

April the 13th, 2006
Bucharest

BULLETIN

Minister Vasile Blaga was congratulated by his Albanian counterpart on the success recorded in the operation of capturing a dangerous internationally 'wanted' offender

“There is clear evidence that where sustained willingness and co-ordinated efforts for joint operations, including the information exchange, excellent results can be obtained - even if apparently impossible - such as the capture of criminals who try to escape the justice”, said the Home Minister of the Republic of Albania, Sokol Oldashi, in a letter addressed to the Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga.

This letter was sent following the effective involvement of the M.A.I. component units, that is Interpol Bureau within the International Police Co-operation Centre of M.A.I. and the General Directorate for Countering Organised Crime and Drugs – R.P.G.I., in the operation of capturing the Albanian citizen Alfred Shkurti, also called Aldo Bare.

Alfred Shkurti was the criminal leader of the group PANDA ALSO BARE – an extremely dangerous criminal group whose members were and are being investigated on charge of different violence acts, murders, etc. and was internationally ‘wanted’ for having committed more crimes, such as documents forgery, administrative documents forgery, harming, aiding and abetting, freedom constraint.

Based on the first data that the Albanian authorities disposed of, the M.A.I. units started some verification and proceeded to an efficient date and intelligence exchange with the law enforcement authorities of the states in the region, which led to the arresting of the offender on 25 March 2006.

As a consequence of the Romanian policemen’s involvement in the criminal’s capture, the Albanian Minister underlined the good co-operation between the Romanian and Albanian authorities, which led to the resolving of this case and stated that the “capitalization on the co-ordinated efforts will go on, based on tight co-operation, in view of the benefit of both Romania and Albania.”

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THE GENERAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DIRECTORATE OF M.A.I. IDENTIFIED FORMER POLICEMAN’S CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Officers with the General Anti-Corruption Directorate of M.A.I. – Anti-Corruption Bureau Ialomita (A.B.Ialomita), based on the delegation of the prosecutor assigned by the prosecutor’s office, organised the action of catching an offender in the act, while he was offering a police agent **1,000 euros**, trying to make the latter not to continue the investigations in the penal file in which he was being investigated on charge of swindle, embezzlement and influence trafficking.

In 2004, police agent Lucian Aurel V. – making use of his position as criminal investigator with the Police of Slobozia Municipality – swindled more persons, promising to resolve their cases, even if their solving was not within his province, getting in this way over 400 million ROL.

During the same period of time, the police agent - promising that he would personally pay the fine - claimed and received from an offender the money for the penalty, money that he kept for himself.

The policeman’s criminal activity continued in the summer of 2004 when he claimed and received 11 million ROL for helping a man to get a favourable solution to the penal file he was being investigated in.

The criminal investigations carried out by the officers of the General Anti-Corruption Directorate of M.A.I. – Anti-Corruption Bureau Ialomita, the Prosecutor’s Office near Ialomita Court of Law disposed the retaining of the offender for 24 hours, on charge of swindle, embezzlement and influence trafficking.

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POLICE AGENT IN TIMIS REFUSED TO ACCEPT BRIBE

Today, 12 April 2006, officers with the General Anti-Corruption Directorate of M.A.I. – Anti-Corruption Bureau Timis (A.B.Timis), under the co-ordination of the prosecutor, organised the action of catching a citizen in the act, while he was offering a police agent **1,000 euros**, trying to make the police agent not to continue the investigations in penal file he was being investigated in.

On 06.04.2006, police chief-agent Danut C. (head of the Police Station Jebel, Timis County) identified M. Paul Ciprian while driving his personal car on the public roads, without having a driving license.

On this occasion, the policeman recorded the offence and drew up the documents necessary for starting the criminal investigations.

On 08.04.2006, based on some information received by the workers of G.A.D. – Anti-Corruption Bureau Timis, police chief-agent C.Danut was warned that M.Paul Ciprian could attempt to bribe him. At the same time, he was advised to notify the officers of G.A.D. in case the briber insisted, so that the team could carry out the action of catching him in the act.

On 11.04.2006, the police agent notified the workers of G.A.D. – Anti-Corruption Bureau Timis of the fact that M. Paul Ciprian had tried to offer him 1,000 euros more than once, for stopping the investigations in the penal file in which the latter was being investigated, but that he refused to take it. As the briber had insisted, the police agent had invited him to come to the police station the following day, on 12.04.2006.

