

# CRISIS WATCH – IDIS Moldova

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## Issue 3

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### April 13

1) 009-04-13/11:15/Info Prim-Neo

Liberal Party Vicepresident Dorin Chirtoaca stated that Moldova is a totalitarian state, and no longer a democratic one. As a mayor of Chisinau, he maintains a database of all evidences of policemen's acts of violence towards persons arrested will be collected and sent to the international community. The Communist authorities use the Europeans' statements that there would be democracy in this country, while the things are the other way around. It's dictatorship and terror. If the international bodies are ignorant of this thing, we'll have to further bear these nice statements about our state," Dorin Chirtoaca said.

Fore photos, download the attachment.

2) 009-04-13/11:15/Hotnews.md

A committee for free elections in Moldova, based in Bucharest, which includes associations of Moldovan youth, made a declaration, urging foreign embassies to assist the reorganization of parliamentary elections.

3) 009-04-13/11:15/www.moldova.org

The opposition and civil society representatives releases a petition asking international involvement. They ask the European Commission, OSCE and UN to send immediately in Moldova an international Commission of Investigation, which would help to elucidate fairly events which took place on 7 April 2009, the true reasons and subtexts. The petition states out that the ruling Communist Party tries to make responsible of these acts of vandalism the opposition parties PLDM, PL, AMN- that became the parliamentary ones after last parliamentary elections, but also Romania, the EU state member, not presenting in this respect any plausible evidence.

4) 009-04-13/10:35/Unimedia

[www.votat.eu](http://www.votat.eu). This is the website who compiles testimonies of rigged elections. The organizers ask persons to include in the database persons died in the last four years, so as persons who didn't vote.

5) 009-04-13/10:30/Unimedia, after NewsIn

Voronin accuses Serbia of involvement in 7 April violent riots. The Moldovan President claims 7 Serbs led the masses, helped by Romanian secret services.

6) 009-04-13/03:30/Interlic

The Constitutional Court in Moldova has ordered a recount of the country's parliamentary election results, after days of anti-government protests. The initial count after last Sunday's election was won by Moldova's ruling Communists, with almost 50% of votes.

### April 12

7) 009-04-13/19:00/Infotag

The young man who succeeded to put on the Romanian and EU flags on the top of the Moldovan President's Office and Parliament. Before elections, who is seemed to be among young men who tried to disturb opposition parties' demonstrations, made his public declaration at EU TV (local TV, considered by 2009 Coalition of NGOs to support the Popular Christian Democratic party, who successfully cooperated with the ruling party in the period 2005-2009), saying that he cooperated with the policemen and put the flag in order to calm down the masses.

8) 009-04-13/17:01/Infotag

Several representatives of the Moldovan civil society have delivered speechES at the protest rally staged by the opposition in the centre of Chisinau on April 12. Among them, there were the director of the Association for Participatory Democracy ADEPT, Igor Botan, the representative of the IDIS Viitorul think-tank, Veaceslav Ionita, and the director of the Association for Foreign Policy, Andrei Popov. Popov delivered part of his speech in Russian and was applauded for this by the crowd. "These days society is not only misinformed but there are also attempts to split us. Somebody is trying to divide the country between Moldovans and Russians, Gagauzians and Romanians. But we should not give up to these acts of provocation and should be united. Moldova is not divided and we do not divide Moldovan citizens in "theirs" and "ours"," Popov said.

9) 009-04-13/15:11/Infotag, Interlic, Unimedia and Ziarul de Garda

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The protest rally scheduled by the opposition Liberal Party, Liberal Democratic Party and the Moldova Noastra Alliance for 1100 on Sunday started exactly at mid-day. Crimes committed by the Communists should be investigated by the International War Crimes Tribunal at the Hague, Chisinau mayor and deputy leader of the Liberal Party, Dorin Chirtoaca, told at the protest rally. The leader of the LDPM, Vlad Filat, has called upon participants to send true information to their raions about the state of affairs in Chisinau. The leader of the opposition Moldova Noastra Alliance, Serafim Urechean, told that "it was the Communists rather than the opposition who tried to carry out a coup d'etat in Moldova" on April 7. "Ziarul de Garda" investigative newspaper writes that a red trolleybus was driven next to the crowd in order to incite it to violent actions. The organizers of the rally ask the authorities to release all people arrested in the wake of the April 6-7 mass riots in Chisinau. The protest rally staged by the three opposition parties in the centre of Chisinau on Sunday afternoon took place in a peaceful and civilized way. This opinion is shared by both the participants in the rally and the law enforcement bodies. According to police the rally was attended by some 5,000 people, while according to the opposition by about 10,000. The opposition said that people from provinces could reach the capital only in their own cars because police was not allowing buses carrying protesters to come to Chisinau.

### 10) 009-04-13/15:11/Infotag

More than 300 members of the Moldovan Diaspora in Quebec (Canada) have gathered in a park near the Annunciation Church to conduct a protest action against "the results of the parliamentary elections and the Moldovan authorities' unlawful actions on April 5-11, 2009".

### 11) 009-04-13/13:55/Interlic, "Novaia Vremea" newspaper, and Unimedia

MIA published the list of all the arrested persons. "Novaia Vremea" newspaper published photos of people who attended the riots, although not all of them were reported by MIA to be under investigation. Unimedia writes that the persons arrested are being trialed at the police sectors, not in Court. The judges are the ones who come to them according to Unimedia.

### 12) 009-04-13/13:15/Interlic

"Jurnal TV" editorial board asked in corpore for political asylum in USA, due to political pressures.

### 13) 009-04-13/13:08/Infotag

Unprecedented security measures have been taken in Chisinau ahead of the protest rallies which the opposition intends to conduct on April 12. A large number of firefighting vehicles and water cannons have been displayed in front of the government building. Additional police forces arrived to Chisinau in buses from the raions of the republic in the night, while Internet sites post video showing military trucks arriving to Chisinau.

### 14) 009-04-13/12:30/Interlic

Moldova Union of Journalist released an appeal urging international media to properly cover the political crisis.