

ECHR finds violation of property rights by the Russian Federation in two Transnistrian cases

Today, October 15, 2019, the European Court of Human Rights made public its judgment in Grama 28432/06 and Dirul 5665/07, both cases involve violation of human rights in the Transnistrian Region.

The High Court found that the **Russian Federation** violated art. 1 of Protocol 1 providing for the right to property and art. 13 of the Convention, providing for the right to an effective remedy. You can find more about the case [here](#).

Thus, the Court ordered the Russian federation to pay the amount of 6,000 Euros as moral damages, 13 Euros as pecuniary damages and 3,600 Euros as court and representation costs.

The applicants Ion Grama and Mihai Dirul are residents of Corjova and Lunga, settlements located in the security area of Dubasari district. Both of them owned vehicles registered in the Republic of Moldova and often had to pass through the so-called customs.

On November 17, 2005 and December 21, 2006, the representatives of the so-called customs authorities stopped the applicants and seized their automobiles for having Moldovan registration numbers and not being registered by the "customs" authorities of the region. Another reason for stopping the automobiles was the fact that the applicants did not pay some customs duties for temporary use of vehicles on the territory of the self-proclaimed republic.

Ion Grama and Mihai Dirul had to pay fines in order to reclaim

their automobiles, which happened a month and respectively a week after the seizure.

The applicants were represented by the lawyers and legal experts of the Promo-LEX Association.

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