

CRISIS WATCH – IDIS Moldova

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April 12

1) 009-04-12/12:04/www.garda.com.md

4000 persons demonstrate peacefully in PMAN (the centre of Chisinau). The police forces gather in the beck of the Government building.

2) 009-04-12/11:53/Confidential source

Confidential source say a policeman died during the riots. His family was frightened not to make any public declarations.

3) 009-04-12/11:37/Moldova Azi

Unbelievable! The same young man succeeded to put on the Romanian and EU flags on the top of the Moldovan President's Office and Parliament. Before elections, he was among young men who tried to disturb opposition parties' demonstrations.

4) 009-04-12/11:20/www.jurnal.md, after "Romania Libera" publication

Trustful sources claim that an intermediary report of OSCE which will be released next days emphasizes cases of voters' intimidation and opposition leaders, including by police forces, during electoral campaign.

5) 009-04-12/10:00/Unimedia and Infotag

Valeriu Boboc, a 23 years man, died at the police sector. This family claimed he was beaten to death by the police forces, because his corpse is full of bruises. The official version is intoxication with toxic fume at the 7 April riots. Police claim they are open for an international investigation of the case. Valeriu Boboc is married and the father of 1,5 year boy. A few days ago PRO TV local channel broadcasted a news feature with Valeriu's wife, who was trying desperately to find him.

6) 009-04-12/08:43/Unimedia

Moldavian secret services maintain that the President's official website, www.president.md, was flooded from a Romanian IP.

7) 009-04-12/08:43/Unimedia

Romanian rapper Q-Sapro dedicated his video clip to Moldavian peaceful demonstrations. "Listen to me and wake up, without any fear. Claim your rights". These is the chorus lines.

Watch the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qjNZXG-Up8>

8) 009-04-12/05:15/www.politicom.moldova.org

Moldovan citizens from Great Britain, Norway, Ireland, Italy released a resolution, maintaining that the elections were rigged.

9) 009-04-12/05:15/www.politicom.moldova.org

A peaceful demonstration in support of democratic Moldova was held on April 10 in Washington in front of the Embassy of Moldova.

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10) 2009-04-11/19:45/www.garda.com.md

Almost an hour ago at the Penitentiary nr.13 in Chisinau was brought a new group of young people among those arrested in the street protests, the sources from prison maintain. Totally, 600 people were arrested this week. Other official figures on the exact number of people arrested so far do not exist.

11) 2009-04-11/18:15/www.garda.com.md

"Ziarul de Garda" newspaper was informed that certain young women detained by police during demonstrations have been sexually abused. This was confirmed by one of the medical workers who examined some of the young women during those days in the police sectors. The police deny these accusations. However, two of "Ziarul de Garda" reporters were threatened with sexual abuse by reckoning by the forces of order in the incident of April 8 from behind the Government of Moldova.

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12) 2009-04-11/18:45/www.garda.com.md

Three members of the electoral body, Mihai Buşuleac, Vasile Gafton, Nicolae Gârbu, released a declaration pointing out the following reticences:

a) A big blame concerning the inaccuracy of these lists goes to the Central Electoral Commission which, at the beginning of the electoral period, has rendered to the secretaries of the district councils CDs which included personal data of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova received from the Ministry of Information Technology, personal data which have been used in elaborating the electoral lists.

b) there has been subsequently proven that these CDs contained false data such as: people who died fifteen or twenty years ago, persons who have never resided or do not reside at the addresses mentioned in these lists

2. The litigations received by the Central Electoral Commission confirmed these frauds with the owners of those houses complaining to the Central Electoral Commission that when coming to voting they noticed that the electoral lists included people with the addresses of the owners to whom they did not conclude an agreement on house permits and residence permits.

3. The incertitudes above-mentioned are objectively confirmed by the fact that On 11 April 2009 the electoral contestant "the Communist Party of the Republic of Moldova" disputed on at the Appeal Court Chisinau the decision reached by the Central Electoral Commission no. 2501/ 8 April 2009 according to which all electoral contestants were granted access to the electoral lists including the possibility to obtain copies of them.

4. On 4 April and 5 April the radio broadcaster "EU TV", which enjoys national coverage, by intendedly violating the provisions of the Article 47 Paragraph 14 of the Election Code, produced electoral abusive turbulence by favouring electoral contestants therefore putting the other electoral contestants in disadvantage?

5. During the electoral period, the electoral contestant the "Communist Party of the Republic of Moldova" has fully used the state administrative resources, which had affected the results of the elections.

13) 2009-04-11/17:41/Moldova Azi, after Infotag

"We are concerned about the measures taken after the protests returned to a peaceful mode..." - Asif Chaudhry

For more details, <http://www.azi.md/en/story/2269>

14) 2009-04-11/17:00/Infotag

At the same time, Vlad Filat said that on Monday (13 April) he will sue President Vladimir Voronin in order to oblige him through court to apologize to parties and the whole nation for the ungrounded accusations. Voronin has said that the opposition was behind mass riots and the ransacking of the state buildings. "I will achieve this even if I will have to reach the European Court of Human Rights," he said. The leaders of the opposition also asked for the creation of an independent investigation commission to include representatives of the EU, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the USA which "should objectively establish what the reasons for the riots were".

15) 2009-04-11/16:43/Unimedia

ASCOM Company cancels its activity in Republic of Moldova due to president Voronin "paranoia". Anatol Stati, the director, said the company will be back when Moldova will have a democratic regime. He took this decision after his son had been arrested in Ukraine being accused of financing the riots in Chisinau.

16) 2009-04-11/15:35/Unimedia

Commissioner for External Relations, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, welcomed here Saturday the decision of the Central Electoral Commission of Moldova to allow the verification of voters' lists and a re-count of the vote of the disputed elections held last Sunday.

17) 2009-04-11/17:45/www.garda.com.md

Although Vladimir Voronin promised to the international community that he will ask the Constitutional Court to authorize the procedure of recounting the votes, today the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) decided to transmit to the Constitutional Court the report about the election final results for approval.

18) 2009-04-11/14:15/www.garda.com.md

The opposition party "Alianta Moldova Noastra" (AMN) claims they can't access the electoral list due to the ruling party appeal to Appeal Court. The spokesperson of the party, Victor Osipov, maintains that AMN could access the electoral list only a few hours, in inadequate conditions: the basement of a judiciary court. The Appeal Court will decide upon the Communist Party contestation to stop the access to the electoral list today at 15:00.