

# Detainees sew up lips with needle and thread

Eight persons held in a remand center in Rybnitsa sewed up their lips with needle and thread and went on a hunger strike in protest against the inhuman treatment against them. After two days of strike, the detainees were fed by force and treated by doctors.

“The incident happened 10 or 20 days ago. We do not know when exactly because we have two sources that give two different dates,” the president of the Human Rights Association Promo-LEX Ion Manole has told Info-Prim Neo.

The jurists of Promo-LEX were informed about the incident by local residents. “According to our sources, the detainees protest against the inhuman treatment. They are humiliated and forced to sign false statements against themselves,” Ion Manole said.

He also said that they could not yet find out the names of the eight detainees and their place of birth. A member of the Association traveled to Rybnitsa, which is located in Transnistria, to find relatives of the detainees.

“Promo-LEX informed the Moldovan authorities and international organizations working in Chisinau about the incident. Somebody should have unlimited access to such institutions in the Transnistrian region. We plan a meeting with the authorities to tell them about this,” Ion Manole said.

Earlier, 90 persons detained in a remand center in Tiraspol also went on hunger strike. Neither the international organizations such as the OSCE nor the Moldovan NGOs could enter the center to clarify the situation.