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Priest accused of offering bribe to a policeman

On Thursday, February 16, 2006, at the **General Anti-Corruption Directorate** of the Ministry of Administration and Interior – the Anti-Corruption Bureau for the County of Bacau, M.Z. – police officer within the Police Inspectorate of Bacau notified that V. Ionel, priest in the same county, promised and offered him some money to make him not propose the beginning of the criminal proceedings in the penal files (instrumented by that officer) in which the latter was investigated.

As a consequence of this notification, the prosecutor from within the Prosecutor's Office near the Bacau Court and the officers assigned by the **General Anti-Corruption Directorate – Bacau** organised the action of catching V.Ionel "red-handed", while he was giving the police officer 4 million ROL.

The investigations conducted revealed the following:

The above-mentioned police officer instrumented two penal files regarding the forest-related crimes committed by V.Ionel, in which he put forth the proposal of sending V.Ionel to court.

V.Ionel offered the officer different sums of money, in order to make him propose the criminal proceedings not to be started. Although the officer firmly refused the offer, V.Ionel insisted and, consequently the officer notified the situation to the General Anti-Corruption Directorate's workers and he forwarded the file to the Prosecutor's Office near Bacau Court.

The prosecutor from within the Prosecutor's Office near Bacau Court disposed that V.Ionel be taken in custody for 24 hours on charge of "bribe offering", and forwarded to Bacau Court the proposal that V.Ionel be taken in temporary custody for 29 days. Bacau Court rejected the temporary custody proposal, and the Prosecutor's Office near Bacau Court appealed that decision.

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**THE CZECH REPUBLIC IS SOLIDARY WITH ROMANIA IN OUR COUNTRY'S
ACCESSION TO E.U.**

The Czech Republic will vote against a possible activation of the safeguard clause, which could postpone the E.U. accession of Romania, if this question should arise, has announced Frantisek BUBLAN, the Czech Home Affairs Minister, within the framework of an official meeting with his Romanian counterpart official, Vasile BLAGA.

The Czech Home Affairs Minister has showed that he highly appreciates the efforts made by Romania in view of its accession to the European Union, as well as the progresses that our country has recorded lately. Minister Frantisek Bublak has also showed that the Czech Republic can understand very well the magnitude of these efforts, as it followed a similar route, which makes the Czech people be solidary with Romania in its aim to access the European Union.

The Romanian Ministry of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, presented to his Czech counterpart official the progresses recorded by Romania with a view to becoming a EU Member State, and he said that he is optimistic as regards our country's EU accession on the 1st February 2007.

"Romania will find a solution to the last two red flags regarding the internal affairs up to the end of this year. Only 92% of the total positions for the personnel which will work at the future EU outer border are filled in, but up June this year we shall fill in all the vacancies, and at the latest in November 2006, we shall be able to ensure a high level of border security", said Vasile Blaga.

Romania concluded negotiations in view of its accession to the European Union with a *safeguard clause*, which provides that the Council, having a qualified majority and based on a recommendation made by the Commission, can decide to postpone Romania's accession with one year, namely on January 1, 2008, if there are major shortcomings in the process of its meeting one or more commitments or

requirements referring to 4 specific aspects relating to the “Competition” Chapter or to 7 aspects of the “Justice and Home Affairs” Chapter.

The text of the clause says: *“Accelerating significantly the efforts made for modernizing the equipment and infrastructure at the green and blue border, and at the cross-border points, as well as keeping on enhancing the capacity of the risk analysis, for ensuring a high level of border control and surveillance at the future outer borders of the European Union. This has to be reflected in a multi-annual investment plan, drawn up until March 2005, which has to allow the Commission to evaluate, on a yearly basis, the progresses achieved by Romania until its accession to the Schengen area. Moreover, Romania has to significantly speed up the recruiting of the 4,438 border police agents and officers, and especially to ensure that the filling in of the vacancies at the level of the border to Ukraine, Moldova, the Black Sea side will be carried out in a percent as close to 100% as possible, up to the accession date. At the same time, Romania has to implement all the necessary measures to effectively counter illegal migration, even by enhancing the co-operation with the third countries”.*

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THE MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATION AND INTERIOR IS PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

On 17th and 18th February 2006, the Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, is paying an official visit to the Czech Republic, upon the invitation of his Czech counterpart official, Mr. František Bublan.

