

A week in Moldova.

A first class trip into dictatorship...



Source: Evz.ro. April 12, 2009. Valeriu Boboc, 23 years old, died as results of protests on April 8. The Prosecutor Office says that death occurred after intoxication with unknown substance.

Allegations of sexual abuses against detained girls have been reported. Two persons have already died. A feeling of terror and insecurity has been installed in the capital city of Chisinau.

Events that took place raised a lot of questions, but also signals and proofs that might help find out what has happened.

On the day of April 7, the protesters stormed the Presidency and the Parliament. The takeover lasted just several minutes. How was this possible? Why did the Police withdraw so quickly from both buildings? Why did the Ministry of Interior bring troops of very young policemen aged less above 20 to protect two most important buildings of the state? Why the same person hoisted the flags of EU

and Romania on Presidency and then the flag of EU on the Parliament building? Why a policeman assists the protesters to hoist the flag on the building of the Parliament? Why the firefighters did not act immediately, but let the Parliament burn till late evening? Why does the police break a fence into stone pieces on the same day of the April 7 protests? Who are those groups of organised people, dressed in black and wearing sun glasses that instigate protesters and are very aggressive? Why do policemen change themselves from uniforms into plain cloths behind the Government building and get infiltrated in the crowd protesting in the National Square? Why the Public TV Moldova 1, the only nation wide broadcasting chan-

A week of terror and dictatorship... murders, sexual abuses and torture. Two persons died.

This is what Moldova is passing through, starting with April 7, 2009, when the protesters manifested against rigged elections by storming the buildings of the Presidency and the Parliament.

The second day after the events, President Voronin, leader of the winning Communists Party in April 5 elections blames the opposition for organizing a coup d'etat and Romania for being involved in it. He declares Romanian Ambassador persona non grata and imposes visa regime for all Romanian citizens.

Meanwhile, the Police and Security Service is detaining and arresting youth, breaking procedural laws. They are cruelly bet and maltreated.

nel, broadcasts dancing shows while the protests? Why the news on Moldova 1 show just wounded police and destruction? Why the Communists publish 1 mln copies of their newspaper and send it over in the villages? Why Communists stopped the verification of election lists? And why the international community does not have a clear message, while Russia urges the Moldovan Government to install order?

In the next pages, you will find information and links collected from local media and translated into English, to give a better understanding about the events that have happened next week and how it will shape Moldova in the near future.

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APRIL 6, 2009

The results of the Parliamentary Elections from April 5 organized in Moldova, with the communists winning the majority of votes, shocked Moldovans. People, mainly youth, declared April 6 as a national mourning day, considering that election results have been rigged. They organized themselves through internet and social networks to protest and express their indignation. ThinkMoldova together with Hyde Park called young people today, April 6, at 6.p.m at the statu of Stefan cel Mare from the Centre of the city. „If you did not vote for the Party of Communists take a candle and get on the street. The youth declares the day of April 6, the National Mourning Day”, announce the organisers of the event. Source: Ziarul de Garda



April 6, 2009, Chisinau. Protesters light candles at the Statue of Stefan cel Mare as a sign of mourning, after communists won majority , during elections of April 5.

Around 6 p.m. local time, people started to gather in the centre of the city, at Stefan cel Mare Statue. With candles in their hands, and mobilized by two NGOs, they marched towards the Presidency building, shouting: “Freedom”, (Libertate!) “Get out” (Afară!), “Down with the communists”(Jos comuniștii), One, two, one two, take communists to the garbage can (Unu doi, unu doi – comuniștii la gunoi). Meanwhile, the international observers make declarations, qualifying elections correct and with no violations of election standards.

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Statement by Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner on the Parliamentary Elections in the Republic of Moldova (5 April 2009)

“I am pleased that the elections for the fifth Parliament of the Republic of Moldova were conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner and in an overall pluralistic environment. I wish to congratulate the Moldovan people for their active participation in these elections, which confirms their commitment to democracy in their country. Nevertheless, I have taken note of the Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions made by the OSCE-led International Election Observation Mission, which shows that further efforts need to be made, including at the legislative level, to ensure an electoral process free from undue administrative interference, to guarantee full respect for freedom of expression and access to information as well as to increase public confidence in the process. Therefore, I call on the newly elected parliament to work expeditiously on implementing the Mission’s recommendation once they are finalised. I look forward to the further development of EU-Moldova relations and the implementation of political and economic reforms including the strengthening of rule of law and fundamental freedoms that have been discussed in the course of our dialogue with the Moldovan authorities under the previous legislature.”

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/ferrero-waldner/speeches/index_en.htm#06_04_2009

Speaking in Chisinau on Monday 6 April Estonian Socialist MEP Marianne Mikko “noted real improvements in comparison with the 2005 parliamentary elections” explaining that polling stations officials and voters were fully aware of electoral procedures.

Ms Mikko noted however that “further efforts must be made, in particular with regard to the position of the public broadcasting organisations”. The international observers, in a joint statement, said that “the media provided constant opportunities to candidates to convey their message but that state broadcasters had blurred the distinction between the role

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The president of the Republic of Moldova, Vladimir Voronin had a phone conversation with the President of Russian Federation,

Dmitri Medvedev, at the initiative of the Russian state. Dmitri Medvedev has congratulated Vladimir Voronin with the occasion of the victory of the Party of the Communists from the Republic of Moldova with in the Parliamentary elections from April 5, 2009.

The head of the Russian state showed his concern on future cooperation between the new Government from Moldova and Russian Federation authorities, mentioning the full openness to identify new opportunities to deepen and extend the multidimensional with our country. Medvedev informed Voronin about the results of the Summit G 20 from London. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

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of state officials and their campaign activities.” The statement goes on to say that the campaign “was affected by frequent allegations of intimidation of voters and candidates, and claims of misuse of administrative resources”.

Ms Mikko also voiced concern in relation to the low numbers of registered voters (just 22,000), among Moldovans living abroad who number between 600,000 and 1 million.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story_page/030-53410-103-04-16-903-20090403STO53395-2009-13-04-2009/default_en.htm

Strasbourg, 6.04.2009 – Yesterday’s parliamentary elections in Moldova met many international standards and commitments, but further improvements are required to ensure an electoral process free from undue administrative interference and to increase public confidence, the International Election Observation Mission said in a statement issued today.

