

# Leases signed with Transnistrian separatist authorities are absurd

“The Moldovan authorities must find another solution than the signing of contracts between the people and the separatist authorities in order to make sure that the residents of the Transnistrian villages that are under the administration of the Moldovan constitutional authorities have access to the land they own beyond the Dubasari – Tiraspol route,” the executive director of Promo-Lex Association, jurist Alexandru Postica has told Info-Prim Neo.

According to him, by accepting these contracts under which the Transnistrian administration leases out plots of land to the Moldovan people, the constitutional authorities recognize that these plots do not belong to them.

“We ask their permission to cultivate our land. These contracts are absurd. They have no legal power,” said Postica, adding that the Moldovan authorities must promote other strategies for solving the problems faced by the farmers in Dubasari. “Next spring, they may again encounter difficulties as nothing is done to solve the problem.”

Through the agency of Promo-Lex, 1,800 farmers in Dubasari appealed to the European Court of Human Rights, complaining that their right to property was violated.

Earlier, the head of Dubasari district Grigore Policinski told Info-Prim Neo that the international organizations cannot intervene and force the separatist regime to observe the legal or event moral norms in the relations with the Moldovan citizens, including in the area of private property.

He said the Transnistrian leader Igor Smirnov banned the signing of contracts allowing the farmers to cultivate their

land located beyond the Dubasari – Tiraspol route. According to Policinski, Smirnov said the terms stated in the old contracts expire on December 1, 2009 will be extended by one year, but no new contracts will be signed.

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