

Concerns about understanding between Chisinau and Tiraspol over criminal cases

A resident of the Transnistrian region, Ala Gherman, who said that she represents a number of persons who suffered because of the separatist Transnistrian region, is categorically against an understanding between Chisinau and Tiraspol as regards the exchange of data about the criminal cases started against persons holding responsible positions. She considers that the Transnistrian regime aims thus to find out who is against it and the persecutions will continue at a more intense rate.

In [a news conference at IPN](#), Ala Gherman said that her brother has been illegally held in a prison in Transnistria for two years. She considers that the authorities must first of all examine the cases opened against ordinary people. "Next week, Prime Minister Iurie Leanca will meet the Transnistrian leader Yevgeny Shevchuk in Tiraspol. I suggest that they begin discussing the criminal cases against ordinary people who are held illegally," stated the woman.

Promo-LEX program director Pavel Postica said the association is concerned about the fact that the constitutional authorities will exchange personal data with the Transnistrian administration. He considers that the Transnistrian regime wants to know who filed complaints against it or its representatives.

The Moldovan legislation bans the working out of a special mechanism for examining criminal cases started by Chisinau or Tiraspol. A number of Moldovan courts of law pronounced on the issue, saying any exchange of personal information between the constitutional authorities and the unrecognized ones is

illegal, said Pavel Postica. According to the statistics of Promo-LEX, the Bender Commissariat in 2004-2011 opened 41 criminal cases against Transnistrian officials.

Promo-LEX calls on the law enforcement bodies not to blindly implement a political decision, but to obey the law. Pavel Postica considers that the decision was taken because the Moldova authorities want to show that they achieved results in the process of bringing the two banks of the Nistru closer.

On September 16, the political representatives to the Transnistrian settlement Eugen Carpov and Nina Shtansky signed an agreement providing that the working groups will step up work on the criminal cases started against decision makers of Chisinau and Tiraspol.

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