

Evictions in Georgia

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TBILISI — Georgia has embarked on a new wave of evictions of hundreds of people displaced by war from state-owned buildings the government hopes to privatize.

The government said there are about 1,500 people who need be resettled.

But the people to be evicted — mostly Georgians who fled Abkhazia after it threw off Georgian rule in 1994 — reject alternative accommodation in rural areas close to rebel regions, saying that resettlement there would leave them without sources of income and new housing options lack livelihood opportunities.

Police sealed off a temporary refugee shelter in the outskirts of Tbilisi late last week and detained several activists who were trying to block the way of trucks and buses taking evacuees to villages.

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