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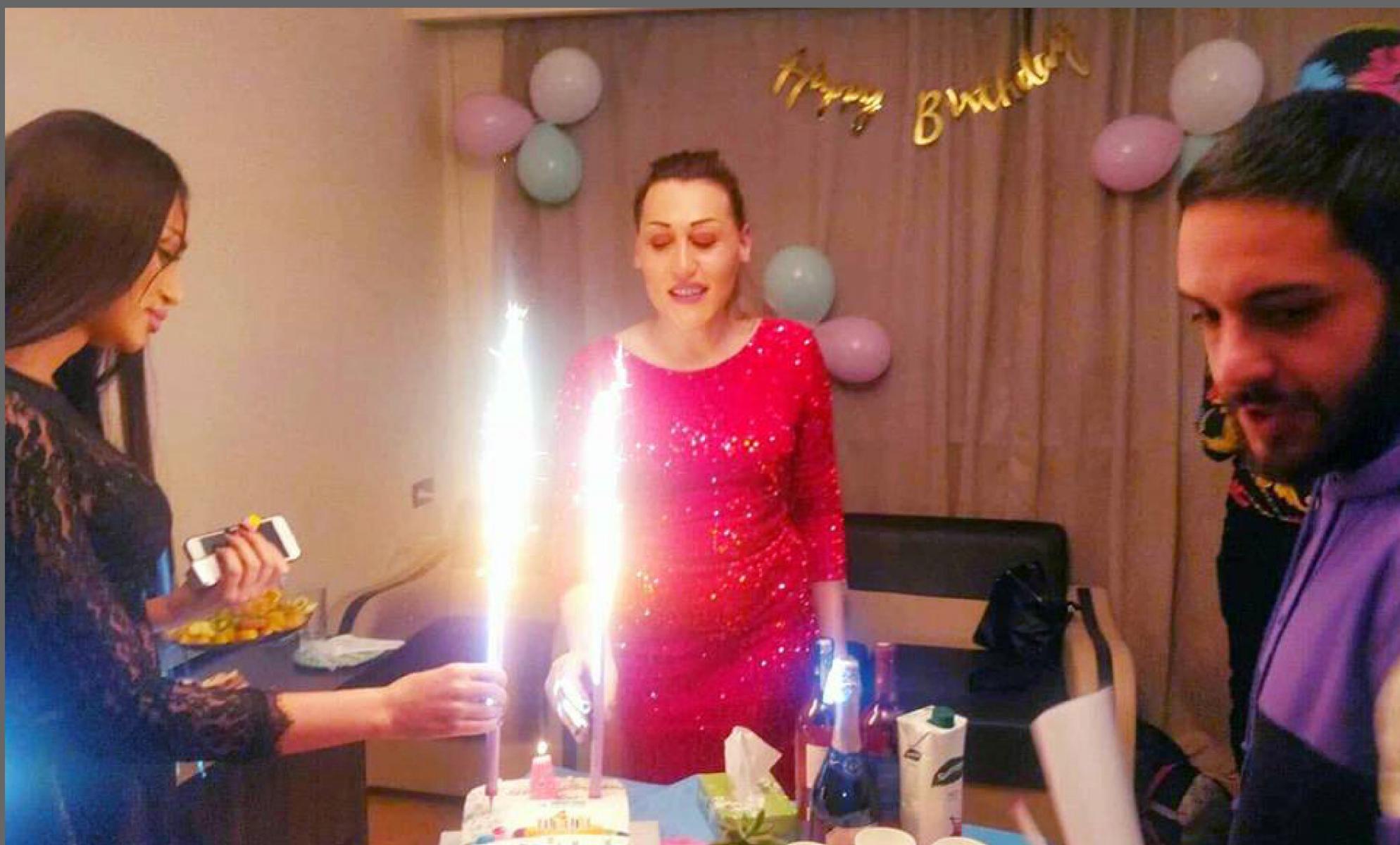
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4th anniversary of the “Right Side ” human rights defender NGO’s activity

On January 25, the 4th anniversary of the “Right Side ” human rights NGO’s activity was held.

