NAC Synthesis: Searches carried out in the file of a former magistrate, in the amnesty file and the file of the State Enterprise "Hîncești-Silva" and assets worth about 8 million lei frozen

The National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) presents the weekly balance sheet of the activities carried out in the fields of combating and preventing corruption, as well as on the recovery of assets derived from crimes. During the reference period, searches were carried out in several files of public resonance. Thus, NAC, APO and INI carried out searches in several locations in the country. The actions took place within a criminal case targeting possible acts of active and passive corruption of some persons involved in the process of implementing and applying the amnesty. At the same time, similar actions were carried out on a former interim president of the Edineț Court within a criminal case of influence peddling. He allegedly demanded, accepted and received financial means to influence persons with public positions in order to apply a more lenient preventive measure to a defendant. The file in which the magistrate appears is related to a corruption scheme exposed in July. At the same time, searches were carried out in several localities in the Hincesti, Ialoveni and Cimișlia districts. The actions took place within a criminal case of embezzlement of foreign assets and forgery of public documents, targeting seven public figures within a forestry district subordinate to the State Enterprise "Hincesti-Silva". The estimated damage amounts to approximately 466 000 lei. At the same time, the targeted persons are suspected of the illicit alienation of timber. In another case, a former employee of the Public Services Agency (ASP) was detained in a large-scale criminal case targeting systemic corruption in the issuance of driving licenses in the Călărași district. Also last week, a man from Chișinău was detained red-handed for influence peddling. He allegedly demanded and received 2,000 euros from a person undergoing enforcement proceedings, claiming that he could influence a bailiff to adopt a favorable decision.

The Chișinău Court, Buiucani headquarters, found a lawyer guilty of committing two episodes of influence peddling and his client of buying influence. A three-year prison sentence was imposed, one year and six months of which were to be served in prison, and the rest of the sentence was conditionally suspended for a two-year probation period. He was deprived of the right to practice law for a period of 5 years. The lawyer was previously convicted of similar crimes.

The Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) of the NAC has seized assets worth approximately 1.3 million lei, including a means of transport, a residential premises and a bank account. The assets were seized in cases of fraud, money laundering, the organization of illegal migration and computer fraud based on the delegations of the Prosecutor's Office for Combating Organized Crime and Special Cases (PCCOCS) and the General Inspectorate of the Border Police. At the same time, previously applied seizures worth approximately 1.3 million lei were confirmed by court decisions. The agency has issued 5 freezing orders on 10 real estate assets, 3 means of transport and 2 bank accounts in the amount of approximately 5 million lei.

During the reporting period, the NAC's criminal investigation officers initiated 5 criminal cases and 11 criminal cases were proposed for resolution. At the moment, 15 persons, targeted in the Center's files, are detained in penitentiary institutions, being preventively arrested.

In the corruption prevention segment, the Legislation Directorate submitted 9 legislative expertise reports and an opinion to the authors. At the same time, 129 integrity records were issued, and 24 calls were received at the national anti-corruption line. 1553 materials were registered in the institution's office.