



On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the students and the academic personnel of Sokhumi State University paid a tribute to the perished on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1989 and garlanded the Memorial.

21 years passed after the tragic day when the peaceful demonstration on the Rustaveli Avenue was broken up by the Russian special armed troops. The troops used digging tools, batons and unidentified chemical gas against the demonstration.

21 people - 17 of which were women - fall victim to this vandal act. Thousands of people had been poisoned and wounded and for months struggled for their lives in different hospitals.

The main demand of the 9<sup>th</sup> April demonstration was reinstatement of independence and withdrawal of Georgia from the USSR. This day will always be the symbol of National Independence, civil concord and memory of the victims.