

An employee of the Inspectorate for Environmental Protection, detained red-handed by the NAC after allegedly receiving 10,000 lei in bribe



A senior inspector from the Inspectorate for Environmental Protection was detained by officers of the National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) and prosecutors of the Chisinau Municipality Prosecutor's Office, suspected of passive corruption.

According to the NAC, the official was detained red-handed on the evening of March 11, 2026, while receiving under control the amount of 10,000 lei from a resident of Truşeni commune, Chisinau municipality. The money was allegedly demanded in exchange for the person's exoneration from criminal liability for alleged violations and to avoid restitution of any damage caused to the environment, in connection with the execution of works on a land belonging to the whistle-blower.

In this case, the NAC initiated a criminal investigation based on reasonable suspicion of the commission of the crime of passive corruption.

Currently, anti-corruption officers, under the procedural leadership of the Chisinau City Prosecutor's Office, are carrying out actions to establish all the circumstances of the case, identify the persons involved and hold them criminally liable.

We remind that any person benefits from the presumption of innocence until a final and irrevocable decision is rendered by the court.