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Several major newspapers and websites in [Georgia](#) [2] have published their front pages without pictures in a co-ordinated protest against the arrest of three photographers accused of spying for Russia.

Giorgi Abdaladze, a stringer for the [Associated Press](#) [3] newswire; Zurab Kurtsikidze of the European Pressphoto Agency; and Irakli Gedenidze, the personal photographer of Mikheil Saakashvili, Georgia's president, were detained in the early hours of 7 July.

All three were charged with espionage and have reportedly confessed to photographing secret documents, including details of Saakashvili's itinerary, and selling them to Russian military intelligence. They face up to 12 years in prison in a trial due to start on 1 September.

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