

The president of the Briceni territorial office of a political party, investigated by the NAC and the APO, sent to trial for complicity in accepting illegal financing of the party



The Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office has completed the criminal investigation and sent to the court, for examination on the merits, the criminal case accusing the president of the Briceni territorial office of a political party, being incriminated with complicity in accepting illegal financing of the political party from an organized criminal group. The criminal case was disjoined in 2024, by the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office, from the basic criminal case initiated in 2022.

According to information obtained following investigations conducted by the National Anti-corruption Centre, jointly with the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office, the accused, during the period July - October 2022, acting as president of the Briceni territorial organization of the political party, would have coordinated the activities of the organization, knowing that the respective party was financed by an organized criminal group.

Thus, during the aforementioned period, in complicity with the party leadership, including the vice-presidents, the treasurer and the couriers responsible for transporting the funds, the extraneous person would have contributed to the acceptance of illicit financing, providing indications, information and resources to support the party's activities for the purpose of transporting and remunerating persons participating in the protests organized by the political party.

In such circumstances, the accused allegedly accepted through complicity the financing of the party from illicit sources, in the amount of over 1.8 million lei, coming from the organized criminal group. This financing was allegedly used for the party's activities, with the aim of promoting its political interests and obtaining power in the state through illegal means.

The accused did not admit his guilt, and the criminal case was sent for examination on the merits, to the Chisinau Court, Buiucani headquarters.

For the committed offense, the law provides for the punishment in the form of a fine in the amount of 57,500 to 92,500 lei or imprisonment from 2 to 7 years, in both cases with the deprivation of the right to hold certain positions or exercise certain activities for a term of 2 to 5 years.

During the criminal investigation, in order to guarantee the execution of the fine and possible special confiscation, the defendant's assets worth approximately 162,000 lei were seized.

Note: A person accused of committing a crime shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty by a final court decision.