

Another victim of April 7 events seeks justice at the ECHR

The European Court of Human Rights communicated to the Government of the Republic of Moldova the case of **Radu Calancea v. Moldova** (No 50425/11). The applicant is represented before the Court by Mr A. Postica, Mr P. Postica, Ms N. Hriplivii, Ms L. Potang, lawyers from the "PromoLEX" Association.

Born in 1991, Radu Calancea is one of the young people who had suffered arrests, maltreatment and abuse of police in April 2009.

In the evening of 7 April 2009 the applicant was attending a peaceful manifestation in front of the Government building. At approximately 10.20 p.m. a group of police officers arrested and beat him with batons, kicked and punched him all over his body for approximately ten minutes. Later the applicant was taken to the Buiucani Police Station where the ill-treatment continued. On 9 April 2009 the applicant was examined by a doctor who found multiple signs of ill-treatment on his body and face. On 13 April 2009 the applicant lodged a criminal complaint with the Prosecutor's Office about his ill-treatment. The applicant was released from detention on 16 April 2009.

On 8 July 2009 the Prosecutor's Office dismissed the applicant's complaint on the ground that his allegations had been ill-founded. The Prosecutor's Office relied on the statements of the arresting police officers who denied having ill-treated the applicant. The applicant appealed against this decision and, on an unspecified date, an investigation judge quashed it and ordered repeated investigation into the applicant's allegations.

The applicant complains under Article 3 of the Convention about the ill-treatment received at the hands of the police, the inhuman and degrading conditions of his detention, lack of medical assistance during detention, failure to provide him with food for one day, transportation in the trunk of a car and failure to conduct an effective investigation into his allegation of ill-treatment.

The applicant also complains under Article 13 of the Convention that he had no effective remedy against the alleged ill-treatment to which he had been subjected.

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