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Protest action against Darial HPP construction to be held in Georgia

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Today, a protest action 'Save the Terek and Darial Gorge' will be held at the settlement of Stepantsminda, organised by the Association 'Green Alternative'.

The event aims to inform the public about the negative consequences of constructing a hydroelectric power plant there and its operation.

"With this campaign, Green Alternative will call on the country's leadership and Darial Energy to suspend construction of the hydro power plant at this time, until the optimum volume of water in the river is determined using international best practices. This would ensure the preservation of the landscape and biological diversity of the Gorge and will also have a minimal impact on the cultural, ethnographic and tourist values," the Association said on Monday.

In September 2011, the construction of the hydropower plant with a capacity of 110 megawatts started at the Darial Gorge near Georgian-Russian border.

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