

Forbes Georgia Head Quits, Citing Censorship

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The editor of Forbes Georgia, Revaz Sakevarishvili, said Tuesday that he will resign from his position, citing pressure and interference on editorial policy from holding company Media Partners, which holds the licensing rights to publish Forbes in Georgia.

"There has been quite a serious attempt to put pressure and establish censorship," Sakevarishvili said at a press conference Tuesday, Interfax reported.

Sakevarishvili said Media Partners president Gagik Yegiazaryan actively tried to alter or cut materials connected to opposition politics, sometimes completely banning publication of articles, Lenta.ru reported.

Media Partners responded by denying any censorship activities, firing back that Sakevarishvili violated "legal and ethical aspects of editorial policies," news site Business Gruziya said.

The first issue of the Georgian version of Forbes was printed in December 2011.

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