The elections took place in an overall pluralistic environment, offering voters distinct political alternatives. The legal framework generally provided an adequate basis for the conduct of a democratic election, although important previous recommendations remain to be addressed. Election day was well-organized and passed calmly and peacefully, with no major incidents reported. The voting and counting process was assessed positively by the observers, despite a number of significant procedural shortcomings. The media provided contestants with opportunities to convey their messages, in particular through debates and paid airtime. The observers noted, however, that the state broadcaster blurred the distinction between the coverage of duties of state officials and their campaign activities. The campaign environment was affected by frequent allegations of intimidation of voters and candidates, and claims of misuse of administrative resources. Some of these allegations were verified by the observers.

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Source: unimedia.info. April 7, 2009. Protesters manifest in a peaceful way in front of the Presidency of the Republic of Moldova

“I am delighted with the progress of democracy in Moldova. These elections were very good and they gave me great confidence in the future of this country,” said Petros Efthymiou, head of the delegation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers.



Source: unimedia.info. April 7, 2009. Protesters manifest in a peaceful way in front of the Presidency of the Republic of Moldova

“The people of Moldova are to be congratulated on a relaxed, mainly well-run and democratic polling day. Now the new parliament needs to make the necessary improvements to Moldova’s legal framework and electoral code,” said David Wilshire, head of the delegation of the Council of Europe’s Parliamentary Assembly.

“Our overall assessment of this election is positive, but there is a need to inject more trust in the electoral environment, including through unbiased news reporting by the public broadcaster, improving voter registration procedures, and ensuring that contestants are treated equally by the authorities,” said Nikolai Vulchanov, head of the long-term election observation mission of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1428457&Site=DC&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE>

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Hundreds of young people in massive flows are gathering on National Square. They have tricolor flags and anticommunist slogans. The young people come in columns from all attached streets. Yesterday, "10a.m." (Mâine la 10!) has been shouted as a message to thousands of young people, to meet again and to protest against the rigged elections and the disregard of the youth democratic option by central public authorities. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Around 12 am, almost 10.000 people are between the buildings of two important state institutions: the Presidency and the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova. Policemen, mainly youngsters, equipped with protection helmets and shields form a cordon in front of the Presidency and Parliament. The protesting crowd shouts anticommunist, but also pro-Romanian slogans, such as "We are Romanians", and "Unification". The first row of protesters, mainly athletic guys, is very active and aggressive. They are trying to provoke the police and the other protesters as well.

Hundreds of men in black plain cloths are infiltrated within the protesters. They look different than the students that gathered in the centre of Chisinau. Many young people have signaled that these people instigate them to violence and make calls to physical aggressions.

The reporters of Ziarul de Garda, who are in the centre of the city signaled many cases in which men in black instigate youth to violence and aggressive provocations. Many voices sustain the youth is instigated in order to be suppressed by police. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Around 1 am, violence erupts. Protesters start to throw stones in the Presidency building and police; however the law enforcement does not react. At a certain moment, the group of Police protecting the Presidency and the one protecting the Parliament is moving towards

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The General Prosecutor Office qualifies as illegal and inadmissible the actions of organizers and participants at the meeting from April, 6, 2009, under the name „Mourning Day”.

Thus, on April 6, Ghenadie Brega with the active participation of the leaders of some political parties (V. Filat, A. Tanase, V. Ungureanu, V. Pavlicenco, O. Cernei, V. Nagacevschi etc.) has organised a meeting, where several hundred of people participated.

The purpose of the meeting was to protest against parliamentary election results from April, 5. Several provisions of the Law on assembly have been infringed. (art. 6, 16, 18, 19), according to which: the meeting must be peaceful; the organizer has the right to organize the meeting only in the form, place and terms indicated in the declaration; the participants have the obligation to respect the laws and public order. In reality, a lot of legal provisions have been violated and the organizers have permitted to hinder the main transportation routes, to damage and turn down the public transportation means, to attract minors, to participate in a state of drunkenness, to mock persons.

The organizers did not respect the obligation assumed by them previously, they shown irresponsibility which affected public order, they did not ensure maintenance of law order. As a result of these actions, the meeting got transformed into a mass disorder. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Statement by Spain’s Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers and Lluís Maria De Puig, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 07.04.2009 - “We have learned with concern about the violent events which have taken place in Chisinau following the 5 April parliamentary elections in Moldova. The storming of public buildings is unacceptable and we urge a halt to any

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the Centre of the Avenue. They are surrounded by the rotesters and stoned. Meantime, Presidency is stormed by rioting protesters. They enter the building and destroy documents, furniture and computers. The police are peaceful and not reacting. More people start to come in the centre.

One of the opposition leaders, Vlad Filat and other members of his party are trying to calm the spirits and ask people to leave the area of Parliament and Presidency, in order to protest peacefully in the National Square.

Later on, other leaders of the opposition: Dorin Chirtoaca and Leonid Bujor join him. They succeed to bring a large mass of people in the Square. Around 3 pm, the protesters place the flag of Romania and of the European Unions on the roof of the presidency.

At 5.15 pm, President Voronin begins his speech at the national television. He says he will find the organizers and they will be held responsible for this.

Around 6 pm, the Ambassadors of the European States have left the Government building where they had a meeting with the authorities from Chisinau. (Source: Unimedia.md)

The Ambassadors from USA, Great Britain, Romania, Czech Republic and other states have left the building of the Government where they had a meeting with the authorities from Chisinau, including Vladimir Voronin.

The Ambassadors seemed very sad and did not want

to speak with the press. Some of them declared that the authorities promised not to attack the crowd, because there are many young people and there might be victims. Being asked if there is any positive message from the authorities from Chisinau, the Ambassadors were not open in declarations.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

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further violence on all sides. We underline at the same time the importance of securing people's right to peaceful assembly. We call on all political leaders in the country to enter into a dialogue with a view to preventing any further violence.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe observed Sunday's elections and noted that they met many international standards, but that further improvements were needed. Restoring public confidence requires that rapid action is taken to address the shortcomings noted by international observers during the elections. The Council of Europe is willing to assist in this process."

Statement by Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 07.04.2009 - I am concerned about reported violence during the protests against the election results in Chisinau. This is not acceptable and I call on everyone to show restraint. Council of Europe and other international observers noted several shortcomings which will have to be improved before the next elections, but they did not challenge the overall results. Some people may not be happy with the outcome, but accepting defeat is a part of the democratic process. As to any specific allegations of electoral irregularities, these should be dealt with in the court not in the street.

Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner on violent demonstrations in Chisinau

"I am deeply concerned by reports about clashes between demonstrators and police in Chisinau. I call upon all involved to immediately stop any acts of violence. I urge all concerned to exercise restraint and engage in dialogue. I strongly call for the leaders of all Moldovan parties to call for calm, pursue dialogue and avoid statements that could further inflame the situation. I remind all parties that any complaint in connection to last Sunday's election should be addressed through the existing channels."

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/ferrero-waldner/speeches/index_en.htm#07_04_2009

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Source: Unimedia.info. April 7, 2009. Protesters attack the Presidency Building



Source: Unimedia.info. April 7, 2009. Devastation of Presidency Building of the Republic of Moldova

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Source: Unimedia.info. April, 7 2009. Protesters stonning the Presidency Building. A day after, a video on how, police destroys a fence to prepare stones appeared. Here is the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IPwHAQYpBg>



Source: Unimedia.info. April 7, 2009. In front of the Presidency Buidling, waterflows are directed against protesters. For better documentation follow the link <http://drugoi.livejournal.com/2914511.html>



April 7, 2009, 18.30 - The young people are destroying the 1st floor of the House of Parliament || UNIMEDIA.md

Source: Unimedia.info. April 7, 2009. Young people are destroying the first floor of the Parliament Building.



Source: Jurnal.md. April 7, 2009. Police leave the Parliament and let the protesters riot the Building.

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Source: Jurnal.md. April 7, 2009. The person in yellow and the person in black are going to place the flag of the EU on the Building of the Parliament. The same persons have placed the flag of the EU and Romania on the Building of the Presidency.



Source: JurnalTV.md. April 7, 2009. Two fake protesters place the flag of the European Union on the top of the Parliamentary building. They are aided by a representative of Police. These are the same persons that placed the flag several hours ago on the building of the Presidency.

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Source: Jurnal.md. April 7, 2009. Young people protesting peacefully on the National Square. In the same time the Parliament Building is being devastated.



Source: Unimedia.info. April 7, 2009. Protesters burn documents and furniture from the Parliament.

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Around 6 pm, several hundred of police surrounded the premises of Television Moldova 1. The police are placed behind the fence, being well equipped for attacks. In the centre of Chisinau, there were many journalists from TV/Radio Moldova 1. They declared that they were not permitted to broadcast news about the events from the Centre of the city. The public TV was broadcasting music and theatre shows. The protesters have shown their disappointment towards this behavior of the governance. That is why more to overtake Public Television have been expressed (Source Ziarul de Garda)

The Emergency Hospital has confirmed that nobody died during the events from the Presidency. At 18.20, the doctor on guard told the newspaper Ziarul de Garda that no decease has been registered as follow up of anticommunist wrangles. According to the doctors, 80 persons need medical assistance. A great number of people has been hospitalized having wounds, bruises brain traumas. The wounded have been transported to the Emergency hospital and the Hospital of the Ministry of Interior. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Around 6 pm, the opposition leaders (Vlad Filat, Dorin Chirtoaca, Serafim Urechean) meet with the President of the Republic of Moldova (Vladimir Voronin), the Governmental team and the Speaker of the Parliament (Marian Lupu) to negotiate over the repeated recount of votes, verification of electoral lists and anticipated elections. Around 7 pm, the protesters are very active in

front of the Parliament. Violence erupts again when protesters start throwing stones. They succeed to break the doors and enter in the building. In a short time, the police without trying to use their powers and stop the vandals are leaving the Parliament. The protesters storm it as they did several hours ago with the Presidency building.

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Source: Unimendia.info. April 7, 2009. Protesters stone the Police between Presidency and Parliament Building

Civil Coalition for free and correct Elections “Coalition 2009” considers parliamentary elections from Moldova on 5 April 2009 as not fully correct and even if we exclude the Transnistrian incidents, then we still can not consider the elections to have been free and correct.

(Source: Unimedia.md)

Ghenadii Ziuganov, one of political leaders from Russia, declared that secret services from western countries were involved in organizing the protest.

(Source: Unimedia.md)

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), expressed his concern over the situation in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, and made the following statement:

“I am very concerned over the situation in Chisinau, following the 5 April parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova. International election observers noted in their preliminary findings that the elections met many international standards and commitments, but that further improvements were required to ensure an electoral process free from undue administrative interference and to increase public confidence.

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Two offices from the 5th floor of the Parliament are burning. The police are staying in the back of the presidency and do not act. Neither the firemen! Only at 10.45 pm, the firemen took control over the situation.

(Source: Unimedia.md)

In Moldova, all internet connections are shut. Mass-media is blocked. Local television cannot broadcast. The national TV is broadcasting a dancing show.

(Source: Unimedia.md)

Hundreds of young people protested today in Ungheni and Balti and supported the protest in Chisinau. They declared that the elections were fake. Also, some buses with Moldovan students from Romania, coming to Chisinau to protest were not allowed to enter Moldova.

(Source: Unimedia.md)

Dorin Chirtoaca, deputy president of the Liberal Party, made a call to protesters to a peaceful protest. Vlad Filat, president of Liberal Democratic Party, requested the Central Election Commission refrain from publishing the final election results, until all the petitions for reevaluating the election results from opposing parties are examined.

(Source: Unimedia.md)

The President Vladimir Voronin accuses opposition parties of preparing a coup d'Etat. On the other hand, opposition parties, declare that the protesters have organized themselves through the internet

..., twitter, forums) and SMS.

(Source: Unimedia.md)

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I call on all sides to refrain from violence and provocation. Violence against government buildings is unacceptable. Equally important is the respect for the inalienable right of assembly of peaceful demonstrators. “
http://ue.eu.int/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/declarations/107172.pdf

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Protests continued. Thousands of people gathered in the National Square. The atmosphere was calm, however, athletic guys, in black sports uniforms move within the crowd of people and provoke the protesters. Any attempt to film or to photograph them is not successful as they hide their faces. The police well equipped are protecting the Government. Around 6 pm, more protesters come. It is obvious that two groups of protesters participate: those who are very active and aggressive and peaceful people. The police are ready to react in case of any provocation. The first line of protesters is very active, shouting anti communistic and nationalistic slogans. Behind the Government, many police are dislocated. They are changing in plain clothes and walking into the crowd to provoke it. Late in the evening, some of the protesters are detained by men dressed in plain black cloths, put in cars and transported into unknown directions.

