

# CRISIS WATCH – IDIS Moldova

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### April 16

1) 009-04-16/09:55/Infotag

President Vladimir Voronin has once again accused neighbouring Romania of interfering into Moldova's domestic affairs and described as "biased and untimely" all the latest actions undertaken by Bucharest towards Chisinau. In a 20-minute pre-recorded address to the nation, broadcast by the Moldova One public television on 15 April, Voronin said that the speech delivered by Romanian President Traian Basescu in parliament on 14 April was an example of "state revanchism". Vladimir Voronin urged Romania to sign a basic political treaty and a border treaty with Moldova, saying that "in the current conditions this would be the best proof of Romania's European aspirations and of its sincere respect for the Moldovan statehood". "However, Romania could even more significantly contribute to developing a European perspective for Moldova by boosting its efforts within the EU aimed at giving Moldovan citizens the right to free movement in the European community," Vladimir Voronin said. "I do not doubt that Romania is capable of mobilizing all its energy and authority to achieve these goals," Voronin added.

2) 009-04-16/09:55/Infotag

Moldovan President Vladimir Voronin has called for amnesty for most people involved in the post-election mass riots and the storming of the presidential administration and the parliament building in capital Chisinau on 7 April 2009. In a pre-recorded address to the nation, broadcast by the Moldova One public television on 15 April, Voronin said: "Representatives of the underworld and recidivists who took advantage of the complicated political situation will remain in custody. As regards all the other participants in the 7 April events, I ask the law enforcement bodies to call a total amnesty for them and put an end to all forms of reprisals against participants in street protests."

3) 009-04-16/09:45/Interlic

The director of the USAID-funded National Democratic Institute Alex Grigorievs has to pay a fine of 1500 MDL and leave Moldova for illegal stay. Grigorievs is a Lithuanian citizen. His institute was previously accused of consulting political parties, including the Communist Party.

4) 009-04-16/09:27/Moldova Azi

Natalia Morari is under home arrest. She is accused of mass disorders. To be mentioned that she was one of the organizers of the April 6 peaceful demonstrations, known as "Mourning Day", staged on Monday night.

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5) 009-04-15/20:14/Infotag

The Chisinau mayoralty estimates that 1000 persons are repressed by police. The mayoralty urged the national authorities not to brutalize the arrested persons and to inform objectively the public.

6) 009-04-15/20:14/Infotag

The leaders of the four Moldovan parties that have won seats in parliament at the April 5 elections [the Communist Party, the Liberal Party, the Liberal Democratic Party and the Moldova Noastra Alliance] should work out a basis for national reconciliation, European Union Special Representative for Moldova Kalman Mizsei stated at a meeting with the Moldovan mass media today, namely with the representatives of the Infotag news agency, the Moldpres national news agency, and the newspapers of Timpul and Nezavissimaya Moldova. The diplomat said the 4 party leaders should set up working organs of new parliament, approve a government, and decide what will be with the country. In his words, these politicians should stop using an improper language at characterizing one another. Kalman Mizsei said the international community as a whole and the European Union in particular will make all in their powers to help Moldova get back to a normal life. "The fundamentals of democracy will be preserved in Moldova, and they will be based on media freedom", he stressed, adding that the European Union will make everything for reconciliation of the conflict participants. In his words, the party leaders should create new Parliament and conditions for the work of important state institutions. This is important for Moldova from the viewpoint of the global financial crisis that is influencing the national economy.

7) 009-04-15/20:14/Infotag

Moldovan President Vladimir Voronin hopes that on the eve of the Orthodox Easter to be marked the upcoming weekend, all political forces in Moldova will demonstrate solidarity and unity for the sake of stabilizing the socio-economic situation in the republic. Wednesday, the head of state met the European Union Special Representative for Moldova, Kalman Mizsei, to discuss the April 6-7 events in Chisinau and their consequences. The interlocutors have agreed to propose measures for achieving a national accord and unity of the entire Moldovan society. Vladimir Voronin announced the Moldovan authorities' intention to provide for a transparent and fair examining of legal cases on involvement in the April 7 riot and acts of vandalism. He said this shall be done in strict accordance with the principles of democracy respected in a law-governed state. On Wednesday night, President Voronin will once again address the nation over the national television.

8) 009-04-15/20:14/Infotag

The stories being disseminated these days by some media - that the Moldovan police bruise and torture the arrested protesters - are "unfounded, emotional, and are not true", Moldovan Minister of the Interior Lt. Gen. Gheorghe Papuc stated to the Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Ambassador Philip Remler, here today.

9) 009-04-15/20:14/Infotag

The Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Mirek Topolánek, will pay a flying working visit to Chisinau on April 22 to see and learn more about the current situation and reality in Moldova. Such agreement was reached during the telephone talk he had with Moldovan President Vladimir Voronin on Wednesday.

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10) 009-04-15/17:00/www.moldova.org

Medicine students are being arrested in small groups of 10-15 persons per day, maintain a student in a open letter sent to local media outlets.

11) 009-04-15/16:52/Moldova Azi

Ukrainian authorities decided to extradite Gabriel Stati, accused Gabriel Stati of financing the April 6-7 actions of protest in Chisinau.

