

## Meeting in the Parliament Initiated by the Vice-Speaker

Rusudan Kervalishvili, a vice speaker of Georgian Parliament organized a meeting with the chairmen of parliamentary committees and representatives of the Partnership for Road Safety. Meeting participants reviewed the issue of legislative initiative which considers making use of seatbelts obligatory on all types of roads in Georgia. They also concerned the issue how ready the population is and what can be the obstacles for the law enforcement. The main accent was made on cars of poor technical conditions which are many in Georgia.

Meeting participants underlined the importance of support expressed by Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia in relation to the legislative initiative and assumed that hearings of the abovementioned initiative might be launched in the Parliament this Autumn. But before that time, it is vital to focus on informational campaign which has been taking place for already a year in Georgia.

The campaign has proved to be successful in raising awareness of population in relation to safe drive rules. It aims to create positive public attitude to the law, which will introduce obligation of using seatbelts to protect health and lives of Georgian population. Georgian MPs expressed willingness to take active part in the campaign and to contribute to promotion of seatbelt use.

## Photo Exhibition ``Fasten Your Seatbelt, Insure Your Fate``



Hotel Courtyard Marriotte Hotel hosted Irakli Gedenidze's personal exhibition under the title Fasten Your Seatbelt, Insure Your Fate. The exposition was held within the framework of the project Promotion of Seatbelts in Georgia carried out under the patronage of Sandra Roelofs, the First Lady of Georgia.

There were up to 50 photos exhibited in Courtyard Marriott Hotel, reflecting the well-known figures of Georgian elite, ministers, show business celebrities and people of other professions. Participation of Mikheil Saakashvili, the President of Georgia and Sandra Roelofs, the First Lady of Georgia is extremely important. The position of the President of Georgia towards this issue is well-known, he believes that use of seatbelts should be legalized as it is the best protective mechanism in road accidents. He has personally experienced the efficiency of seatbelts during car accidents.



## ``Dangerous Game``, a Fiction for Teenagers

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initiated shooting a fiction-animated movie within the framework of the project Road Safety Education in Schools, specially dedicated to teenagers. From the next year, the Foundation plans to introduce the above-mentioned project not only in primary classes but also in upper classes of the project target schools.

Director and a scriptwriter is Salome Sagaradze. The film tells the story of a school boy. Character tells the investigator how he stole his mother's car and decided to drive out of the city with friends. He is talking about the accident which took place later.

## Action – Fasten the seatbelt for your life

In cooperation with National Federation of Automobiles of Georgia and professional racers organized another action dedicated to the issue of road safety. The major message of the action – Don't break road safety rules. Throughout the action, racers drove around Tbilisi streets by their cars. Besides, lots of informational type of booklets, cards and image materials were disseminated in the streets.