

June the 18th, 2006
Bucharest

BULLETIN

ROMANIANS EXTRADITED

On Monday, **19 June, 2006**, workers within **the International Police Co-operation Centre** will carry out the transfer, in view of carrying out the prison sentence in our country, and the extradition, of five Romanian citizens and one Chinese citizen, and will bring them in Romania at the International Airport “Henri Coanda”.

Thus, **will be extradited:**

- from Rome, at 14.25 hrs:
 - **FALCĂ FLORIN**, aged 36, from Mavrodin, Teleorman County, against whom Slobozia Court disposed the execution of a 3-year and 3-month prison sentence, on charge of swindle;
- from Milan, at 14.55 hrs:
 - **BOAR LIVIU**, aged 32, from Hunedoara, Hunedoara County, against whom Hunedoara Court disposed the execution of a 3-year prison sentence, on charge of serious bodily harm;
- from Frankfurt, at 15.10 hrs:
 - **DEACONU SORIN**, aged 33, from Bacău, Bacău County, against whom Bacău Court disposed the execution of a 12-year prison sentence, on charge of aiding and abetting to fraud with extremely serious consequences. It is recorded that in 2001, he, working as the manager of a trading company, acquired different goods amounting to 80,000 USD, which he paid by a “rubber cheque”;
- from Sofia, at 18.25 hrs:
 - **YE XIAN YONG**, aged 33, Chinese citizen with residence in Bucharest, against whom Bucureşti Court disposed the execution of a 6-year prison sentence, on charge of murder attempt;
- from Vienna, at 21.55 hrs:
 - **HORVATH AMAR**, aged 30, Romanian citizen with residence in Kantorjanosi/ Hungary, against whom Galaţi Court disposed the execution of a 3-year and 3-month prison sentence, on charge of aiding and abetting to robbery.

On the same day, at **14.00 hrs, from Athens, will also be transferred IVAN NICOLAE**, aged 35, from Brebeni, Olt County, in view of carrying on serving his 17-year and 10-month prison sentence, pronounced by the Greek judiciary, on charge of first-degree murder, serious injury and fraudulent border-crossing.

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Vasile Blaga: “We did not enter the Football World Championship but we will surely enter the European Union on January 1, 2007”

The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, met today a delegation from the Internal Politics Commission of the German Bundestag, which is in Romania in a visit of documentation regarding Romania’s preparation for its EU accession. The delegation was led by the President of this Commission – Sebastian Edathy.

Minister Vasile Blaga answered the German MPs’ questions, presenting the progresses that Romania achieved in the fields of border security, countering corruption and organised crime, the public administration modernisation.

The reforms conducted in these domains are profound and irreversible, showed the Minister of Administration and Interior, which is proved by the fact that M.A.I. does not have any “**red flags**” now (while at the beginning of the

year the ministry had 5 red flags), but only one “**yellow flag**” – regarding the countering of the trafficking in human beings (while at the beginning of 2005 the ministry had 8 yellow this kind of flags).

“**If, unfortunately, we did not enter the Football World Championship, we will surely enter the European Union on January 1, 2007**”, Minister Vasile Blaga told the German MPs, referring to the most important current sports event, which is taking place in Germany, in the organisation of which Romanian Police - through its liaison officers - is involved.

In his turn, the President of the Internal Politics Commission of Bundestag, Sebastian Edathy, assured Minister Vasile Blaga that the institution that he represents will soon ratify the Treaty for Romania’s and Bulgaria’s Accession to the European Union. “**This visit confirms the positive impression - that I had already made - about the progress achieved by Romania**”, the German MP said.

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Final sentences were pronounced for over 200 traffickers in human beings, in January - March 2006, stated Vasile Blaga

The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, has met today the Resident Coordinator of the whole UNO System in Romania, Ms. Soknan Han Jung, who also is currently the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), partner of M.A.I. within the framework of a programme for countering trafficking in human beings.

This problem (the trafficking in human beings) represents the last “yellow flag” of the Ministry of Administration and Interior in the European Commission’s Monitoring Report issued in May.

Minister Vasile Blaga thanked to the representatives of the United Nation Development Programme for the support granted in preventing and countering trafficking in human beings and showed that Romania recorded significant results in the operational domain.

