

Mass brawl breaks out in Georgian parliament over controversial media law

A huge punch-up has erupted in Georgia's parliament over a controversial foreign influence law, some say follows in the Kremlin's authoritarian footsteps.

A massive brawl happened inside the Georgian Parliament on Monday, during heated discussions over a law deemed Russian-esque by critics.

The legislation under debate will compel media and non-commercial organisations to register as being under foreign influence if they receive more than 20% of their budget from abroad.

Hundreds of protesters have been rallying outside the Parliament while it discussed the law in the juridical committee.

Mamuka Mdinardze, the head of the Georgian Dream Party fraction, was punched in the face while giving a speech by MP Alexander Elisahsivili.

Elisahsivili accused Mdinardze of being pro-Russian.

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