During the night from April 7 to April 8, a deceased person has been brought to the Emergency Hospital by a private car. According to Liviu Vovc, the chief of the City Emergency Station, during the night from April 7 to April 8, a car of Niva model brought in the trunk a dead body and declared that this is a person from protest. The persons who brought the body reported that it has been put in their trunk and they have been told to bring it to the Hospital. According to Vovc, the body was immediately taken by Police for further investigation. There are no other dead persons as follow up of the protests. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Many parents have signaled that they can not find their children. They declared that the Emergency Service reported that almost 200 young people with traumas have been taken to City Police Station on Tighina 6. The Police Station says that the children have been taken out of the city. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

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Strasbourg, 08.04.2009 - Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) and Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs on Moldova for the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), who were present in Moldova to observe the elections of Sunday 5 April 2009, today called for "an end to violence and provocation" in the capital city, Chisinau. "We are concerned about the deterioration of the situation in a European country which nevertheless benefits from our attention and our support. Moldova needs to achieve political stability in the context of a democracy which will be able to assert itself only through elections, and not through violence", they declared. The co-rapporteurs stated that they would continue to monitor the situation in the country closely so that they can report to the members of the Monitoring Committee in Strasbourg during the spring Session of the PACE (27-30 April 2009). http://assembly.coe.int/ASP/NewsManager/EMB_NewsManagerView.asp?ID=4551&L=2

U.S. Embassy Statement on Today's Protests in Chisinau

The United States regrets the violence in Chisinau that has led to injuries, damage to property and a possible loss of life. We call on all participants to refrain from violent action and to resolve their differences through peaceful means. We encourage government authorities to continue to show restraint. Citizens of a democracy have the right to assemble and express their views in a peaceful manner. We encourage all Moldovan citizens to work together and resolve their differences amicably.

<http://moldova.usembassy.gov/pr040702009.html>

Emma Nicholson, member of the EU Parliament, on Moldovan Elections

"When we stoped the count at about 1 a.m., it looked as though the Communists were going to have 35%, and the combined opposition would be about 40 to 45%," baroness Emma Nicholson, a member of the

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Today, around 10.30 am, the politician Sergiu Mocanu has been arrested. Currently his sons are on the territory of the Romanian Embassy for more than half a year, asking for protection from the Romanian state against Police abuses. He has been taken from street by ten persons in plain cloths. They did not present themselves, but said they are policemen. Mocanu was put into a car. Nobody knows where he is and his mobile phone is switched off.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

According to the data from the Central Election Commission, after counting 98,28%, the Party of Communists lost one mandate, having now 60 mandates, which is not enough to elect the future president.

The Liberal Party and the Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova have equal number of mandates - 15 each. Although, the Central Election Commission promised to announce the results in the morning of April 8, up till this hour 12.30 pm, this thing did not happen.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

All trains from Chisinau to Bucharest have been suspended. The Administration of the Railway station informed that today and tomorrow, the train will not circulate. The reporters from Ziarul de Garda have asked why trains have been suspended. The administration declared that trains were stopped because of technical reasons.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

In the evening, while filming reportage from the National Square, Oleg Brega, has been taken out of the crown and bet to blood. His camera has been destroyed. Brega needs medical assistance. At this hour, the Government is surrounded by armed people. The protests in the National Square continue. During the Mesager programme at the National Public TV, Moldova 1, Voronin continues to accuse Romania.

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European Parliament, has told the BBC. She monitored the elections as part of the OSCE team. And by 8 a.m. the figures were really very very different indeed. It was 50% for the Communists and something tiny, very small indeed for the other opposition parties,” Emma Nicholson said. “But we had no proof,” said the European parliamentarian.

“I would have been much more guarded, had I been the leader of the delegation, myself,” Emma Nicholson stated. The baroness says she has much experience in monitoring the elections in this region. “Our report was much too warm and friendly towards that vote. The problem is that it was an OSCE report.

The OSCE includes the Russians. And the Russians’ view was quite substantially different from my own, for example,” said observer Emma Nicholson. Baroness Emma Nicholson said she found it “difficult to endorse the very warm press statement” from the head of the OSCE.

“The problem was that it was an OSCE report, and in the OSCE are, of course, the Russians, and their view was quite different, quite substantially different, for example from my own,” she told BBC News. She said she and other observers had a “very, very strong feeling” that there had been some manipulation, “but we couldn’t find any proof”. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7989360.stm>

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The Government endorsed a decision to impose visas to Romanian citizens. The Visa regime will be applied starting from Thursday, 9 of April.

Moldovan authorities have declared Filip Teodorescu, romanian ambassador, persona non-grata in Moldova.

The airport customs did not permit to the correspondent of Radio Romania Actualitati to enter Moldova at the international airport Chisinau.

Today, President Vladimir Voronin held a speech for 15 minutes at the national television at the main news bulletin of the country. He accuses Romania for trying to organize a "coup d'etat." Also today, Vladimir Voronin had a meeting with universities rectors why he criticizes them for letting students to participate at the protest (at the end rectors applauded).

Source: Unimedia.infor

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It is almost 8.00 P.M., but the alarming calls keep arriving. Many claim they do no longer feel confident of their own safety and ask for the journalists' protection.

We received calls from people of Ialoveni city and were told that there were already over 300 young people arrested after being identified by police from the photos of the protests.

We received calls from Bacioi, and we were told that the mayor and the local police intimidated children from the city's school. They threatened the children with imprisonment if they participate in protests. Some children are in a state of shock and parents are afraid to go to the doctor.

We received calls from Chisinau and we were told that today, near the Sun City store, young people were arrested in the street and loaded onto cars and taken to an unknown destination.

We received calls from the customs' and were told that Moldovan students who wanted to return home for the Easter Holidays were stopped at the border, and were not allowed to cross the Moldovan border.

We were contacted by people from Chisinau and were told that mobile phones had been disconnected in the center of the city to create impediments in communication.

We were called by people who identified themselves as «policemen friendly to the people», and who said that the waves of arrests would continue, therefore people should not carry their ID's on them . (They did not explain why).

