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The Georgian Young Lawyers Association has registered violations in the voting process on the Election Day, and, based on data collected by 20:00, submitted 219 complaints. The number of violations has increased compared to the number of violations (95) registered by 16:00.

The following types of problems persist:

1. In some election precincts, party representatives were actively promoting their candidates.
2. Some ballot boxes were closed without sealing wax.
3. Problems with the voting lists persist.
4. In some precincts, marking checker devices were damaged.
5. The same individuals appeared to be collectively transported to different precincts for voting.
6. In some election precincts, the voting procedure was violated. In one of the precincts, a citizen used a copy of ID card to vote.
7. In some election precincts, ballots were put in boxes without envelopes.
8. In some election precincts of Tbilisi, there was a shortage of special envelopes, and, subsequently, voters on supplementary lists were allowed to put ballots in ordinary envelopes.
9. In some of the precincts, citizens have voted without being registered in those polling territories.

GYLA observes will observe the vote count in all precincts, and will submit complaints should there be any violation of the due process.

GYLA will follow up on every complaint, which should be heard by percent election commissions prior to the consolidation of the voting results in the precincts and prior to the submission of those results to the election districts.

GYLA will announce the preliminary results of the Election Day monitoring on January 6 (time to be announced.)

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