

## Q6 Humanitarian / Reference 1

Victim interview

City: Tbilisi

Date: 21 August

I, Giorgi Gagnidze, an intern at the Office of the Georgian Prosecutor-General, in accordance with Articles 294-303 and 309 of the Georgian Criminal Code, interviewed the following individual in connection with criminal case No 074088079 in the building of Ghudushauri National Medical Clinic in the city of Tbilisi:

1. Name, patronymic, surname: Khicha Levanis dze Melkuashvili
2. Year, month and date of birth: 1970 February 28
3. Place of birth: Dzevera village, Gori District
4. Ethnicity and citizenship: Georgian, Georgia
5. Education and specialty: secondary
6. Family status: married with children
7. Place of residence: Dzevera village, Gori District
8. Profession and title: corporal at the Gori engineering brigade
9. Past convictions: none
10. Immunity: no
11. State awards: no
12. Other information: Tel: 855 26 93 15; 899 34 23 84
13. Relation to the accused:

Prior to the interview, the victim, Khvicha Melkuashvili, was explained his/her rights and obligations under Articles 69-70 and 289 of the Georgian Criminal Code, as well as the consequences for not upholding these obligations, and has been given a written list of these rights and obligations.

Victim's signature: (signature)

Interview began at: 1545 hours

and ended at: 1615 hours

When asked to tell everything he knows about the case, Khvicha Melkuashvili said: "I live at the address given above together with my father, wife and children. I work at the Gori engineering brigade. On 11 August 2008, I was in Kareli together with my battalion when we were ordered to return to our homes. I returned to my home in the village of Dzevera. On 12 August, Russian soldiers came in and took me prisoner. I was taken prisoner at about 1900-2000 hours in the evening.

"The Russian soldiers took me into a house, tied my hands and feet and throughout the whole night beat me with their hands and feet and the butts of their assault rifles and brutally tortured me. The Russian soldiers also tortured me with electricity, twice shocking me in the head. In the morning, they took me to Gori, where they looted the military base and then took me by helicopter to a school building near Tskhinvali. I state that I was held in Tskhinvali for seven days. That was where the Russians were taking Georgian prisoners. There were about 13-14 men being held prisoner. After I was taken to Tskhinvali, neither I nor the other prisoners were tortured by the Russians.

"On 19 August Russian soldiers took us to Igoeti, where we were exchanged for Russian soldiers who had been taken prisoner. From Igoeti we were taken to Tbilisi's Ghudushauri Clinic, where I am still being treated. The Russian soldiers left two Georgian prisoners in Tskhinvali. One of them had been wounded and the other badly beaten with his ear cut off. At this stage I do not have any evidence to prove this."

This statement has been written at my dictation. With my signature I confirm its accuracy.

(Signature: Kh. Melkuashvili)

(Signature: interviewer G. Gagnidze)