

# Protesters in Transnistria ask Russia to withdraw its forces

More than 400 inhabitants from both banks of Nistru River have gathered today around 10:00 AM (local time) in Vadul lui Voda to protest against the foreign peacekeeping forces and condemn the recent incident. Among the protesters were citizens of Pirita, Pohrebea, Cosnita, Cojova, Oxentea, Vadul lui Voda, Chisinau and Orhei.

The protesters expressed their revolt vis-à-vis the way the peacekeepers have acted, asking for fast removal of all peacekeeping stations from Transnistrian zone and condemnation of the perpetrator.

“Dniestr is an inner river of the Republic of Moldova and not a border river,” an inhabitant of Pirita town told Moldova.org.

Some local mayors were present at the protest, as well.

“It is our responsibility to take action, to demand conviction to this citizen, and these peacekeeping forces to be withdrawn. We have tolerated their existence; it’s time to get rid of them. We demand for removal of all stations installed after 1992; we don’t need them anymore,” said Grigore Policinschi, the mayor of Dubasari district.

The protesters came with banners and shouted “We don’t want a border on Nistru”, “Occupants, go home!” Some of them brought flowers and candles to commemorate Vadim Pisari.

The people demanded the Government to remove all the illegal hand posts from that place until tomorrow; otherwise they will remove them themselves.

“The inhabitants of Pirita, Cosnita, Pohrebea and Dorotcaia are surrounded by several stations of the constitutional structures, of the illegal structures and of the peacekeepers. Their rights are ignored and violated constantly since 1992,” said the Executive Director of Promo-LEX Association, Ion Manole.

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