Thus, in 2005 and in the first quarter of 2006, the General Directorate for Organised Crime Countering (GDOCC) and the Border Police General Inspectorate (BPGI) worked on over 1,000 files on the human beings trafficking, in which about 1,800 persons were involved.

In the same period, over 800 traffickers in human beings were brought to justice, by means of indictments, and for 213 traffickers were definitely sentenced, stated the Minister of Administration and Interior.

At the same time, GDOCC and BPGI registered over 3,200 potential victims of the trafficking in human beings.

Last but not least, “Braila Operation” - carried out in March of this year - represents a success in this area, as it led to the arrest of over 300 persons from Spain and Romania, who were involved in different activities relating to organised crime and, especially, to human beings trafficking.

The Ministry of Administration and Interior stated that Romania has to make progress in the matter of the assistance granted to the victims of the human beings trafficking; in line with this, the National Agency for Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings and for Monitoring its Victims’ Assistance was set up at the end of last year, with the support of the UNDP, said Vasile Blaga.

This Agency will have to continue the efforts made so far, in order to become fully operational, Minister of Administration and Interior also said.

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**EUROPOL WILL TRAIN ROMANIAN POLICE OFFICERS FOR IMPROVING THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DATA AND INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE IN THE FIELD OF
COUNTERING CROSS-BORDER CRIMES**

On 15 and 16 June 2006, a delegation of the European Police Office – Europol, led by Kevin O'Connell, Deputy Director of Europol, responsible for the Europol Enlargement Project II for Romania and Bulgaria, is paying an official visit to Romania.

This action is included within the framework of the Project initiated in Ruse, between 16 and 18 January 2006, which implies the tri-lateral co-operation Romania-Europol-Bulgaria.

During this visit, the delegation will be accompanied by the Romanian leader of the Project for Europol Enlargement, principal questor Corneliu Alexandru, as well as by the liaison officer of the Ministry of Administration and Interior at Europol.

In this context, the representatives of Europol will meet the Romanian officials responsible for the management of the seven critical domains of the Project – operations, juridical, human resources, security and facilities, data integrity, information technology and communications (IT&C) and financial fields. The progress that Romania achieved in implementing the measures jointly agreed upon within the framework of the Project, at the level of the border police, as well as the progress within the framework of “Reflex” programme will also be presented. At the same time, the headquarters of the **National Europol Unit** will be visited, as it is going to house the equipment that Europol will provide.

Romania will pay a special attention to this Europol Enlargement Project II, as it represents a high priority for our institution.

In view of a real-time data and intelligence exchange with the European Police Office, M.A.I. will continue ensuring the logistics and the human resources necessary for the National Europol Units in Romania to work properly, requiring the support of the Europol in training the personnel and in the running of the existing network, so that our country could become an effective partner in the exchange of intelligence and data on trans-border crimes and terrorism.

Bucharest, 14th June 2006

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Actions dedicated to the World Day of Refugees 2006, organized in Romania have been officially launched today.

This event has been attended by Loredana Groza – Romanian artist who directly involved in the matter of the refugees in our country.

Today, the 14th of June, at the Cultural Centre of the Ministry of Administration and Interior has been officially launched the actions dedicated to the World Day of Refugee, which is celebrated worldwide on 20th of June.

This event started with a press conference held by questor **VASILE DRAGOI**, the Head of the National Office for Refugees and Mr. **VEERAPONG VONGVAROTAI** – the Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Romania.

On this occasion, there were presented the amendments for Law no.122/2006 on the asylum in Romania – *normative act that enters into force at the end of August 2006, and which represents the full harmonization of the national legislation with the communitarian acquis in the field of asylum* – as well as the events dedicated to the World Day of the Refugee.

These events include: Exhibition of Photos, paintings, traditional objects created by the refugees in Romania – hosted by the Cultural Centre of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, between 14 and 21 of June 2006; multicultural artistic concert at Cuba Centre, in which “3 Sud-Est” Band and “Gloria” Group will participate – 15.06.2006, 20.00 hrs.; sports competition (mini-football and table tennis) between the refugee children and the children from the Child Care Centre “Sfantul Nicolae” in M.A.I.’s care, on the one side, and between the adult refugees and the MAI workers, on the other side – Dinamo Stadium, on 16th June, 2006, at 16.00 hrs; inter-cultural activity at the “V. Stolnicu” Refugees’ Reception Centre, with the participation of the “Ciocarlia” Artistic Assembly; presentation of the film called “Refugee in Romania”, created by the TV-Film Studio of M.A.I.; the Day of the Open Doors at the Refugee Women Organisation on 16 June 2006, a picnic and multicultural parties dedicated to all the refugees in Romania.

