

The NAC Synthesis: Searches in systemic corruption cases in the medical and public procurement sectors and frozen virtual assets worth 20 000 dollars in a money laundering case



The National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) presents the main actions carried out in the previous week in the field of combating and preventing corruption, as well as the recovery of criminal assets. During the reporting period, a department head within SA "Termoelectrica" was detained in a case of active and passive corruption aimed at organizing and conducting procurement procedures. He allegedly systematically collected 10,000 lei per month from the representative of an economic agent to favor the respective company in the tenders organized by the company. The accused was placed in preventive arrest for 20 days.

In Edineț, the NAC officers documented a systemic corruption scheme within a medical institution. Two employees are being investigated for influence peddling and passive corruption in the procedures regarding the suitability for military service. The investigations revealed several criminal episodes, which led to the initiation of three more criminal cases for passive corruption. Thus, a repetitive practice was established, through which various individuals were allegedly favored in exchange for improper payments, which indicates the existence of systemic corruption acts.

At the same time, criminal investigation officers reported the initiation of 13 new criminal cases and the completion of the criminal investigation with a proposal to send 6 files to trial. Currently, 10 individuals, accused in the files managed by the NAC, are placed in preventive detention in two penitentiary institutions.

The Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) has seized 6 assets worth approximately 6 million lei and has taken over 500 000 lei under administration. Other previously applied seizures, worth over 8.8 million lei, were confirmed by the courts, and virtual assets worth 20,000 dollars were frozen in a money laundering case.

In the field of corruption prevention, the NAC submitted to the authors 17 expert reports and 3 opinions on draft normative acts. Also, 139 integrity records were issued,

and over 400 officials participated in anti-corruption training. The National Anti-corruption Line received 72 calls, and 1,540 materials were registered in the institution's office