

RESISTANCE HANDBOOK



FOR A FREE GEORGIA

STRATEGIC ACTIONS & NON-VIOLENT OPERATIONS

for ordinary citizens

Every patriot understands that the fight against the illegitimate and Russian controlled regime that Bidzina Ivanishvili installed in Georgia is one of these existential combats our nation had to face through its history.

Not every patriot has the possibility to oppose and fight the regime publicly. Some of us do not wish to be identified as opponents. Nevertheless, **every citizen, with very discrete, unnoticeable moves, even some completely safe and legal ones, can participate in the resistance.**

Non-violent operations are a defence strategy that is used when democracy and rule of law do not prevail anymore. Non-collaborative attitudes or **non-violent operations** initiated all over the country at the individual level by ordinary citizens can contribute in weakening and breaking the collaborationist power.

We will present different types of **actions** so you can find inspiration and identify what suits best your profile and your abilities.

RESISTANCE IS A MINDSET

Our captured state no longer upholds democratic ideals and values; they must live through the **people** and the **Resistance**.

By engaging in acts of resistance,
feelings of powerlessness transform into **pride**.

Better do little than do nothing.

Each action counts, each action is a little crack in the regime.

WARNING: As you're surely aware, we are dealing with a repressive regime. Risk free actions are only associated with the legal and invisible ones represented by the green fist logo. Do not repeat the same act of resistance to minimize the risk of being detected. Be careful, be discrete, be proud.

This color
represents a
resistance move
that is
RISK FREE

This color
represents a
resistance move
that could be
LESS SAFE

You are Georgia! We are Georgia!

THE TARGETS OF THE OPERATIONS, IN GEORGIA AND ABROAD

- Bidzina Ivanishvili, his illegitimate regime (President, Government, MPs, Georgian Dream members, ambassadors) and the regime's supporters (businesses, media, lobbyists, titushkys...)
- Occupiers and their interests (Russian companies, Russian products, Russian citizens...)

STRATEGIC ACTIONS AND NON-VIOLENT OPERATIONS

INFORMATIONAL WAR

Don't be the target, be the source. Collect and leak information.

- **Share information/intelligence with the National Liberation Movement.**
You have access to sensitive information such as **conflict, disagreement, information about plans, strategies: share it with people who can make an efficient use of it** – journalists, resistance platform, activists, dedicated and secured Signal groups...
- **Documenting corruption and crimes** of the illegitimate authorities will be of major importance for the future investigations and justice work.
- **Spread positive information to demoralize the regime:**
communicate positive news related to the opposition, the protest, the western support; insist on the isolation and divisions among those who hold power, explain how Russia is doing bad...

FINANCIAL WAR/ BOYCOTTS

The weaker they are financially, the weaker the regime becomes.

- **Don't pay**
public transport or parking fees, evade taxes, make the financial system weak by discretely practicing civil disobedience. If caught, you don't have to state your motivations: say it's an oversight or a mistake.
- **Discourage investors** to invest in Georgia
- **Boycott businesses linked to the regime**
products, media, restaurants, hotels, shops, brands, films, cultural events which are in any way state-related or **linked to the regime through its support or owned by member of the ruling clan.**
See the list here (will be completed later)
- **Boycott Russian businesses, products, media, cultural events**
Russia is an occupier, helping its businesses and citizens to prosper on the Georgian territory goes directly against Georgia's national interests (will be completed later)
- **Support patriotic businesses.**
See the list of free businesses here: <https://freebusiness.ge/home>

DESORGANISATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS

- **Make phone calls to the regime's institutions**
(district councils, municipalities, political entities, ministries...): ask questions to make them waste time or just say you called the wrong number.
- **Make anonymous false reports** of fires, air raids, bombs (offices, state institutions, official events, ...)

THE OPPONENTS TO THE REGIME ARE IN MAJORITY AMONG THE GEORGIAN PEOPLE

The regime's supporters need to feel they're in minority. They have to sense that the norm changed, that they're getting marginalised and need to reconsider whom they're loyal to: being associated with Georgian Dream ('kotsoba') is shameful.

- **Tag the walls with messages**
supporting the resistance and denouncing the regime and the occupiers.
- **Hang Georgian and European flags**
- **Disseminate messages of resistance**
in books (stores, libraries), in the stores (clothes pockets, shelves...) in the toilets, on bank bills...

PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON THE REGIME REPRESENTATIVES

Make the power's representatives feel vulnerable, uncomfortable in the public space, outcasted socially to alter their confidence, weaken their commitment and loyalty to the group they belong to.

