border illegally.

In 2016, in addition to Georgian citizens in penitentiary establishments, there were citizens of non-citizens and foreigners from 49 countries. Annual Report of the Ministry

| Citizenship States | Month |      |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                    | Jan.  | Feb. | March | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| Azerb.             | 42    | 42   | 42    | 49   | 48  | 51   | 54   | 57   | 57   | 53   | 52   | 47   |
| USA                | 1     | 1    | 1     |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Turk.              | 89    | 85   | 84    | 89   | 91  | 83   | 95   | 91   | 87   | 90   | 95   | 95   |
| Ind.               | 1     | 1    | 2     | 2    | 2   | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    |
| China              | 2     | 2    |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Russ.              | 39    | 41   | 42    | 42   | 47  | 46   | 46   | 45   | 44   | 45   | 41   | 41   |

of Corrections and Legal Assistance of Georgia on Foreign Prisoners and Convicts in Georgian Penitentiary Establishment.

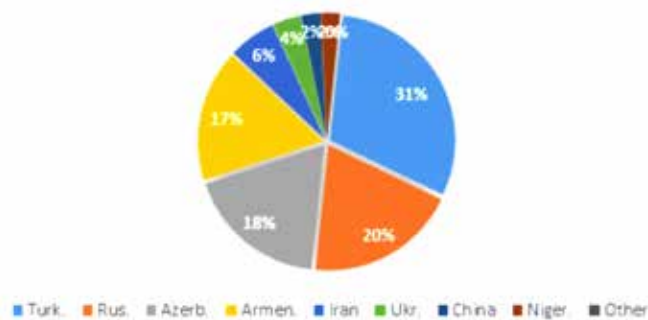
| Month | Male    | Female    | Accused | Convicted |
|-------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|       | Accused | Convicted |         |           |
| Jan.  | 128     | 198       | 21      | 32        |
| Feb.  | 99      | 217       | 8       | 31        |
| March | 93      | 199       | 5       | 30        |
| Apr.  | 92      | 213       | 8       | 28        |
| May   | 99      | 213       | 4       | 32        |
| Jun   | 82      | 209       | 6       | 11        |
| July  | 93      | 226       | 4       | 30        |
| Aug.  | 77      | 223       | 4       | 32        |
| Sep.  | 77      | 224       | 5       | 32        |
| Oct.  | 75      | 218       | 4       | 33        |
| Nov.  | 81      | 218       | 4       | 30        |
| Dec.  | 79      | 224       | 7       | 28        |

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, *Foreign visitors and their crimes committed in Georgia*, 2014.

!!! Foreign citizen and number of non-stateless defendants and convicts in 2016:

The number of foreign citizens and non-stateless defendants and convicts according to gender:

Despite this issue, the State of Georgia is actively working to prevent a possible criminal offense by foreign citizens to make Georgia one of the safest states in Europe. According to statistics data published in 2016, the facts of crime committed by foreigners in Georgia have significantly reduced compared to previous years. According to the statistics released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the number of foreign nationals charged with committing a crime in Georgia was 943 in 2015, when it was 661 in 2016<sup>3</sup>. According to statistics, the number of foreign na-



tionals charged with a crime in Georgia was 943 in 2015, when it was 661 in 2016<sup>4</sup>. The citizens of foreign countries, who have been accused of committing crime in the territory of Georgia, were distributed according to the following countries: Thus, as we can see, the migration process is not safe, as well as the territory of Georgia, which is considered a quiet and safe area with a small number of crimes. There are occasions when a foreign citizen uses traditional culture of Georgia against Georgia and its guests, but the state structures are actively involved in order to minimize similar cases. After Georgia came into the Schengen zone, a question can be asked if the measures for inspection of foreigners should be tightened? The response of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia is as follows: Development of tourism and investing more favorable environment is the priority of Georgia. In parallel with the current challenges and current visa dialogue with the EU, the importance of effective management of migration processes. Taking into consideration these priorities and factors, the law does not intend to tighten the visa regime but to create legislative frameworks and mechanisms for better management of the “alien” flows in the country.

<sup>3</sup> Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, *Foreign visitors and their crimes committed in Georgia*, 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, *Foreign visitors and their crimes committed in Georgia*, 2016.