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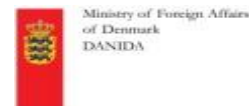
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Closing of the voting stations

According to Promo-LEX observers, the voting stations closed at the time established by the proper legal provisions – that is to say, at 21:00.

Continued electoral campaigning

At VS (voting station) 46 in Vorniceni, Strășeni rayon, the interim mayor Mr Tofan was carrying out campaign activities in front of the local cultural centre for the *Forța a treia* electoral block. Voters were being urged to vote for the *Forța a treia* candidate in exchange for a sum of money. A similar case was also noted at VS 47 in the same locality: According to observers, all the campaigning was being carried out by someone with the family name Anghelai.

At VS 4 in Coșnița, Dubăsari rayon, the candidate for the office of mayor Alexandru Leșan was moving through the village and continuing to campaign for himself.

At VS 34 in Petreni, Drochia rayon, the PLDM leader from the locality was campaigning next to the entrance of the voting station.

At VS 58 in Etulia, Cantemir rayon, some PCRM members, fronted by their mayoral candidate Zahar Dragnev, were urging voters to vote for the latter.

At VS 6 in Leova, the PCRM mayoral candidate Eugeniu Buraga urged voters to vote for him whilst standing in the courtyard outside the voting station.

The displaying of electoral campaign material

Promo-LEX observers reported new cases of the unauthorised display of campaign material. Cases of this were reported at VS 38 in Suhulcenii, Telenești rayon; in Chirca, Anenii Noi rayon; in Popeștii de Jos, Drochia rayon; in Răuțel, Ungheni rayon; in Heciu Nou, Sîngerei rayon.

The sale of alcoholic drinks in the vicinity of voting stations

Observers reported at least another 15 cases of alcoholic drinks being sold in the vicinity of voting stations: In the electoral constituency of Cantemir (VS 12); Căușeni (VS 48, VS 49); Chișinău (VS 246, VS 264, VS 277, VS 297); Cimișlia (VS 22); Hâncești (VS 47); Ialoveni (VS 42); Taraclia (the VS in Albota de Sus); Telenești (VS 36, VS 39); Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia (VS 30).

Cases of intimidation, insults and acts of violence

At VS 25 in Izbîște, Criuleni rayon, Veaceslav Stanilă intimidated Alexandru Verdeș and Luchian Plămădeală, supporters of the independent electoral candidate Ion Plămădeală.

At VS 246 in Codru, Chișinău, the PCRM councillor Mr. Rotari kicked voter Gheorghe Cojocari in the chest, since the latter had apparently told Mr Rotari that he was carrying out campaign activities. PCRM parliamentary deputy V.Mîndru was standing close by at the moment when Mr Cojocari was kicked. Police are looking into the case.

At VS 8 in Corbu, Dondușeni rayon, PPCD candidate Alexei Cervatiuc insulted the Polling-station Electoral Bureau (PEB) president, Galina Dalinciuc, because the voting booths were not properly set up.

Offering of incentives / electoral gifts

The Promo-LEX mobile team was informed by Feodora Copacinschii – the PEB president at VS 25 in Moara de Piatră, Drochia rayon – about at least 15 cases in which money was offered (50 lei) to voters to vote for the PCRM mayoral candidate. These cases were confirmed by PEB members Eugenia Dubinschii and Veaceslav Saico. In the vicinity of the voting station, one voter, T., told observers that many young PCRM members had given people 50 lei each to vote for their candidates.

Voting stations with a surplus / lack of ballot papers

Promo-LEX observers reported new cases of PEBs being supplied with a surplus of ballot papers. VS 2 in Briceni received 145 ballot papers more than the number of voters listed on their basic electoral roll. A contrary situation was to be found at VS 19 in Hăsnășeni Mari, Drochia rayon, where a shortage of 46 ballot papers was reported.

Errors in the electoral rolls

At VS 214 in Chișinău, the Turuta family – 4 members, resident in Chișinău at the address bd. Moscovei 5/196, ap. 196 – discovered a further three people, with surname Prepeliță, registered at their address on the electoral roll. The latter three people are not in fact resident at this address.

At VS 160, Chișinău, the owner of apartment 202, str. P. Zadnipru 7/4, discovered a person listed at this address on the electoral roll who is in fact not resident there. A similar situation was reported in the case of str. P. Zadnipru 7/3, ap. 149: two people were listed for this address who are in fact not resident there.

Transport organised for voters

At VS 28 in Comrat and VS 30 in Baurci, Căușeni rayon, voters were taken to voting stations in groups by minibuses. The transport had been organised on behalf of independent candidates Petru Popaz and Nicolai Telpiz.

At VS 184 in Chișinău, a black Mitsubishi – registration C OT 402 – arrived at least 3 times at the voting station, transporting voters.

At VS 12 in Chirca, Anenii Noi rayon, transport to the voting station was organised for voters by representatives of the PDM (white minibus, registration K AC 402).

At VS 63 in Tomai, Comrat rayon, transport to the voting station was organised for voters in favour of the independent candidate Petru Balaban.

Intimidation of observers and restriction of observers' rights

According to an observer from the Promo-LEX mobile team, at VS 26 in Glinjeni, Făleşti rayon, some voters, having voted, headed to the local PLDM headquarters where they were given free beer. The Promo-LEX observer was aggressively verbally abused by people at the PLDM headquarters, the latter suggesting that the observer get well away from the headquarters.

Voting without the correct documents

At VS 15 in Dominteni, Drochia rayon, several people voted using a photocopy of their identity card.

Police present next to voting stations

At VS 24 in Slobozia-Chișcăreni, Sângerei rayon, one Transport Police officer was standing outside the voting station and stopping vehicles. As a result many people with their own transport did not come to the voting station, so as not to be stopped and checked by the Transport Police.

Presence of unauthorised people in voting stations

At VS 107 in Chișinău, two unauthorised people were observed periodically entering the voting station and talking with PCRM observers. They would leave after the voting station president had taken note of the situation, but would return shortly after and talk once more to the PCRM observers.

At VS 299 in Ghidighici, and in the village of Condrița, electoral candidate I. Dodon came for a short time to see how the voting was proceeding.

At VS 273 in Bubuieci, O. Cernei moved the ballot box from its initial place, saying that it was too close to the PEB members. PCRM observers called the PCRM representative S.Sîrbu. The latter arrived accompanied by three others. They filmed, identified themselves, and left.

Instalation of video cameras

According to observers, at VS 23 in Speia, Anenii Noi rayon, representatives of the PLDM placed 2 video cameras within the voting station. The cameras were transmitting live on-line images via a computer also placed on the premises of the voting station.

Improper management of voting stations

At VS 24 in Gura Galbenei, Cimişlia rayon, the voting booths were not correctly set up. Small and unstable chairs were being used as surfaces upon which voters placed their ballot papers so as to stamp them.

Lack of electricity in voting stations

At VS 3 in Corjova, Dubăsari, the electricity went off at 20.50.

VS 45 in Petropalovca and VS 6 in Biruința, Sângerei rayon, do not have electricity.

Voting at domicile/ place of residence

At VS 35 in Crihana Veche, Cahul rayon, one voter currently in preventive detention submitted a request to VS 35 to vote at his place of detention. The request was accepted.