

Russia to open a consulate in Tiraspol and rearm its forces from Transnistria

Russia wants to open a consulate in Tiraspol. According to Dmitry Rogozin, the Russian President's Special Representative for Transnistria, such a consulate would ease the process of documents issuance for the Russian citizens from Transnistria. The statement was made yesterday during his visit to Tiraspol. Mr. Rogozin said that such an issue has to be discussed with Moldova's Premier Vlad Filat.

The President of Promo-LEX association of Moldova, Ion Manole previously told Moldova.ORG that he welcomes the idea of opening a Russian consulate in Tiraspol if the necessary requirements are obeyed.

"A consulate is designed to educate their citizens to respect the laws within the host state. When the foreign citizens do not obey the rules, the diplomatic staff is the one who has to deal with the issue, being obliged to defend its citizens," Ion Manole said.

During his stay in Tiraspol Mr. Rogozin stated that the Russian peacekeeping force in Transnistria has to be rearmed. According to him, the troops will receive new military equipment.

"It's not about sending tanks or missiles systems to Transnistria. Russia has no right to deploy such things. They can only replace the armored vehicles," a representative of the General Staff of the Russian Defense Ministry told Izvestia newspaper.

Since 1992, more than 1,500 soldiers have been deployed in Transnistria, the territory of Moldova.

Transnistria is a breakaway region of Moldova which went apart after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Most of the inhabitants of the region speak Russian, but there are also towns where Romanian language is spoken. Transnistria is not recognized as an independent state.

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