

March the 17th, 2006
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BULLETIN

**ACTION OF CATCHING A POLICE COMMISSIONER IN THE ACT, ORGANISED BY THE
GENERAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DIRECTORATE**

Yesterday, March 16, 2006, workers within the **General Anti-Corruption Directorate, the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the Suceava County**, together with a prosecutor of the National Anti-Corruption Department, caught a police commissioner (within the Rural Police Bureau of Campulung Moldovenesc Municipality) in the act, while he was getting 2,000 RON from a citizen who was being investigated for larceny.

The investigations led to the following: between 1 and 21 February 2006, Commissioner L. Dumitru together with workers within the Police Station Vatra Moldovitei conducted the investigations in a case of a cow stealing – committed in the night of 31 January 2006, around Ciumarna locality, Suceava County – in which 4 persons, including M. Gheorghe, were charged.

Thus, on 6 January 2006, after Suceava Prosecutor's Office disposed the investigation of the 4 persons in liberty, Commissioner L. Gheorghe contacted M. Gheorghe and put forth the proposal to “arrange” with the prosecutor, in exchange for **1,000 euros**, for M. Gheorghe not to be arrested. These circumstances given, M. Gheorghe called his wife on the police officer's mobile telephone and asked her to bring him the money which, consequently, was given to the police officer. In order to create the impression that the money will definitely get to the prosecutor, M. Gheorghe and the other 3 charged ones were taken - by the police car - to the Prosecutor's Office from the locality, but they were not presented to the prosecutor; after that they were told they could go.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2006, Commissioner L. Dumitru contacted M. Gheorghe again and asked him to come to the Police of the Campulung Moldovenesc Municipality the following day with **500 euros**. It is this moment when the man contacted the officers within the General Anti-Corruption Directorate - the Anti-Corruption Bureau of Suceava County and told them about his situation.

Commissioner L. Gheorghe had already been in the GAD police officers' attention for a long time, as they had indications that he claimed different sums of money from the persons that he contacted on the occasion of his daily work duties. In these conditions, the GAD officers within the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the Suceava County, with the technical support of the S.I.I.P.I., organised the action meant to catch the police commissioner in the act, while the denouncer was offering 2,000 RON (the equivalent of the 500 euros) to the commissioner. The money, that had been previously marked, was found on L. Dumitru, who explained that he wanted to give that money to the victim of the theft.

When the police team intervened for carrying out the action, the police officer tried to oppose the measures the prosecutor disposed.

Commissioner L. Dumitru was retained for 24 hours, and today he will be presented before the Court of Appeal of Suceava County, with the proposal of 9-day pre-trial custody *for bribery and influence trafficking*.

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The TV Channels which are interested in this case can get images from the action of catching the police commissioner in the act beginning with 16.00 hrs.

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The Minister of Administration and Interior is participating in the Informal Reunion of the Home Affairs Ministries in the Balkan area

Tomorrow, the minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, will participate in the Informal Reunion of the Home Affairs Ministries of the states in the Balkan area, in Varna (Bulgaria).

Organised by the Bulgarian Home Affairs Ministry, the meeting will reunite the ministers of the interior from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Greece, Serbia-Montenegro and Turkey; the talks are going to focus on the co-operation between these countries in the domain of home affairs, as well as on establishing some priority actions in the context of the EU accession, and on different issues related to their cooperation within the framework of the regional initiatives.

The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, in the speech that he is going to deliver in the reunion, will underline the importance of an integrate approaching of the regional issue regarding the internal security. „**We have to be aware of the fact that the security issue is no more limited to what happens inside our own country**”, Minister Vasile Blaga says.

Romania's participation in this reunion is highly important, as a series of policies, such as those regarding the countering of organised crime, illegal migration and human beings or drugs trafficking – the necessity of which the European Union always emphasizes – can be developed only in the context of some co-operation relations with the countries in the Balkan area.

The necessity of Romania's assuming availability in playing a regional part in the home affairs domain was also underlined by the European Commission vice-president, Franco Frattini, on the occasion of his recent visit to Bucharest. “**Romania will be helpful to Europe**”, stated the European high official.

The informal reunion of the home affairs ministers from the Balkans precedes the works of the Reunion of the internal affairs/ public order ministers from the Black Sea Economic Co-operation Organisation member-states, an important event which is going to take place on 24 March 2006.

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Conference of signing the Protocol between the National Administration Institute and the International Relations Ministry - Quebec

On Monday, 20 March 2006, at 10.00 a.m., the National Administration Institute and the International Relations Ministry from Quebec are organising the Conference of Signing the Co-operation Protocol between I.N.A. and I.R.M.

