

The NAC and APO provide new details in the \$400,000 bribe case, following which four people were detained.



The National Anti-corruption Centre has announced that, on March 31, jointly with the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office and the National Investigation Inspectorate, it detained a prosecutor and four police officers for complicity in passive corruption, manifested by the illicit demand of 400,000 dollars for the criminal solution. Thus, in continuation of the actions initiated on March 29, one person was subsequently detained, and 30 days later, the NAC and anticorruption prosecutors conducted another 9 searches within the same case to which two other cases were connected.

According to the materials administered, the suspects, acting in collusion with the person detained on March 29, allegedly demanded the sum of 400,000 dollars to influence a decision in favour of the persons concerned in a money laundering case. As part of the documentation of the case, under the control of the criminal investigation body, a portion of the demanded amount was transmitted.

Also, following the hearings and criminal investigation actions, two of the previously detained police officers were released. At the moment, 4 people are placed in the NAC detention centre- the prosecutor and two police officers, detained for 72 hours and the person detained on March 29, to whom the court issued an arrest warrant for 30 days.

We specify that all detained persons benefit from the presumption of innocence until a final court decision is rendered. Further, criminal investigation actions are being carried out on the case, to establish all the circumstances and identify all the people involved.