

# **The NAC searches in an influence peddling case: Employment at "Moldsilva", for amounts of up to 8000 euros**



Officers of the National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC), under the procedural leadership of the Chisinau Municipal Prosecutor's Office, today conducted criminal investigation actions in an influence peddling case. The investigations target a scheme through which employment at the "Moldsilva" Agency was allegedly promised in exchange for illicit financial benefits.

According to preliminary data, two suspects allegedly demanded and received from several individuals monetary means in the amount of 5000 to 8000 euros, claiming that they would have influence over employees of the "Moldsilva" Agency to facilitate employment as forester.

During the procedural actions carried out, the NAC officers documented acts of demanding and receiving financial means by the investigated individuals. One of the men was detained for 72 hours and placed in the NAC detention centre.

The National Anti-corruption Centre reiterates the importance of reporting corruption and informs citizens about the possibility of reporting such cases to specialized lines: The NAC hotline: +373 78 710 116 (available 24/24; audio/video calls, SMS, Viber, Signal, Telegram and WhatsApp); National Anti-corruption Line: 0800 55555 (free call within the Republic of Moldova).

We remind that any person shall be presumed innocent until a final and irrevocable court decision is rendered.