



CIVIC COALITION FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS „COALITION 2007”

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IRREGULARITIES ARE REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY

The observers of the Coalition 2007 continue to report on a number of violations of the Electoral Code at the voting sections in Chisinau city and in other regions of the Republic of Moldova.

In Chisinau city, the electoral lists were not updated at the voting section nr 184, and voters discovered that other persons were registered in their places of residence. At the same section, the LADOM observer informed the members of the commission and other observers that a person was given two ballots. The citizen who tried to use both ballots voted for the Communists' Party candidate. The ballots were canceled.

Also in Chisinau, at the voting section nr 222, a person was allowed to vote by using his driving license.

At the voting section in Bălăsești, Criuleni rayon, the LADOM observer was intimidated by the electoral candidate to the mayor position on behalf of the Communists' Party. After several hours, at the section's entry, the same observer was insulted by other representative of the same party, who run in the first round for the counselor function. The sector policeman registered the case.

A large part of irregularities registered by Coalition 2007 in the first round were not solved adequately, thus their persistence in the second round, as well.

Coalition 2007 regrets that such violations are taking place, despite its recent calls and recommendations to improve the conduct of second round, and expresses its hope that irregularities will not continue, and jeopardize the electoral process in general. Coalition invites all participants in electoral process to show professionalism, objectiveness and to bring this process to the end in a proper manner.

** The list of irregularities is not exhaustive.*

Coalition 2007 will present the results of the Quick Vote Count and the Parallel Vote Tabulation in cities of Chisinau, Orhei and Cahul, as well as the final conclusions of the second round and local elections, in general, at a press conference that will take place on Monday, **18 June, at 11:00, in the Conference Room of the Infotag news agency (Kogalniceanu 76).*

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Coalition 2007 is a group of non-governmental organizations that continue the efforts of civil society to contribute through assistance, activities, monitoring and analysis to the conduct of free and fair local elections, as one key democratic element for Moldova's European integration. The Coalition 2007 members were also part of the Coalition 2005 for Free and Fair parliamentary elections.