- **When you meet officials in the public space:**
Stop all conversations when they enter a cafe
Stare silently, with insistence
Whistle for yourself the first notes of 'ole ola's' melody
- **You're a service provider (restaurant, hotel...): contribute in making them feel doubtful everywhere they go about the quality of the service they get** (spit in the food, make mistakes...)

RESIST THE NORMALISATION OF THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION

Welcoming Russian citizens, letting them live and prosper on the Georgian territory mean the occupation is deemed acceptable, normalized.

- **Denounce and expose publicly proactive Russian propagandists and businesses**
(the same goes for collaborationists Georgians): cafes where people do not speak Georgian, services in Russian, commercials written using Russian language...
- **When meeting Russians citizens:**
Refuse to speak the occupiers' language and answer only in Georgian or English
Refuse to inform or give wrong information.
Explain they're not welcome in Georgia as long as their army occupies 20% of its territory.

YOU HAVE PRIVATE OR DIRECT ACCESS TO THE REGIME'S REPRESENTATIVES (SOCIAL CIRCLE / FAMILY / NEIGHBOURS)

- **Gather information or documents**
about the moves, travel, agenda, habits, contacts, of the regime's members – MPs, ministers, advisers, police heads, interior ministries active assets, anyone.
- **Wreck the nerves with micro actions:**
dirt the mailbox / stain the door carpet / put gum on the lock / tag messages / severe cables (internet, phone...).
- **The exemple of car damage**
If you know where the car of an illegitimate regime's member is parked:
 - Slash the tires of unguarded vehicles
 - Damage the car tank by pouring salt water

YOU'RE INSIDE THE REGIME STRUCTURES

Anything can be a tool of resistance, starting from you! Sabotage yourself first. Throw a wrench in the works!

- **Make small mistakes**
Write the wrong meeting place, date or time / Send the communication to the wrong person / Alter one letter of the recipient's email's / Misname documents / Alter documents / Put documents in the wrong folders-locations / Forget transmitting messages / 'Accidentally' delete files / Provide wrong information / Place a wrong order (late delivery, wrong quantities...), etc.
- **Slow work**
Pretend to misunderstand a task or a demand / Ask many questions / Exchange more emails than needed / Delay / Prioritize unimportant jobs-assignments / Blame equipments-tools-machines's poor quality for your slow work/ Be perfectionist for unimportant tasks that do not require it / Give misleading or incomplete instructions / Be over-worried with procedures and rules / Bring up irrelevant issues/ Report imaginary spies or danger/ Set office electronics to use the wrong language/ Hire unqualified people...
- **Disturbances**
Noise disturbance at events attended by the illegitimate regime members (coughing loudly, talking, applauding to drown the words of the speaker...).
- **Damage equipment or engines**
Damage computers: Drop dust, food, pins into the keyboards; drop water on the laptop's keyboard
Obstruct the WC: throw a lot of paper or diverse things
Obstruct the locks: jam paper, bits of wood, hairpins, chewing gum, anything else that will fit into the lock.
Air cooling system: ruin their effectiveness by plugging dirt and waste into intake or exhaust valves (privilege warm days for a higher disturbance).

HOW TO GO UNDETECTED/ UNDER THE RADAR

DISCRETION

- **Our strength is in our invisibility.** Only speak about your activities with trusted people.
- **Systemize boycotts** to make it efficient (there's nothing illegal or noticeable about it), **but do not repeat the same acts of resistance** to minimise the risks of being detected.

CONTROL YOUR ENVIRONMENT

When planning to operate a physical action:

- **Check for the security cameras and make sure you cannot be identified** (cover face and hands, don't use recognisable clothes)
- **If suspected, pretend mistake, distraction, tiredness, ignorance, apologize a lot.**
- **Don't wait to see what are the outcomes of your action, unless it appears more suspicious that you leave** (if you're in your office for instance).
- **Do not leave physical or digital traces of your commitments.** Secure sensitive documents elsewhere than in your home or on your devices.

DIGITAL SECURITY

There are a number of free digital tools at your disposal in order to secure your communications.

- **Secure messaging:** Signal, Session
- **Encrypted email:** ProtonMail, Tutanota
- **Bypass censorship:** Tor Browser, Psiphon (free VPN), Outline VPN
- **Collaborate safely:** CryptPad, Riseup, SimpleX Chat

HOW TO SPREAD THE MANUAL

PRINT THE MANUAL

- **Leave the prints everywhere you can** (hallways, public or restaurant toilets, pockets, on chairs, in books...)

SPREAD QR CODE, SHARE WEBSITE ADDRESS

- **Tell people where to read or where to download it safely** (don't keep the file in your computer)

FORM/EDUCATE/TRAIN/TIP SOME OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR PATRIOTISM

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