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Title: Farming in the border villages of Georgia

Details: Discussions have been under way at the summer session of the parliamentary assembly of the European Council about the situation regarding human rights in Georgia's occupied territories. What is the state of human rights of those living along the line of occupation and what strategy does the government have? What's the situation like now in these border villages, where another two men have recently been detained by Russian forces? The journalists interviewed the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality of Georgia and the two men detained in the village of Mereti.

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1/ Story Pitch: The story is about EU supported program in Georgia. It helps local agricultural communities to develop their rural areas. Currently the story tells a success case of bio strawberry agriculture that is implemented in Lagodekhi region, village Ninigori.

2/ Shot list: Discussions have been under way at the summer session of the parliamentary assembly of the European Council about the situation regarding human

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3/ Script in Eng:

Voice over (00:03 - 00:13):

The statistics show that as soon as the season for working the land gets under way the incidence of kidnapping increases. This is one of the issues that will be under discussion at the summer session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the European Council.

State Minister of Reconciliation and Civic Integrity of Georgia Ketevan Tsikhelashvili (00:15 - 00:37)

These reports are presented regularly and that's very important because for many it's impossible to imagine that in this part of Europe there are barriers today where schoolchildren aren't allowed to move and people in need of medical care are being detained.

Voice over (00:40 - 00:50):

The two most recent kidnappings happened in Kere village in Gori district. Guram Kolotashvili and Robinson Elikashvili were taken from a part of the village where there are no signs to indicate the presence of the so-called border.

Guram Kolotashvili (a farmer in the village of Kere) (00:57 - 01:07):

"We were in the church of St George where we were taken by them to their base. There was a court later, we paid 2000 Russian Rubles and were able to leave. They took us to Ergneti and passed us to the Georgian Police."

Giorgi Elikashvili (a farmer in the village of Kere) (01:08 - 01:25):

"He came from behind me with a gun so what could I do? They organized a so-called court as if we had illegally crossed the border and they passed a verdict of guilty. They were both judges and witnesses themselves."

Voice over (01:26 - 01:35):

According to the most recent figures, 17 people were kidnapped in Shida Kartli region in May alone. In the first half of 2017, 134 people have been kidnapped.