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## **Mzia Amaglobeli and the Georgian Resistance Movement were awarded the Forum 2000 International Award for Courage and Responsibility**

On Sunday evening, a ceremonial presentation of the fifth [Forum 2000 International Award for Courage and Responsibility](#) took place at the Prague Congress Centre as part of the opening of the 29th Forum 2000 Conference.

This year, the award was presented to the **Georgian resistance movement** opposing the country's gradual drift toward autocracy, and to one of its symbols – **Mzia Amaglobeli**, a respected journalist and director of the independent Georgian media platforms *Batumelebi* and *Netgazeti*. She was arrested on January 11, 2025, during peaceful protests in Batumi against government policy. Charged with assaulting a police officer, she spent seven months in pre-trial detention before being sentenced on August 6 to two years in prison, after the court, at the last minute, reclassified the charge from “assaulting a police officer” to “resisting, threatening, or using violence against a public official.”

More information about **Mzia Amaglobeli** and the reasons why she was granted the *Forum 2000 International Award for Courage and Responsibility* can be found [here](#).

On behalf of the imprisoned Mzia Amaglobeli, representatives of the Georgian resistance movement accepted the award from **Tamara Sujú**, founder of the *Nueva Conciencia Nacional* Foundation and the civic movement *Damas de Blanco* — organizations dedicated to training, advocacy, and reporting on human rights and democratic values in Venezuela. Tamara Sujú herself received last year's *Forum 2000 International Award for Courage and Responsibility* on behalf of imprisoned Venezuelan lawyer Rocío San Miguel.

Among those attending the award ceremony were the fifth President of Georgia **Salome Zurbishvili**, Stanford University Professor **Larry Diamond**, the President of the Tibetan government-in-exile **Penpa Tsering**, and hundreds of other distinguished guests.

The **29th Forum 2000 Conference**, titled *Facing the Odds: Democratic Resilience in Action*, runs until October 14. Over the course of more than eighty discussions and workshops, participants will explore ways to restore international democratic unity. For more information, please visit the [Forum 2000 Foundation website](#), where video recordings of selected sessions will also be available.

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