We were called by people from Ciocana region of Chisinau who they said that they had received telephone calls and the people on the other end of the line introduced themselves as «police» and asked them about their neighbors, how to find them and what time they usually come home.

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We were called by the parents of young people missing since the 7th or the 8th of April and they said that they could not find their children and that the police didn't want to help or explain anything.

We were called by people from Orhei and we were told that if there was a group of people of more than 5 people — some person would approach them holding a map of «The Great Romania» and immediately unidentified men would appear and arrest them accusing them of aggression from Romania.

All these things should be checked, but state institutions no longer respond to our calls. We continue to record people's complaints and we will insist on getting the official answers to all your questions.

Today, police checked all transportation means that entered into Chisinau. The Police verified in details especially the youth, ask them about the purpose of arriving in Chisinau. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

The Central Election Commission has allowed the opposition parties to verify the election lists. The opposition has 4 days starting from today, Thursday.

Between 11 am - 12 pm, 2 BMW's arrived at the Agricultural University from Chisinau. Some unidentified persons took several students and transported them into unknown directions. People who saw the cars said one of it was registered in Moldova (number C CV 361, grey color, BMW) and the other in Germany (number SL AH 260, green color, BMW).

In the midway, only 200 persons are in the National Square.

Today, Gabriel Stati, one of the most important businessman from Moldova was arrested in Odessa (Ukraine). Authorities suspect him for organizing protest. At this moment, the offices of the Stati Holding are being checked by police. (Source: Unimeida.info)

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Groups of 4 to 6 persons dressed as civilians detain people that walk in the Public Garden «Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt from Chișinău»

Almost one hour ago, the ZD reporters saw how a young person was pursued and detained. His arms have been entwisted at his back. After a short dialogue, the young man was released and directed towards the back of the Government building. In the same time, in the park entrance, a car with the Transnistrian car plate C221BX has parked. A few people came from that vehicle and welcomed the suspect groups dressed like civilians. These suspect groups continue to patrolling the park.

Today, April 10, 2009, the Buiucani court has examined the charge against Sergiu Mocanu, former presidential adviser, submitted by the General Prosecutor Office and issued the decision to extend arrest warrant for 25 days. He is being charged of organising public disorder. We remind that on April 8, around 10:30 am, Sergiu Mocanu has been taken by force by 10 persons in plain cloths.

Moldtelecom blocked access to the most popular sites for subscribers to the Internet.

Only several dozen of people are now in the National Square. Some of the have flowers, others not, most have umbrellas — it rains. Ziarul de Garda correspondents transmit that there are many people are in plain cloths who behave as security agents observe people if they transmit newspapers or any document. They surround those who talk.

Policemen in uniform are not visible at this time in National Square. PMAN. Instead, behind the Government of Moldova, police troops, police and firefighter cars have been deployed.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

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The main leaders of non-gubernamental organisations from Moldova made statement 30 minutes ago at a press-conference, in which they declare that the protest on 7th April was pacifist and only an active group of instigators incited the crowd to vandalism. In this case, the transfer of the responsibility for the violence to opposition parties is not correct. NGO leaders ask President Voronin to stop violence to participants at the protest and opposition.

The declarations Voronin made were catalysis for people to participate at protest, mentions the declaration of NGO's leaders.

(Source: Unimedia.info)

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Anatol Mătășaru says he was beaten cruelly in offices nr.228 and 223 of the General Police Station, where was held from the morning of April 9 till the present.

His lawyer, Victor Panțaru has informed us that Anatol Mătășaru was detained on the morning of April 9, by person in plain cloths that did not inform him the reason of detention.

Mătășaru's lawyer has explained that he was beaten by two policemen, called Sârbu and Ghenaduie in offices 223 and 228. He says he was beaten with fists and feet. Panțaru declares that Mătășaru's face looke deformed becuase of the beatings, his breathing is difficult and says to have broken ribs. Although after the beatings, he requested an ambulance, the doctors offered him the aid, but the police would have prevented them to document fully Mătășaru's trauma.

«Even if is Mătășaru accused, the police is not entitled to apply force. The detention conditions should be according to the standards» Panțaru said, adding that Mătășaru's clothes are torn, he speaks slowly and can not breathe, accuses dizziness and faint state. Also, the file on Mătășaru has been opened 6 hours after he was detained, which is again a violation of law. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Rodica Mahu, editor in chief at the Jurnal de Chisinau newspaper has been kidnapped from Puskin street, in the morning of April, 10.

Journalists are trying to find details from authorities, up till now nothing is known.

Four journalists from Ziarul de Garda have been followed today, while they were walking behind the Government, by persons in plain cloths. The journalists had to run till the hotel Joly Allon.

At 12.30, persons in civil cloths followed the reporter of Ziarul de Garda, from 31 August str. Till Tighina str. till he managed to enter in a building.

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Today, men in black patrol the streets in Chisinau. They walking groupsoftwomainlyoncentralstreet.Aroundthe Government there are hundreds of Police with shields.
(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

This morning, all buses to Chisinau were stopped and verified. One bus with the route Oradea (Romania) - Chisinau was stopped and 10 students have been arrested. "I was coming home for Easter holidays. Police declares that they will allow us to go home, if our parents come with their passports to pick us up" said Catalina Tomsa for UNIMEDIA, one of the arrested persons.
(Source: Unimedia.info)

Russian Federation has offered special equipment to Moldova for fighting against the protests from Chisinau. The news belongs to the Russian publication Kommersant.
(Source: Unimedia.info)

Journalists teams from Romania (Realitatea TV, Antena 3), who broadcasted live the events from PMAN, have been detained and expelled from Moldova.
(Source: Unimedia.info)

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(Source: Unimedia.info)

The Editor-in-chief aof Jurnal de Chisinau newspaper was released in the afternoon of Paril 10. She has been detained walking near the government for extracting info which could be used to hit the government", says Jurnal.md.
(Source: Unimedia.info)

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Today, around 4pm, about 800 protesters gathered in the central square of Chisinau. The young people brought with them flowers for accentuating the peaceful character of the action, where they demonstrate disagreement towards the results of the elections from April 5 and the intimidation towards the young protesters. (Source: Unimedia.info)

Jurnal de Chisinau newspaper and JurnalTV asked the US embassy in Chisinau to offer political asylum for all the editing team, because of the fact that the reporters are being terrorized these days by the force organs. (Source: Unimedia.info)

