

# **NAC and APO searches in a corruption and influence peddling case. 7 people are targeted, including a dean from the MSU and the director of a college in the capital**



**Officers of the National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC), jointly with the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office (APO), today carried out a series of searches as part of a criminal case regarding passive corruption and influence peddling in the educational system in Chisinau.** Seven people are targeted in the case, including the dean of a faculty at the Moldova State University (MSU), the director of a college in the capital, two intermediaries and three students.

According to the accumulated evidence, the dean, having the status of scientific supervisor and member of the bachelor's thesis defense committee (year 2025), allegedly demanded and received illicit financial means to develop and send in electronic format bachelor's theses to students of the faculty he leads. At the same time, he would have influenced the members of the specialized commission to ensure the promotion of the respective works.

Following the searches carried out at the homes and offices of the persons involved, the NAC officers and prosecutors seized documents, electronic media, diplomas and sums of money, the provenance of which is to be established. The suspects are to be investigated at liberty.

The NAC and APO continue the criminal investigation to establish all the circumstances and the entire criminal chain. We remind that any person shall be considered innocent until a final and irrevocable decision is issued by the court.