



PRESS RELEASE

on the results of the Second Monitoring Report of the electoral campaign 2007

The League for Defense of Human Rights of Moldova–LADOM, announces the launch within the Civic Coalition for free and fair elections: „Coalition 2007” the results of the Second Monitoring Report of the electoral campaign regarding the electoral process for the general local elections on 3 June, 2007 (in the period 9-20 May, 2007).

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

The reporting period was characterized by the celebration of the International Labor Day (1 May), Europe Day and Victory's Day over the Fascism (9 May). These events served as a pretext for the local and central authorities as well as for some of the candidates, included those relieved from work, to promote their political image by organizing and taking part in official meetings and events and in some cases by distributing humanitarian aid to the WWII veterans (similar cases were registered in Florești, Drochia, Ocnița, Căușeni, Soroca, Cimișlia etc).

The electoral campaign entered its key phase by the proper, although delayed, involvement of most of electoral candidates in the electoral campaign. At least seven political formations have reported pressures over the electoral candidates from behalf of the authorities in order to convert them into „PCRM candidates”; many political formations contested the modality of submitting the registration documents to the Electoral district councils; 4 political parties reported over actions of retention of their activists and supporters by the police on the ground of placing or distributing electoral publicity in the streets. In the meantime, the Central Electoral Commission and the Chisinau Electoral District Council acted with reserve and prudently, even unjustified in concrete situations when promptitude was required. Also the Central Electoral Commission does not have enough organizational possibilities, technical resources and legal empowerments in order to check and fine the electoral competitors who infringe the electoral legislation.

In particular, LADOM expresses its concern about the following negative aspects of the electoral process: the use of administrative resources, intimidation of the competitors in the elections from the opposition; placement of electoral publicity in unauthorized places or their destroying when they are displayed in corresponding places; unjustified and selective involvement of the law enforcement bodies and the intimidation of the supporters of some electoral candidates; lack of equal conditions for all electoral candidates; lack of transparency in the financing of the candidates, as well as in relation to the expenses operated by them for electoral advertising;

The negative aspects outlined in this report can significantly influence the integrity of the electoral process unless properly removed.

The results of the monitoring will be made public through reports prepared every 10 days in the first month of monitoring, through press releases on the election day, then, as soon as the results of the parallel counting of the votes will be known. Also the reports will be placed on the internet on the site of the general local election www.alegeri.md/2007, implemented within Coalition 2007 by ADEPT.

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