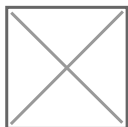


NAC Synthesis: Searches, convictions in corruption cases and seizures of assets worth over 7.4 million lei



The National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) has presented the weekly report on the activities carried out in the areas of combating and preventing corruption, as well as on the recovery of assets derived from crimes. During the reference period, the NAC and prosecutors carried out searches in Chisinau and Straseni in a case of abuse of office involving the Joint Stock Company "Edilitate". At the same time, anticorruption officers are investigating the theft and concealment of documents for an infrastructure project worth over 8 million lei, involving the former mayor of a locality in Glodeni district.

Regarding the sentences pronounced, the Supreme Court of Justice pronounced an irrevocable decision in a criminal case, investigated by the NAC, concerning the actions of a lawyer, who claimed and received money to influence prosecutors and judges, to obtain favorable solutions in criminal cases. Also, the Chisinau Court, Buiucani headquarters, pronounced several convictions in cases investigated by the NAC. Thus, a former Member of Parliament was sentenced to 7 years and 6 months in prison, and the court ordered the confiscation of over 206 million lei for the benefit of the state. A former mayor of the Băcioi commune received 8 years in prison for passive corruption. The presidents of the Soroca and Cimișlia Territorial Offices of a former political party were sentenced to 5 years in prison, and the confiscation of about 12.7 million lei was ordered. A young man from Fălești district, investigated for influence peddling when issuing a driver's license, was sentenced to prison.

The Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) of the NAC seized assets worth over 1.8 million lei. At the same time, previously applied seizures worth about 3.1 million lei were confirmed by court decisions. The agency issued 2 freezing orders on 2 bank accounts in the amount of about 5.6 million lei.

During the reporting period, the criminal investigation officers of the NAC opened 9 files. At the moment, 3 people are in the NAC isolator, and 20 people, targeted in the Centre's files, are detained in penitentiary institutions, being preventively arrested.

In the field of corruption prevention, the Legislation Directorate submitted 7 legislative expertise reports and 4 opinions to the authors. At the same time, 98 integrity records

were released, 3 operational analyses were conducted, and 45 calls were received at the national anti-corruption hotline. 1,733 materials were registered in the institution's Chancellery.