

# **NAC Synthesis: Systemic corruption scheme dismantled, real estate searches and seizures applied and confirmed for about 15 million lei**



The National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) has presented the main actions carried out in the previous week in the field of combating and preventing corruption, as well as the criminal assets recovery. During the reporting period, NAC officers dismantled a systemic corruption scheme in the issuance of medical certificates for drivers. Several figures came into the sights of anticorruption officers after allegedly demanding and receiving illicit sums of money in exchange for issuing medical certificates for drivers, without them undergoing appropriate examinations. Following the searches, the chief physician of the Consultative Section of the Șoldănești District Hospital was detained.

At the same time, in a case of abuse of office concerning considerable damages caused to investors of a residential building in Chisinau, the NAC officers conducted searches at several insolvency administrators. According to the case materials, the apartments intended for investors were allegedly alienated without their notification. During the week, 22 new criminal cases were initiated, and currently, 11 people detained in cases managed by the NAC are in penitentiary institutions.

The Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) has seized assets, totalling over 5.2 million lei. The assets were frozen based on delegations from the Criminal Investigation General Directorate of the NAC, the Edineț and Drochia Police Inspectorates, as well as the Hincești Prosecutor's Office, in cases concerning conflicts of interest in the public sector, human trafficking, fraud and money laundering. Also, the courts confirmed seizures previously applied to assets estimated at over 9.5 million lei, and 900 000 lei were taken over for administration by the CARA.

In the field of corruption prevention, the NAC Legislation Department finalized and submitted to the authors 9 expert reports and 2 opinions on draft normative acts. At the same time, 2 operational analyses were initiated, 116 integrity records were issued and anti-corruption training was organized for 250 public figures.

During the reference period, 45 calls were received at the National Anti-Corruption Line, and 1,585 materials were registered in the NAC Chancellery.