Based on this information, the Prosecutor's Office near the Timis Court of Law was announced, and on 12.04.2006 workers of the Anti-Corruption Bureau Timis, with the support of the I.I.P.I.S. and under the direct co-ordination of the prosecutor assigned by the above-mentioned institution, carried out the action of catching the offender in the act, at the Jebel Police Station.

This is the moment when the G.A.D. officers caught M. Paul Ciprian giving the police agent 1,000 euros, and retained him on charge of bribery and driving a vehicle on the public roads, without having a driving license.

The penal documents are currently being drawn up for bringing the offender to justice, in view of the pre-trial arrest warrant issuance.

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The TV Channels interested can get images from the action of catching the offender in the act at the Anti-Corruption Bureau Timis, contact person : Rus Dorel – tel. 0721.053.295.

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PRESS RELEASE

COUNTERING TERRORISM DISCUSSED BY THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN BRDO PROCESS

Within the framework of the Regional Conference of the home affairs ministers of the states participating in BRDO Process, the Romanian Intelligence Service (R.I.S.), as the national authority in the area of preventing and countering terrorism, organised - together with the Ministry of Administration and Interior, and with the support of the representative of the Austrian E.U. Presidency - the first reunion of the heads of the terrorism countering organisms from the states participating in Brdo Process, between 10 and 12 April 2006, in Bucharest.

Brdo Process is a regional co-operation common initiative of the Home Affairs Ministries from Austria and Slovenia started in 2001, which involves more states from Central and Southern Europe. Gradually, the questions discussed were diversified, firstly including illegal migration, then - organised crime, corruption and terrorism as well.

This reunion was attended by representatives of the specialised institutions in the countering terrorism area from Austria, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, as well as Slovenia.

The participant delegations agreed that the safest way to achieve security and stability in Europe is to promote international co-operation, as terrorism - a threat to the international security - requires harmonised actions, as well as firm solutions to the common problems.

At the same time, there was expressed the belief that the most appropriate response of the international community to terrorism is represented by the permanent international co-operation strengthening.

One of the reunion's aims was identifying some suitable co-operation platforms, by uniting all the efforts of the responsible institutions from the Brdo Process states, in view of identifying, monitoring and countering jointly the threats with a great impact at regional and European level. The participants also underlined the importance and necessity of the legislation harmonisation at the level of the countries participating in Brdo Process, as well as at the wider level of the European Union.

In view of enhancing the capacities of countering terrorism at national and regional level, the participants also developed an expertise exchange on the national mechanisms of preventing and countering terrorism.

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POLICE OFFICER REFUSED TO ACCEPT BRIBE AT THE C.P.I. ARGES

At the end of last week, officers with the General Anti-Corruption Directorate of M.A.I. – Anti-Corruption Territorial Department Pitesti (A.T.D.Pitesti) were notified by the leadership of the County Police Inspectorate Arges (C.P.I. Arges) that a police officer refused to accept bribe from a man who wanted him not to take the legal action in case of a minor offence and, consequently not to seize the goods for which the offender did not have the required documents.

Based on this notification, workers of the **Anti-Corruption Territorial Department Pitesti**, under the direct co-ordination of the prosecutor assigned by the Prosecutor's Office near Arges Court of Law, started the investigations and carried out the action of catching the offender in the act.

Thus, O. Gheorghe, aged 33, from Pitesti municipality, was found by a police squad around Stefanesti transporting ferrous and non-ferrous material, without having the necessary documents attesting its source.

In order not to be sanctioned and not to be seized the material, O.Gheorghe promised 3 million ROL to C.Eugen - police officer within the Police Station from Stefanesti (member of the police squad).

So, at the moment when that man came in the police officer's office to give him the money promised, the team - including the prosecutor and the **A.T.D.Pitesti** workers - intervened and caught the offender in the act.

The Prosecutor's Office near Arges Court of Law issued a retaining ordinance for O.Gheorghe, and later today the offender will be presented before Arges Court of Law, with the proposal of pre-trial custody.

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The TV Channels which are interested in this case can get images from the action of catching the police officer in the act at the Public Communication Department, 17 Mihai Voda St, sector 5.