

## **Combined suit 11 defendants**

Andro Chichinadze

Onise Tskhadadze

Guram Mirtskhulava

Jano Archaia

Luka Jebua

Ruslan Sivakov

Revaz Kiknadze

Giorgi Terashvili

Valeri Tetrashvili

Sergei Kukharchuk

Irakli Kerashvili

(All of them were arrested on December 4, 5, or 6, either in their homes or nearby.)

Andro Chichinadze and the ten other individuals are accused of participating in group violence. All of them remain in pre-trial detention as a preventive measure. They have been charged under Article 225, Part 2 of the Criminal Code of Georgia, which pertains to participation in group violence. If convicted, they face a potential prison sentence of four to six years.

The eleven defendants reportedly saw each other for the first time during the court proceedings, and they confirmed that they had no prior communication before their arrests.

- Andro Chichinadze and Onise Tskhadadze are specifically accused of throwing sticks at police officers. However, the prosecution has neither presented any video evidence nor identified any injured police officers as victims.

According to the prosecutor, the case file mentioned 158 injured police officers. However, no official records of their questioning have been submitted to the case thus far. Moreover, some of the officers reportedly got injured during the protest on November 28, while the defendants are accused of crimes committed on November 29.

To date, none of the police officers who have been questioned as witnesses have been able to identify any of the defendants.

- It is noteworthy that the presiding judge was replaced by another:

Judge Tamar Mchedlishvili reviewed the initial motion for the use of pre-trial detention against the accused individuals. At the pre-trial stage, the case was subsequently assigned to Judge Nino Tarashvili. However, the day before the hearing, it was reassigned to Judge Irakli Shvangiradze, who upheld the decision to keep the defendants in custody. The case is currently at the stage of substantive review.