For the past four years, “Right Side” human rights defender NGO has set a goal to ensure well-being, protection and equality of trans community and sex workers in Armenia by achieving social-cultural and legal changes through cooperation with state bodies, civil society and with international organisations.

Representatives of the European Endowment for democracy, Program Officer Alexandra Kirby and Grants Assistant Evgenia Stupac, also attended to event along side with representatives of the transgender community.

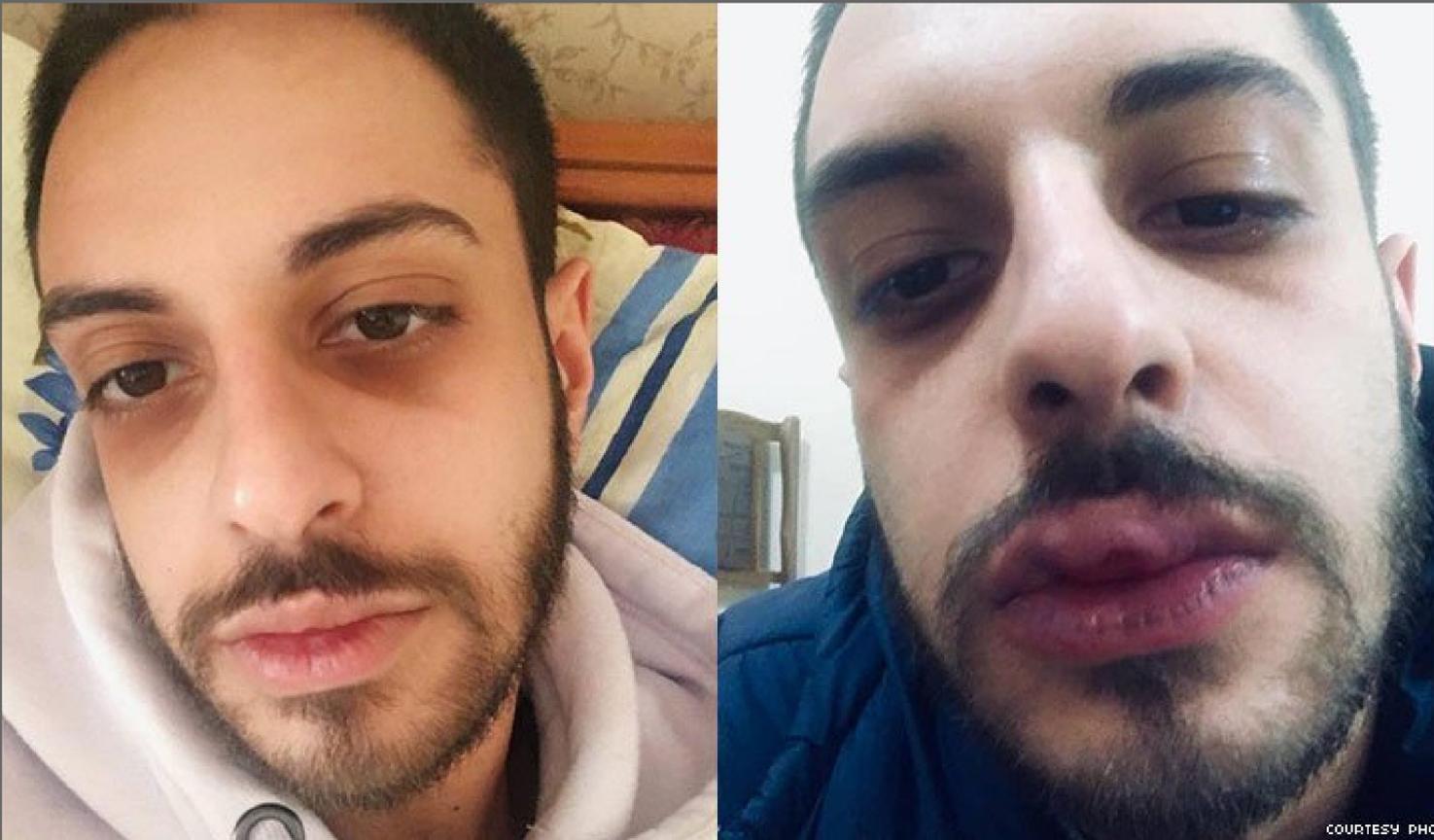
The founder president of the organization, Lilit Martirosyan, in her opening speech said, “Unfortunately, transgender people are still facing struggle in their everyday life due to their gender identity and self-expression. We face discrimination, stigma and violence in all aspects of life. I believe that violence, stigma and discrimination can not have place in a country that has chosen the path of revolution and democracy.