After the press has written that the communist government has co-participated at vandalism acts from presidency and parliament, publishing images with youth supported by policemen, today, April 10, the presidential security explained to the journalists:

“The policeman that appears in the photo on the roof of the presidency was there because he was asked to get up by the people”. As about the fact that a policeman was filmed while destroying a yard for giving stones to the protesters, the explanation was: “the police could not get a car out of the yard”. Where was that car from and why couldn't the car be taken out from the yard although near there was a gate, the presidential security didn't answer. (Source: Unimedia.info)

On Thursday morning, 8 A.M., police visited several high schools from Chisinau to search for those who did not attend classes on Tuesday, April 7, when the presidency and parliament buildings were vandalized. The directors of the schools are afraid to lose their jobs. (Source: Unimedia.info)

“They've hit me as they could. I was hit all over the body”. This is how a young man commented for UNIMEDIA how he was aggressed by police during the night of April 7. The young man tells how he

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was beaten by the order forces, saying that they've taken documents, money and the mobile phone. (Source: Unimedia.info)

A young man of 23 years old, who was arrested on April 7, was cruelly beaten by police, after he participated at the manifestation as a translator for a group of Swedish journalists. This way, the policemen were very interested to find out what is his connection with the Swedish people. (Source: Unimedia.info)

Romanian reporter, Doru Dendiu, from TVR (Romanian TV) was released, says Antena3. (Source: Unimedia.info)

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The access to the election lists was open only Friday afternoon and only in a few sectors out of over 30. After several hours, the access to the list was been stopped, based on a request made by the Party of Communists to the Court of Appeal. Victor Osipov, from Alliance Our Moldova, has said that today no one has access to the list. It was possible to examine the lists only in 7 the sectors and for a few hours. Moreover, the reexamination was done in absolutely inappropriate conditions, in the basement of a court. The representatives of the Party of Communists have filed a complaint with the Court of Appeal to halt the examination of lists. The meeting will take place today at 15.00 (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Although Vladimir Voronin has promised to the international community that will ask the Constitutional Court to authorize the procedure votes recount today, the Central Election Commission has decided to send to Court for approval the report on the final results of elections. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

The Centre Election Committee said that 8 parties that requested access to election lists work together with the representatives of the courts. However, the access is very limited and in other voting sections is absolutely impossible, say the representatives of the Parties. (Source: Ziarul de Garda)

The representatives of the Court of Appeal declared for ZDG that the request that has been filed by the Party of Communists on cancellation of vote's recount, which had to be examined today, was delayed for Monday.

Sandu Tanase, lawyer and representative of Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova declared « Knowing the degree of independence of justice from Moldova, I will not be surprised to find out on Monday that the request has been solved in favor of the Party of Communists.

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„The meeting has been delayed. This does not mean that they will not win. Maybe there will not even be necessary, as the Central Election Committee seeks to confirm the Election results”, said Victor Osipov, Alliance Our Moldova representative.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Young people that have been arrested in the last days as results of the protests in Chisinau were transferred last night from the police sections to the Penitentiary nr.13 from Chisinau. The detained informed us that young people had traces of brutal beatings, and were cruelly beaten, when they tried to shout while being transferred to the prison. Several detained persons told us that a real tragedy happened during the night in the prison from the Bernardazzi street, Chisinau. Starting with 12:00 a.m., a car brought to prison young people arrested during the last days. They were charged of being participated in protests. Detainees say they heard many female voices

screaming and asking for help. For “disturbing the peace” the guards beat them cruelly, and as more the women cried, as more severe the beatings were. The lawyers and attorneys, contacted by “Ziarul de Garda” have confirmed these facts. «I understand that several groups of detainees were brought to prison, first at 11.00 pm, then at 12 am. Yes, we were told that they were beaten. We don't have access there yet. It is tragic.»

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

The Guard Journal (ZDG) received signals that some of the young women detained by the police during the protests have been sexually abused.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

The young women detained at the police, which opposed resistance to police proposals for cooperation were subject to physical abuses but also sexual violence. This fact has been confirmed by one of the medical workers which examined some of the young people during these days, within the Police Stations. At the General Police Station we've been told that

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there are no girls detained and they don't know anything about such cases.

At the same time, two women reporters of our Journal have been threatened with settling accounts by sexual abuse by the members of the order forces during April 8 incidents from backside the of the Government.

(Source: Jurnalul de Garda)

Sources from within the penitentiary inform that around 7 pm, a new group of young people arrested during the street protests was brought at Penitentiary no. 13 from Chisinau. In total it's said that 600 people are arrested.

About 40 young people have been brought recently, and 50 people were brought last night. Sources from within the penitentiary sustain that they have been placed mainly in the cells 38, 60, 81 from block no. 2, and in cells 17,14,104 from block 1. They were not allowed to make any phone calls home.

During the day, ZDG contacted constantly the press office of the Penitentiary Department as well as the phone number of Ana Racu, the representative for media relations of the Penitentiary Department, but with no success.

At this hour, the TV program "Rezonans" from TVM (Teleradio-Moldova) transmit that during the street revolts 600 people have been arrested in Moldova. There are is no other official data about the exact number of people arrested, yet.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

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Today, the manifestations have been calm. Five policemen have been dislocated in front of the Government; they did not do anything during the whole event.

In fact, the organizers had their own forces to maintain public order. They could be easily recognized by the white ribbon around their neck. However, two incidents that could have ended up in provocations took place. The first was connected with a red trolleybus that entered into the crowd.

At that moment, the National Square was full with people and the public transportation could not circulate through, it had to avoid the National Square. Out of a sudden a red trolleybus, full of people in plain clothes, mainly women entered into the crowd. The risk that somebody from the crowd would instigate to attacking the vehicle was real.

Vlad Filat has interrupted the speaker from the microphone and immediately asked the crowd to allow the trolleybus to pass. Although the crowd has formed a corridor, the trolleybus would not move. It has been noted that it got disconnected from the electricity cable. In a short time, the trolleybus has been reconnected to the electricity cable and passed under the applauses and smiles of the people. Other transportation units did not pass through the crowd.

