

Achievements in the Penitentiary System of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia (2004-2006)

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✚ Construction of new Penitentiary Establishments

- Pre-trial detention facility for women (Tbilisi) (for 108 prisoners) – opened in 2004
- Pre-trial detention facility for juveniles (Tbilisi) (for 110 prisoners) – opened in 2005
- Kutaisi #2 Penitentiary Institution (for 1500 prisoners) – opened in 2005
- Rustavi #6 Penitentiary Institution (for 812 prisoners) – opened in 2006
- Tbilisi (Gldani) Penitentiary Institutions (for 3000 prisoners and a hospital with 300 places) – under reconstruction (will be finished in 2007)
- Rustavi #2 Penitentiary Institution (for 1000 prisoners) – under construction (will be finished at the end of September 2006)
- Rustavi #3 Penitentiary Institution (for 1000 prisoners) – under construction (will be finished by the end of 2006)

✚ Drafting the new legislation

- New Code on Imprisonment will be adopted by the Parliament during Autumn Session 2006 and will get into force since March 2007

✚ Staff of the Penitentiary

- A special Training Centre of Penitentiary and Probation has been established at the end of 2005
- At a present 935 staff members of the penitentiary system out of 3000 have been trained and examined
- The average salaries for the staff have increased up to 350 GEL, while next year budget will identify this amount as 449 GEL

✚ Equipment

- Twenty new vans for escorting the prisoners have been purchased

✚ Medical Service

- There is a political decision that the Medical Service of the penitentiary system has to be transfer to the Ministry of Health (The Joint Working Group of both Ministries in cooperation with ICRC is developing the plan of activities for transferring the system by the end of 2007)

✚ Food

- The amount for food has been increased (doubled) in five penitentiary establishments out of sixteen; it is planned in the State Budget for 2007 that in all prisons the amount will be 57 Gel per prisoner per month
- Since October opening of special shops on the territory of the prisons is planned