

Moldova and Russia to be held responsible for forced enlisting in the army of the transnistrian region

Recently the European Court of Human Rights has notified the governments of Moldova and Russia about the application of Mr. Ivan Samatov (Application no. 8064/11).

In 2005, the young Ivan Samatov was forcibly enlisted in the army of the transnistrian region, where he was subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment and forced to perform different jobs for officers. Due to continuous ill-treatment Ivan left the military unit. Later he was arrested by police and brought back to the same military unit, where the ill-treatment continued. For „deserting” the applicant was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

In his complaint to the European Court of Human Rights, the applicant complained about the violation of article 3, 5 paragraph 1 and 13 of the Convention. Attorneys from the Promo-LEX Association represented the applicants before the European Court for Human Rights.

The details on the application are available on the web site of the [European Court of Human Rights](#).

Every year hundreds of young Moldovan citizens, residing in the eastern region of the country, are called for enlisting in illegal paramilitary structures. They are required to perform military service and give oath to the secessionist entity. Details here.

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