

International Criminal Justice Day – Impunity Cannot Become a Norm

The International Criminal Justice Day is celebrated today, 17 July. In October 2010, the Republic of Moldova ratified the Rome Statute and became a member state to the International Criminal Court^[1].

17 June is a day dedicated to justice and to the achievements in this sector at national and international levels, which reminds us of the need to put further the efforts to combat the impunity, so that all offenders or accomplices of abuses, violations of human rights and of the most serious crimes be brought to justice and held liable.

Justice remains a key element in defending human rights, and Promo-LEX Association has repeatedly drawn the public attention to human rights violations and impunity phenomenon from the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova. We will continue to affirm and remind the position of human rights defenders: each administration, either de jure or de facto, shall be bound to observe the human rights and shall be made accountable for its actions, and people must have access to a legal and credible instrument for defending their rights. Thus, any person who violates the rights of others shall be held liable for his/her deeds and their consequences, without hiding behind some political processes.

Although Promo-LEX faces obstacles to monitor the human rights situation on the territory controlled by the de facto Tiraspol administration, the Association still identifies numerous cases of human rights violation. In this context, we note that in most of cases, the persons responsible for these abuses are not sanctioned, while the victims continue to be

deprived of the opportunity to know and defend their rights, to be rehabilitated and to restore the rights. The impunity excels in this region and there are neither norms nor efficient legal remedies to protect the human rights, and the activity of the organizations promoting and defending the human rights is virtually impossible due to the persecution and intimidation of those who promote other views and opinions than those of the regime that controls the territory.

Promo-LEX reiterates the need to identify and impose an effective legal instrument that would monitor the observance and ensure the fundamental rights and freedoms of the people from the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, and from other post-conflict areas. A political negotiation or an armistice should not exclude from the discussion agenda the aspects related to the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the territories controlled by the de facto regimes, thus encouraging the impunity.

The International Justice Day brings together all those who want to support justice, promote the rights of victims and help prevent crimes that threaten the global peace, security and welfare. A global campaign is carried out to this end. For more details, please click here: <https://goo.gl/2YYwfi>

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[1] International Criminal Court is an independent international organization. It was founded by the Rome Statute of the ICC, adopted on 17 July 1998, and entered into force on 1 July 2002. ICC has jurisdiction over genocide crime, war crimes and crimes against humanity.