

The Promo-LEX Observation Mission presents the latest findings of the second round of new local elections of 20 May (3 June) 2018

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Promo-LEX OM finds,

Intimidation of Promo-LEX observers – 1 case

PS 252 Riscani. The president of the PS intimidated the observer and used obscene words.

Unjustified presence of unauthorized persons in the polling station or within 50 meters of the polling station – 6 cases

PS 69 Botanica. An unidentified person entered the polling station and began to ask the EBPS president if ballots were kept in a secure place. Then he had questions about the tricolor that had no emblem on it and was kept in the PS. At the Promo-LEX observer's intervention, the man presented himself as a local councilor, but he fugitively presented his accreditation, without allowing the observer to see it properly. From other people's statements, the man is a local councilor representing a political party.

PS 17 Botanica. A party member was near the PS during the voting.

PS 231 Riscani. Two representatives of an election contender spent 3-4 minutes within the PS and communicated with the party observers, after which they left.

PS 69 Botanica. Representatives of an election contender came to the PS and invited party observers, as well as an EBPS

member for a discussion. The observers and EBPS members went out. When the EBPS member and the observers left, the Promo-LEX observer asked the representatives why they were there, to which they replied that it was their right and they wanted to check if everything was okay. The deputies tried to intimidate the observer and told him that if he wanted, he could appeal to the police and write an appeal to the president, then they left on a black Chevrolet with the CQX673 registration numbers.

PS 281 Bacioi. Two citizens, who presented themselves as journalists from a TV channel, came to the polling station. The cameraman was allowed to enter on the basis of his accreditation, the second person presented only the identity card. They witnessed the counting process.

PS 312 Ghidighici. During the day, a car with two persons in it was stationed nearby the PS, the police were summoned to find out why they were stationed there, but they said they had nothing to do with the election.

Electioneering or bad PR within and / or near the polling station to determine the voters' choice – 2 cases

PS 278 Vatra. The Promo-LEX observer was contacted by phone by a woman, who presented herself as a representative of a competitor and urged the observer to vote.

PS 45 Botanica. The observer received a phone call from a person, who presented himself as the representative of a political party and urged him to vote.

Voters' mobilization activities – 1 case

PS 278 Vatra. The Promo-LEX observer was contacted by phone by a woman, who presented herself as a representative of a competitor and urged him to vote.

Faults in the voters' lists (address discrepancies, deceased voters, signatures in place of other people) – 10 cases

PS 79 Buiucani. A voter found two foreign people registered at his address.

PS 54 Botanica. A voter presented a copy of the death

certificate of a voter included in the basic voters' lists. EBPS members mentioned this fact in the list and enclosed the copy of the certificate.

PS 54 Botanica. A voter found himself in SIAS Elections, but could not find his name in the basic voters' lists. The person was enrolled into the supplementary list.

PS 55 Botanica. Two women noticed at their place of residence persons, who had not lived there for 15 years, both have written requests to the CEC to solve this problem.

PS 80 Buiucani. A voter was not found on the basic voters' lists, but was registered in SIAS Elections system. Following a consultation with the CEC, the voter was introduced in the supplementary list.

PS 213 Riscani. Several voters (a family) identified in the basic voters' lists a foreign person registered at their home address.

PS 229 Riscani. A voter identified 2 foreign persons registered at his home address in the basic voters' lists. No objections were filed, but the voter did not want to vote. The president of the PS offered him contact details where he could address to solve the issue.

PS 55 Botanica. A voter, who found out that a person was still registered at his address, said he did not trust the election bodies and no longer wanted to vote.

PS 211 Riscani. A person came to the PS to vote but was not identified in the SIAS Elections system or in the basic voters' lists. The president called the CEC and was informed that the person did not have a residence permit there. The voter was not allowed to vote, so he filed an appeal.

PS 131 Center. A citizen found in the basic voter lists his wife's name, who is assigned to vote in another PS, according to her residence visa. The woman asked to vote here, she was allowed, she left a copy of her identity card.

Making pictures of the ballots – 4 cases

PS 100 Buiucani. A voter photographed the ballot, at the request of the president of the EBPS, the picture was deleted.

PS 160 Ciocana. A voter photographed the ballot, the EBPS president saw it but did not get involved, the picture was not deleted.

PS 15 Botanica. A voter photographed the ballot after applying the "Voted" stamp, the police were summoned and the man deleted the picture.

PS 141 Center .A voter photographed the ballot, the EBPS president called the police, the man deleted the pictures.

Cancellation of unused ballots before the closure of the PS – 2 cases

PS 17 Botanica. EBPS members started canceling unused ballots at 20.30. The driver, who is responsible for transporting the ballots to the CEC, also participated in the procedure. At the Promo-LEX observer's intervention, PS president said that the man is a driver and that he is experienced in such activities.

Others – 2 cases

PS 233 Riscani. After the PS was closed, two people came to the door (representing the PSRM), wanting to enter the PS, but they were denied access. They said they would file an appeal.

PS 219 Riscani. The polling station closed at 21.14 because a woman wanted to vote, noting that she was late because she was at work.

Promo-LEX Observation Mission of the new local elections on 20 May (3 June) 2018 monitors the second round of elections in the Chisinau constituency through 5 long-term observers (LTOs). On the day of elections, Promo-LEX delegated a short-term observer (STO) to each polling station in the constituency. Observers involved in the monitoring process signed the Promo-LEX Independent National Observatory's Code of Conduct, undertaking to act in a bold, non-partisan mode. The activity of all the observers is coordinated by the central team of the association.

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