

Twenty-one days of hunger strike in Tiraspol jail

A man aged 33 has been on hunger strike for 21 days in penitentiary No. 3 in Tiraspol. He demands that his prosecutor be changed and that his rights be respected.

Ion Manole, the president of Promo-Lex Association, has told Info-Prim Neo that the young man was arrested on September 1, but a lawyer was appointed to him only on December 17, after he went on hunger strike. Manole said he found out from the man's relatives that before he was arrested, he was taken to the Nistru by representatives of the Transnistrian security ministry and threatened with the gun.

"This way, the militiamen wanted to make him admit that he committed the crime of which he was accused – swindle. He has no rights in the prison where he is held. We are concerned about the man's mental health and ask the authorities and the mediators and observers in the Transnistrian conflict settlement talks to take measures," Manole said. He also said that the man must be immediately examined. "He needs special medical assistance. He must be hospitalized".

"We know the situation in the penitentiaries working on the right bank of the Nistru, where there are constitutional authorities, civil society and international missions. But we can only imagine what the situation in the Transnistrian jails is like," Manole said.

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