The second incident happened on the stage. A woman dressed in black and with an icon in her hands stepped on the stage. With violent shouts, she was asking for the microphone because „she was bringing prays on behalf of Iurie Rosca”, blaming the three opposition leaders, who organized the today’s meeting. The woman said that her name was Iulia Lozovanu and that she recognizes only one party — the Popular Christian Democratic Party. The majority of the cameras were pointed on her. The incident lasted several tens of minutes till the woman was walked out of the stage and then out of the crowd.

Today, those 15.000 protesters from the National

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Squares have honored the memory of the young person, killed on April 8.

Valeriu Boboc of 23 years old, supporter of the Liberal Party, has been transported to the morgue within the protests perimeter. His parents think that he was murdered with cruelty.

On the other hand, the General Prosecutor Office has communicated in a press release that:

„In connection with the multiple rumors related to the death of the citizen Valeriu Boboc, the Press Service of the Prosecutor Office is in right to inform the following. On April 8, at 1.15 am, V. Boboc died on his way to the Emergency Hospital. According to the results of the autopsy, the body injuries and namely a broken rib have no causative connection with the cause of death. According to the doctors, he was subject to intoxication with an unknown substance. In order to exclude any doubts related to the cause of death, the prosecutors are ready to call an international expertise.”

Meanwhile, the General Prosecutor Office has formed a special group of prosecutors with the task to verify and examine all requests and complaints filed by citizens regarding the alleged actions of abuses, torture etc., committed by police.

With regard to the persons detained or arrested within the actions of mass disorders, the Prosecutor Office informs that according to procedural criminal laws, all persons are granted legal assistance, the access of lawyers is ensured and the hearings of minors are carried out in the presence of parents or professors. The prosecutors constantly verify the detention rooms in order to exclude abuses from law enforcement.

In this context, the Public Relations sections as well as other subdivisions of the Prosecutor Office are ready to receive and examine all complaints related to alleged bad treatments.”

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

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Source: Evz.ro April 12, 2009. Valeriu Boboc, 23 years old, died as results of protests on April 8. The Prosecutor Office says that death occurred after intoxication with unknown substance.

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APRIL 13, 2009

Julieta Savitchi, the wife of Anatol Matasaru, known for his protests against corruption and anticommunist regime is concerned about the life of her husband.

„Now, he is in Police arrest. They are mocking him in a certian way. He is tortured. The police make him kiss their boots, in order to let him alive. His life is in danger”, says the journalist Julieta Savitchi, bringing the attention of mass media on this serious case of human rights violations. „I am afraid that I will not see him alive anymore”, she says.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Parents of Radu Calancea, who was arrested in April 7, on the square of the Theatre of Opera and Ballet are worried about the serious situation their son is in. „He has asthma and might die in any moment”, says Mihai Calancea, outlining that he could not find out about the place his son is for a long time.

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Edwin Berry, Human Rights Adviser to the UN in Moldova has managed to visit the prison nr.13 on Saturday and talk to at least 40 of the young people arrested during the protests. «I have never seen anything like this», said Berry.

The UN adviser claims he has seen at least 40 youngsters who are detained in various cells. «They all have traces of beatings and injuries,» Berry said, adding that practically all the prisoners are aged between 18 and 24.

The prisoners complained they were beaten in the different police sections or at the headquarters of the Commissioner General of Police. They claimed that between 25 and 28 people were held in small cells of 8 square meters. They were given very little water, and virtually no food. Also, most of them complained about the fact that they were not allowed to see a lawyer.



Source: Cotidianul.ro. April 13, 2009. Victims of police torture after the anticommunist protests.

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“When I found out, where he is I insisted to give him at least the medicine. He urgently needs «Salbutamol». I took him the medicine, but they refused to give it to him.”, says the father of the boy.

According to some prison inmates, Radu has been beaten with cruelty by Police. Moreover, he has been judged at the Police Station without any lawyer’s presence. Nobody informed his family that Radu was transferred in the isolation room of the General Police Station, from Tighina str., in the Prison 13.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

The newspaper The Communist, published 1 million copies has been loaded starting with Friday morning, around 8.30 am in many cars. [...]

One of the drivers has admitted that the load will be sent in all villages of Moldova. He also said that he does not work for the Party of Communists, but his boss has sent him here. It was clear that the drivers and those employed have been in a hurry.
Source: Ziarul de Garda

Many of the parents of arrested young people have notified us that they have no access to lawyers and that they don’t trust the representatives of judiciary. This morning, dozens of relatives of young detained gathered around Penitentiary nr.13 and the Police Station.

Some of them still don’t know where their children and relatives are, others say they know that young people are beaten and have no access to the doctor. Several mothers said their children were arrested only yesterday.

The majority had no lawyer and said that they do not know where to find one and that they have no money for legal services.

Although, Amnesty International has provided a list of lawyers open to grant services to persons detained within protests, today all lawyers said they are overloaded with cases.

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«I have seen doctors in the Penitentiary, but the prisoners say they do not receive all appropriate medical assistance», said the UN representative. He told the press that he had taken photographs of the signs of torture which these young people bear on their bodies. He also requested to set up a meeting with the Moldovan Ministry of Interior Affairs. Also, the data that he collected during his visit will be used to document the cases and to inform the international community about what is happening.

«From what I saw and heard from those 40 young people, I can say that there are serious human rights violations, namely the practices of inhuman and degrading treatment and preventing the right to legal advice, fair court proceedings and appropriate conditions of detention, «said the UN official.

Berry believes it is important there is the “Committee for complaints” in Moldova, which made it possible for him to visit the prison.
(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

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APRIL 14, 2009

Several persons announced Ziarul de Gardas that during the last couple of days police patrols stop teenagers on the streets.

Today, on the Dacia Boulevard (Blvd. Dacia) [...] a police patrol stopped a group of children that were going to school. The policemen asked them where they are going, who they are and other details. The children were under 14 years old and they were not accompanied by any adult persons. The law doesn't allow interrogating children in the absence of a lawyer, tutor or parent.

Yesterday, on the Stephen the Great Boulevard (Blvd. Ștefan cel Mare), next to the Fashion Center (Centrul de Modă), a police patrol stopped a group of children, aged between 12 to 14 years old, asked them to open their bags and verified their diary and other personal stuff.

The Interior Ministry didn't offer any comments about this fact, declaring that the board of the Press Office is having lunch.

(Source: Ziarul de Garda)

Anatol Mătășaru declared today to his lawyer that he was beaten, physically and psychologically abused in order to tell his email addresses.

