**Photo: limited right for praying**

In Samtskhe-Javakheti, Adigeni, in the village Mokhe, local Muslim population is praying outside the Mosque.

They have no right to enter the mosque as the building is under dispute – local Muslims say that this building is a mosque and they request to open the shrine inside; but the local Christians assure that this mosque is built with the church stones and it’s impossible to open the Muslims’ shrine there.

In the village Mokhe, building in the center of the village became disputable in October 2014, when the Adigeni Municipality decided to do the Art House and Library in the building in the village center and announced the tender for its rehabilitation.

On October 22nd 2014 the construction company tried to destroy the building by the support of police cordon. It caused the physical confrontation among the Muslims and policemen, as a result 14 Muslims were arrested, - 11 with administrative and 3 – with criminal law signs.

For avoiding the religious conflict in the village Mokhe the state commission was created, aim of which was to establish the origin of the building. They agreed that until declaring the commission’s conclusion nobody would express any claim.

Just in two years from these events, in October 2016, Muslims entered the disputable building arbitrarily and began praying. They explained this fact that a private house, where they prayed before, was taken by the owner. After three days policemen made a police tape around the building in the village Mokhe and locked the entrance with planks.

Since October 2016 till today the Muslims are praying outside the disputable building.

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