Together we can improve democracy and spread equality in the Republic of Armenia ” Guests also shared their best wishes and warm words, saying that the “Right Side” human rights defender NGO plays a very important role in transgender people’s lives in Armenia. For the past four years, thanks to the organization’s activities, the lives of transgender people have improved. Thanks to the hard work of the organization, we can easily make a name change now. With the help of sewing and make-up classes many transgender people have gained skills and can find jobs. All of us have to defend our rights and help the organization to make even more transgender people lives secure ”

“Right Side” human rights defedner NGO, as the first and only transgender community based organization in Armenia and the South Caucasus, highlight the importance of legal protection and security of transgender people and will continue to improve the quality of provided services and increase their number as well to support transgender people that are facing problems in country.



STAFF MEMBER OF THE "RIGHT SIDE" NGO PHYSICALLY ATTACKED



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Yerevan, Armenia

On the night of 11 February 2019, staff member of the "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO, a non-binary person, trans activists Vrezh Varzhapetyan was physically assaulted by an unidentified young man in in the center of Yerevan with their friend. Vrezh has been receiving threats due to their active involvement in the work of the "Right Side", and their openness about their activism on social media. This is not the first time, when staff members of "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO and trans activists are attacked in Armenia. As of December 2019 "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO has collected 283 cases of hate crimes and other hate motivated incidents against trans people in Armenia. The hideous attack caused number of injures and heavy psychological shock. Vrezh also faced to non-inclusive approach in the hospital, where the Police referred them. The health situation of Vrezh remains unclear. Additionally, after the attack Vrezh became a target of hate speech on social media, even by Police representatives (according to Facebook account info of the hater).

While Armenia tries to take steps to bring the domestic legislation into conformity with international norms and legal standards, trans people and activists continue to face various forms of discrimination, harassments and violence on a daily basis in all aspects of public life.

Condemning the brutal incident against Vrezh, the "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO demands the following:

Registration of the victims full case as a hate crime;

Fair, impartial and prompt investigation and conviction of the accused;

Full restitution of moral, physical and psychological damage to the survivor;

To stop all the forms of hate speeches against the victim of the violence.

We are glad to inform you that with “ViiV healthcare’s financial support within the “STI/HIV/AIDS prevention among trans people through community education, public awareness and advocacy in Armenia” project framework “Right Side” human rights defender NGO provides for free condoms, lubricants, educational materials, also refers to HIV testing in “National HIV/AIDS prevention center” for Transgender and MSM community representatives.

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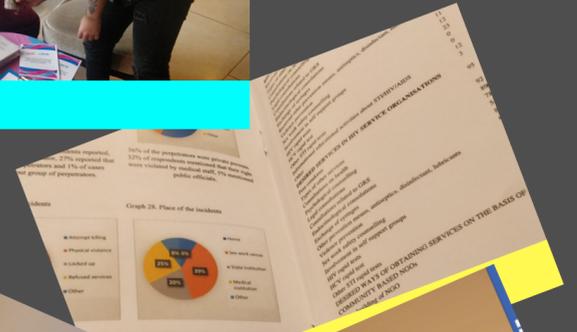
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