12) 009-04-15/16:52/Unimedia and Info Prim-Neo

Mihai Ghimpu from the Liberal Party (PL), Vlad Filat from the Liberal Democratic Party (PLDM) and Serafim Urecheanu from Our Moldova Alliance have said the decision of the Chisinau Appellate Court to ban their access to the voters lists was the Communists' (PCRM) decision. But, anyway, those three political parties managed to copy a big part of the voters lists from districts, on the basis of which they can track "falsifying trends." "The authorities do not want to allow us have access to the Chisinau lists especially from Rascani sector, where where suppose most of the frauds were committed," Urecheanu said. Vlad Filat has given this example: "Cahul district has 65 polling stations, of which we checked 28 , that is 43%. In those we discovered 2,334 breaches. From what we have checked, this is 10.6%." The three leaders are inclined to believe from 10 to 30 percent of the votes were forged per total. "Now we understand very well the days of April 6 and 7. Why did the Communists allowed to happen what happened: violence and devastating the buildings of the Parliament and the Presidency? Voronin recognizes he opened the access to those buildings on purpose," said Urecheanu, who came up with the explanation: "In order to drive away the attention of the domestic and international community from the results of the elections. And we compare it to the year 1933, when Hitler set the Reichstag on fire in order to crack down the opposition." When asked what they are to do with the unveiled frauds, the three leaders said they would submit them to the Constitutional Court, hinting they expected it to invalidate the April 5 vote and call repeated elections. PL leader Mihai Ghimpu says: "It is correct that we present the CEC the first pieces of evidence and request it to prolong the term to check the lists. It is not going to accept it without proofs." Although not specifying what percentage from the voters lists they managed to process, the politicians showed journalists documents by which they want to prove that 5,166 people voted in a number of polling stations, 3,280 voted with the same personal code, 1,600 people voted with other documents than the ID card, 1,000 are forged. The three politicians have said that, although the local authorities had had their own voters lists, several days before the vote, the Information Development Ministry sent them its lists. When the turmoil was on in Chisinau on April 7, President Vladimir Voronin decorated Info Development Minister Pavel Buceatchi with the Order Gloria Muncii (Labor Glory).

13) 009-04-15/15:53/Deca Press

The electoral body maintains that the recounting of votes process is done without incidents.

14) 009-04-15/15:15/garda.com.md

A group of doctors released an appeal to their colleagues, urging them to properly deliver medical aid to the arrested persons and document the tortures and cruel practices in an objective and impartial way.

15) 009-04-15/15:15/Hotnews

A joint declaration of teachers of Moldova State University urge president Voronin to express publicly excuses for his previous declarations, when he accused them of complicity in the 7 April violent riots and instigation to hatred and lack of patriotism. Voronin called the teachers "violators of children".

16) 009-04-15/15:04/www.garda.com.md

6 children disappeared after the violent riots in Chisinau. Their parents can't still find them at the police sectors.

17) 009-04-15/14:52/garda.com.md

According to the law three authorities have the right to enter in the police sectors, in case of torture signals: lawyers of the tortured people, parliamentary lawyers and members of the Consultative Council of the Mechanism of Torture Prevention (CCMPT). Many of the young people don't have access, the director of the parliamentary lawyers don't offer any information (he declared that he has a contract with "Antena C"), and the members of CCMPT sustain that the police prohibits their access, which is against the law. Vanu Jereghi, CCMPT Vice President declared today for The Guard Journal that he had interdiction in 5 police sectors from Chişinău, including to the Police Commissariat for seeing the torture victims. "Although I was invoking the law statements, police men told us that there is an order from above to not be allowed inside, eventually only accompanied by a civil servant responsible with public opinion sampling, but this fact is illegal" sustains Jereghi. He declares that the unique institution where the CCMPT members have been allowed is Penitentiary no. 13, but problems appeared there as well. "We've been told that those that have made possible our access there will be punished. You see, in Moldova everything is reversed. Those that infringed the law and didn't allow us to enter the police sectors won't be punished, but those that respected the law and allowed us to enter and see dozens of cases of torture" says Jereghi. Representatives of the civil society, such as CREDO and Amnesty International confirmed that the CCMPT members' access to the police sections was stopped. The NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations) for Human Rights from Moldova declared that they will inform right away the international community about these abuses.

18) 009-04-15/14:52/Moldova Azi

25 IFEX (International freedom of Expression Exchange)members and 10 other organizations released a joint declaration, expressing concern about the degradation of the media situation in Moldova following parliamentary elections on 5 April 2009. This included the violation of the right to access information of public interest, and harassment of journalists.

For more details, <http://www.ifex.org/en/content/view/full/102327>

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19) 009-04-15/14:49/Infotag

Larisa Stati, the mother of prominent Moldovan man of business Gabriel Stati, has requested the European Court of Human Rights to prevent the Ukrainian authorities from extraditing her son to Moldova. As Infotag has already reported, several days ago Moldovan President Vladimir Voronin accused Gabriel Stati of financing the April 6-7 actions of protest in Chisinau. After that, police set out in search of him, and he was eventually detained in Odessa city by the Ukrainian law enforcement. The Moldovan Prosecutor General's Office sent a request to the Ukrainian authorities to extradite Gabriel Stati home, and the Ukrainian side is said to be considering the request. Larisa Stati apprehends Gabriel will be given an inhuman treatment while in Moldovan custody.