“They bet me and threatened me asking first of all to sign a document to recognize that I've been paid by the opposition leaders to protest, a fact which is not true. In the time, they've beaten me with their legs to give them the passwords from my email addresses. I didn't have any other alternative than giving them these passwords” said Mătășaru, adding that he is currently detained with an HIV/AIDS infected person who does not receive medication. He was also threatened that he will be detained with very dangerous criminals, who could kill him, in case he does not cooperate with the police. Victor Panțâru sustains several human fundamental rights are violated and Matasaru will appeal to the law courts.

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Traian Basescu underlined the access of the demonstrators into the headquarters of the Moldovan Parliament and Presidency was not possible without the permission of the Moldovan authorities. “I repeat the authorities permitted the access of the protesters into the state's institutions,” Basescu said.

The Romanian President declared himself concerned with the reprisals and the gross violations of the human rights in Moldova. “Kidnapping people, abusive arrests, threats, terrorizing the citizens, fabricating dossiers, probes without securing legal assistance,” Traian Basescu specified.

He considers the Moldovan authorities' abuses against media speak about a feeling of illegitimacy and non-representativeness.

Traian Basescu condemned the threat to use weapons, “announced by certain key leaders from Chisinau.” “We draw your attention that using weapons against civilians, among which there also are Romanian citizens, is a crime,” he said.

Basescu declined Romania's involvement in the events in Chisinau. He said by externalizing Moldova's problems, accusing Romania, the Moldovan authorities try to make the Romanians responsible for the economic, political and social hardships Moldova passes through. “It's not Romania who's responsible for the failure in democratizing Moldova, but it's ones who drag it back to the Communist, Soviet past,” Traian Basescu.

Basescu says Romania will ask for a European inquest to establish the responsibility “for the reprisals of these days” as “expelling journalists, violating the human rights, the accusations in the address of the Romanian state.”

In case “the oppressive measures go on, Romania will try and help the ones whose life and physical integrity are threatened,” by measures of humanitarian assistance.

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Ion Tabuleac is the second deceased persons after the Protests from Chisinau. He was only 22 years and died on the night of April 7, being brought to the Emergency Hospital and left in its yard by a car belong to the Ministry of Interior.

He was working in Russia and on that evening of April 7 he was supposed to come home, but he never came, say his parents. The second day, his parents were announced to come and pick up the body from the morgue. It is another mistery, how they identified him, as he did not have any ID cards, says his mother. At the morgue, the parents were not allowed to see his body. They saw the body only after their son was dressed up. The death certificate states the he died because of a chest trauma. The body of Ion Tabuleac is full with wounds and injuries, his family says. (Source: Mondonews.ro)



Source: Jurnal.md. Ion Tabuleac, 22 years old, died on the night of April 7 and twas hown from a car belonging to the Ministry of Interior in the yard of Emergency Hospital from Chisinau. He was buried on April 11.

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Basescu mentioned article 7 of the Romanian Constitution which obliges Romania to support the people from Moldova “who consider themselves Romanians and feel like Romanians.”

Traian Basescu has asked the Romanian Government to urgently modify the law on Romanian citizenship, so that Moldovans be able to rapidly regain the Romanian citizenship.

In the opinion of the analyst Iulian Chifu, Traian Basescu’s speech was excessively diplomatic, “especially not to offer ground for hard words.”

The Romanian President’s stance comes after the Moldovan authorities accused Romania and its secret ser vices over involvement in the violent acts from Chisinau.

(Source: Azi.md)

Political forces in Moldova should demonstrate restraint and respect for the returns of the April 5 parliamentary elections, which numerous international observers have recognized as ones held in compliance with democratic norms. Such opinion was shared by Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Grigory Karasin and the Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Ambassador Philip Remler, who met in Moscow on Monday.

The Russian foreign ministry wrote in a press release after the conversation that the Russian side had expressed a deep concern over the irresponsible actions by political forces that are not interested in preserving the statehood of the Republic of Moldova.

Karasin and Remler touched also in the Transnistria problem, in particular the possibilities available with the international mediators and observers to promote resumption of the negotiation process with an account of the recent Moscow meeting of the leaders of Moldova and Transnistria, held in the presence of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

(Source: Azi.md)

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APRIL 15, 2009

The opposition parties said that the decision of the Chisinau Court of Appeal to ban their access to the election lists was the Communists' (PCRM) decision. However, they managed to copy a big part of the election lists from districts, on the basis of which they can track "falsifying trends." "The authorities do not want to allow us have access to the Chisinau lists especially from Rascani sector, where we suppose most of the frauds were committed," Urecheanu said.

Vlad Filat has given this example: "Cahul district has 65 polling stations, of which we checked 28, that is 43%. In those we discovered 2,334 breaches. From what we have checked, this is 10.6%." The three leaders are inclined to believe from 10 to 30 percent of the votes were forged per total.

"Now we understand very well the days of April 6 and 7. Why did the Communists allowed to happen what happened: violence and devastating the buildings of the Parliament and the Presidency? Voronin recognizes he opened the access to those buildings on purpose," said Urecheanu, who came up with the explanation: "In order to drive away the attention of the domestic and international community from the results of the elections. And we compare it to the year 1933, when Hitler set the Reichstag on fire in order to crack down the opposition."

Politicians showed proof that 5,166 people voted in a number of polling stations, 3,280 voted with the same Identity card, 1,600 people voted with other documents than the ID card, 1,000 are forged.

The three politicians have said that, although the local authorities had had their own voters lists, several days before the vote, the Information Development

Ministry sent them its lists. When the turmoil was on in Chisinau on April 7, President Vladimir Voronin decorated Info Development Minister Pavel Buceatchi with the Order Gloria Muncii (Labor Glory). (Source: Azi.md)

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Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis statement on Moldova

Strasbourg, 15.04.2009 – "During the last few days, we have received very mixed news from Moldova. On one hand, I am encouraged by the proposal to check electoral lists and recount the votes. This should help to calm the post-election controversy. On the other hand, I am very concerned about alleged breaches of human rights with alleged detention of large numbers of people, including children, and restrictions on the freedom of media. Against this background, I have asked Jean-Louis Laurens, the Director General for Democracy and Political Affairs of the Council of Europe, to travel to Chisinau immediately and report on the situation in the country."

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Other useful links:

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