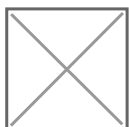


NAC Synthesis: Convictions in high-profile cases managed by the NAC, 15 new cases opened and seizures applied to assets worth around 14 million lei



The National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) has reported several activities last week in the fight against and prevention of corruption, as well as court sentences in high-level corruption cases handled by anticorruption officers. Thus, a Member of Parliament and her husband were sentenced to 6 years and 5 years in prison, respectively, for accepting funding for a political party from an organized criminal group. 30,000 dollars, under the administration of the NAC's Criminal Asset Recovery Agency (CARA), were transferred to the state. At the same time, a former employee of the Soroca Education Directorate is being investigated for demanding illicit remunerations worth 8,000 lei and 850 euros in a case of influence peddling. The official is suspected of demanding illicit remunerations from the mother of a student to arrange his studies and exams in a local college, in his absence, and to incorporate him into military service, circumventing the legislation in force. In another case, a man from the municipality of Chisinau is being investigated for influence peddling with a bribe of 5,000 euros.

Also last week, the Balti Court, Central Headquarters, found a man guilty of committing the crime of influence peddling in a case managed by the National Anti-corruption Centre and the Anti-corruption Prosecution's Office. The court ordered a 4-year prison sentence, applying the preventive measure of arrest and announcing him wanted. Also, the special confiscation of the amount of 15,000 euros was ordered from the defendant's account, as assets resulting from criminal activity. We note that at the moment, 9 people, targeted in the Centre's files, are arrested and detained in penitentiary institutions in the municipalities of Chisinau and Balti. During the reporting period, the criminal investigation officers of the NAC opened 15 new cases.

The Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) of the NAC announces the seizure of 6 assets last week, based on the delegations of the National Investigation Inspectorate (INI) of the GPI and the General Inspectorate of the Border Police (IGPF) of the MIA. These include 4 means of transport, a residential room and an agricultural plot. The assets were seized in a case of embezzlement of foreign assets and organization of illegal migration. The total amount of seizures applied and confirmed by court decisions is 13.8 million lei.

In the field of corruption prevention, the Legislation Directorate finalized and submitted to the authors 18 expert reports and an opinion on draft normative acts, last week. During the mentioned period, 11 anti-corruption trainings were organized for over 500 people in Ocni?a and Leova districts as part of the information campaign "I Decide with Integrity - I Vote with Accountability" to promote integrity in the electoral process. The NAC notifies the completion of 3 operational analyses, the issuance of 121 integrity records, the reception of 38 calls to the National Anti-corruption Hotline and the registration of 1524 materials in the Centre's Chancellery.