This conference will be attended by: Monique Gagnon-Tremblay – the minister of International Relations, responsible for Francophone section within the International Relations Ministry from Quebec, accompanied

by a 5-member delegation, representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and Adrian Badila – Director General of I.N.A.

The co-operation protocol aims at strengthening the I.N.A. and public administrative capacity to provide improved public services to the citizens, through supporting a long-term training programme in French on the public management. The training programme will be developed in partnership with the École Nationale d'Administration Publique (ENAP – National Public Administration School) and implemented between 2006 and 2008. The programme mainly addresses to the public servants in leading positions from the local and central public administration.

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Considering the fact that Romania will house the 11th Francophone Summit, in September 2006, being the first Eastern European country to organise such an event, this protocol aims at reinforcing the co-operation relations with the francophone countries.

At the same time, the project activities contribute to the application of the Continuous Training Strategy for the public servants and of the I.N.A. Development Strategy.

The journalists interested in this event are invited, beginning with 10.00 hrs, at the headquarters of I.N.A. (Hall No. 106) - 5 Eforiei Street, district 5.

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Another head of a Police Station in Olt refused the “sweets” that someone offered

On Tuesday, March 14, 2006, the leadership of the Police Inspectorate of the County of Olt informed the workers within the **General Anti-Corruption Directorate, the Territorial Anti-Corruption Department Craiova**, that a police agent refused bribe from a man who wanted to get a favourable solution to the penal file in which he was being investigated.

Based on this notification, officers within G.A.D. – **Territorial Anti-Corruption Department Craiova, the Anti-Corruption Bureau Olt**, under the direct co-ordination of the prosecutor assigned by the Prosecutor's Office near Olt Court, started the investigations and carried out the action of catching the offender in the act.

Thus, yesterday, around 14.00, T. Dan contacted police agent Boteanu Aurel and after they talked, he offered the latter 1 million ROL and different goods (coffee and some sweets) amounting to approximately 500,000 ROL intending to make the police agent give a favourable solution to the penal file in which he was being investigated on charge of fiscal evasion. It was already recorded that, during a control carried out by the police officers at the company in which he was partner, there had been identified some sums of money which had not been included in the accountancy records. After receiving the money and the parcel, the workers of the GAD – the Territorial Anti-Corruption Department Olt together with the prosecutor entered the office of the Police Station's head and identified the offender, disposing the drawing up of the criminal proceedings for bribery.

The Prosecutor's Office near Olt Court has issued a 24-hour retaining order for T. Dan, and today he will be presented before Olt Court, with the proposal of pre-trial custody.

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Later today we shall make available for the television channels some images of the action organised for catching the offender in the act.

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**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY OF FINLAND
ARE PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO M.A.I.**

Today, March 16, 2006, **questor general prof. univ. Dr. ANGHEL ANDREESCU – Secretary of State within M.A.I.** will meet a Finnish delegation led by Ms. **RITVA VILJANEN – permanent secretary within the Home Affairs Ministry of Finland**, at the headquarters of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

This visit takes place upon the Romanian official's initiative and aims at evaluating the co-operation relationships existing between Romania and Finland in the home affairs area, as well as at establishing some future possibilities of common actions, based on the well-known Finnish expertise in the border security field.

At the same time, during the talks that are to be held there will be addressed different themes related to the priority actions of the European Union Council's Finnish Presidency in the second half of 2006, the EU accession process and, implicitly, the support that Finland is granting to Romania in this respect.

Within the framework of the meeting with the Finnish delegation – which also includes Ismo Kurki – representative of the Border Guard Department, Marja Kartila – Inspector General of the Police, the Police Department and Johanna Puiro – counsellor on international security issues – there will be identified co-operation opportunities for countering organised crime, illegal migration, drugs trafficking, terrorism and other unconventional threats to security.

In this regard, during the visit that this delegation is paying to our country on 16-17 March 2006, the representatives of the Home Affairs Ministry of Finland will also meet leading officials within the Romanian Police General Inspectorate and the Border Police General Inspectorate, occasion on which there will be approached topics regarding the support granted through the FRONTEX Agency in outer borders securing and Romania's access to the European funds for borders.

This meeting represents the continuation of the bi-lateral dialogue between Romania and Finland in the home affairs domain, launched in the Informal Reunion of the Home Affairs and Justice Ministries that took place in Newcastle - Gateshead, in the autumn of 2005, and mainly aims at enhancing the specific collaboration, in the context of Romania's efforts made in view of its accession to the European Union, on January 1, 2007.