The today event was also attended by Ms. **Soknan Han Jung** – U.N. Resident Coordinator in Romania, as well as **Loredana Groza** – who actively involved in the matter of the refugees in Romania, being present in different other activities together with UNHCR, and who could become the Goodwill Ambassador for the UNHCR in Romania.

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The date of 20th of June has been celebrated since 2001 as the World Day of Refugee, as the Resolution A/RES/55/76 of the UNO General Assembly, was adopted at the 81st plenary session, on 4 December 2000.

Presently, in Romania there are about 600 refugees **with residence in Romania** and other 3,000 persons who required a type of protection in our country.

The event dedicated to the World Day of Refugee in Romania were organized by: the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Romania, the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the National Office for Refugees (ONR), ACA – Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants, Save the Children Romania (SCR), Organisation for Refugee Women in Romania (ORWR), Jesuit Service for Refugees (JRS), the Romanian National Council for Refugees (RNCR).

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From January the 1st, 2007, 00.00 hrs, the Romanian citizens will not be checked anymore when leaving the country

Starting with January 1, 2007, the Border Police will only check citizens when entering the country, when coming from another EU member state, and will stop checking the citizens who travel to the member states when leaving Romania, announced today the Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga. In fact, from the beginning of 2006, the Romanian citizens who want to cross the border to Hungary or Bulgaria will be checked only once, when entering those countries, showed Vasile Blaga.

The Ministry of Administration and Interior demanded the leadership of the Border Police to start the co-operation with the border police units from Hungary and Bulgaria forehand, for creating the possibility to introduce the one-way control even at the accession moment.

Minister Vasile Blaga showed that the EU accession will lead to the removing of the actual conditions for travelling abroad, that is the sum of money that one has to show at the border, for covering the basic expenditures. “**Starting with January 1, 2007, the Romanian citizens will travel abroad only with their passports and, in the near future, with their identity cards only**”, stated Vasile Blaga.

The Minister of Administration and Interior also pointed out the fact that, up to the accession date, the current requirements regarding the border crossing remain in force.

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The Ministry of Administration and Interior will not be monitored anymore, but will continue the reforms in the same rhythm

The Ministry of Administration and Interior will not be subject to a new evaluation mission this summer, but the European Commission will ask for details on the progresses recorded in each area, announced Vasile Blaga today, after the M.A.I. College session ended.

According to the minister Vasile Blaga, the Ministry of Administration and Interior will not receive the European experts' visit, as it successfully fulfilled the EU accession-related objectives. Presently, M.A.I. does not have any **"red flags"**, but only one **"yellow flag"**, regarding the countering of trafficking in human beings, as compared to the situation at the beginning of 2005, when the ministry had five **"red flags"** and eight **"yellow flags"**, which meant 56 major shortcomings.

According to the Minister of Administration and Interior, a remarkable success is represented by the reform started in the public administration field, which led to the change of the **"red flag"** directly into a **"green flag"**; this domain is now considered by the European Commission one **"without any problems"**, after measures were taken in view of depoliticising and strengthening the public position, decentralising and developing the administrative capacity.

Although it will not be anymore subject to a monitoring mission, M.A.I. will further treat the issue of the commitments assumed before the European Commission as rigorously as so far, Vasile Blaga said. In June, the Ministry of Administration and Interior will have to fulfil 58 measures, out of which 48 in the home affairs field and 10 in the public administration area.

At the same time, in 2006, the Ministry of Administration and Interior has to accomplish the 40 measures provided by the Schengen Action Plan 2006, recently approved by the Government, which was really appreciated by the European Commission.

The application of the Schengen Action Plan 2005, including 25 measures, concluded successfully, Vasile Blaga also said.

"We do not intend to reduce the speed", stated Vasile Blaga, according to whom the European Commission will monitor even the progresses achieved in the domains marked with **"green flags"**, which means that we can afford **"no rest, no matter how short it would be"**.