

Promo-LEX Association launched a study of the rights of recruits in the eastern region of Moldova

Promo-LEX Association has launched a new edition of the study "The rights of recruits in the eastern region of Moldova". This study is an objective analysis of the situation in Transnistria recruits, both citizens of the Republic of Moldova and of other states, required or forced to do military service in illegal paramilitary units from the left bank.

"For 20 years, young people living in Moldova present oaths of allegiance to an unconstitutional regime, self-proclaimed on Moldovan land", said Alexandru Zubco, author of the study. "Those who refuse to serve this illegal regime are hunted and persecuted by the region's administration, and Moldovan legal authorities are often indifferent to these phenomena, ignoring their positive obligations," concludes Alexandru Zubco.

The author believes that the responsibility for this situation lies largely on the national government and the legal authorities that failed, in 20 years, to develop mechanisms or effective tools to protect and guarantee the human rights of their citizens of this region. Moldova did not create minimum conditions to register young Transnistrian men in their military records and enrollment them in constitutional structures.

Occasionally, the public learns about cases of abduction of persons right at Transnistrian checkpoints, and these men are then forced to accept enrollment or face prosecution for alleged criminal offences. Despite the efforts of the Chisinau delegation to the Joint Control Commission, victims remain in

captivity, which demonstrates that the peacekeeping format designed to assure the safety and rights of persons in the Security Zone is inefficient and needs to be changed.

The study is developed within the cross-border cooperation project “Transnational network for the protection of the rights of recruits and conscripts: empowering young people in situations of discrimination by the state”, implemented by the London School of Economics and Political Science, and funded by the European Union through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).

Electronic version of the study in Romanian is available [here](#).

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