The dialogue between the two ministers will focus mainly on Romania’s preparations in view of its EU accession, according to the specific problems of the public administration and internal affairs; other questions which are included in the agenda of the official talks are going to focus on the bi-lateral issues and the multi-lateral co-operation.

A special attention will be paid to the way in which the operational collaboration between the counterpart Romanian and Czech institutions is developed in areas like: countering cross-border crime and organized crime, drugs and humans trafficking and illegal migration.

The meeting between the Romanian Minister of Administration and Interior and the Czech Minister of Internal Affairs confirms once again the high level of the bi-lateral political contacts and the good co-operation relationships existing between the two countries in the field of administration and internal affairs, and the important support that the Czech Republic has granted Romania so far, considering the ratification of the Treaty of Romania and Bulgaria’s EU Accession as well.

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THE 115 SOLDIERS WITH PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS IN KOSOVO WERE PRESENT TODAY IN THE SOLEMN APPEAL

Today, at the headquarters of the Romanian Gendarmerie, in the presence of the Minister of the Administration and Interior, Mr. Vasile Blaga, the soldiers of the Gendarmes Detachment that will leave for the province of Kosovo for peacekeeping missions were present in the solemn appeal.

After an intense training session organized and coordinated by specialists from within the Romanian Gendarmerie, the 115 soldiers have been evaluated by a UNO committee, which has considered that they are well-trained and know the fighting techniques and intervention actions, as well as the fact that they master the English language.

On February 19th 2006, the new detachment will leave for Kosovo, the place where they will be accomplishing specific missions for a year and where they will represent Romania in the multinational peacekeeping forces.

This is the fifth team that has left for the province, and once they are there their colleagues who have been in Kosovo since February 2005 will come back home.

In the end of the military ceremony, Minister Blaga has told the 115 soldiers: “... *you must let the people know about the professionalism, the courage and the commitment that you and your colleagues have proved during the four years of international missions.*”

I know that in a year, back home - with your families and friends, all of you will be able to say « mission completed »”.

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INFLUENCE TRAFFICKING ...”amounting to 600 euros”

The M.A.I. workers – the Anti-Corruption General Directorate from Neamt will bring in court a police agent who requested and received 600 euros from “an acquaintance” for helping her to obtain, in emergency regime, passports for 5 conational fellows, whose right to use their travel documents was restricted.

Thus, at the end of September 2005, M. Valeria from Roman, the county of Neamt, made a notification to the officers from the General Anti-Corruption Directorate, referring to the fact that her old acquaintance, **police agent H. Dan from within the Police Unit of Roman**, asked for 500 euros from her, in order to facilitate the release of new passports for 5 persons (the woman’s relatives), who exceeded the legal period of residence abroad and who had their passports retained at the responsible institution.

These circumstances given, the police agent met M. Valeria more than once, and together went to Piatra Neamt, officially saying that their purpose is to lay down the documents necessary for their passports, but in reality wanting to get the money they requested from the woman: 600 euros in total – 500 euros at their first meeting, and 100 at the next one.

By his actions and promises, the police agent convinced the woman that he had the possibility and the necessary relations to obtain those passports, but the fact that his promises did not materialized – although the police agent received the requested sum of money – made M. Valeria to address the workers of GAD Neamt.

Once the investigation started under the coordination of the prosecutor assigned by the Prosecutor’s Office, the police agent admitted the fact that he had received 600 euros for those passports’ release, as well as the fact that he had not interceded for them at the Public Communitarian Department for Simple Passports’ Release and Record, using that money for personal matters.

Considering the above-mentioned aspects and the finalization of the investigation, the police agent will be sent to justice under the charge of influence trafficking, crime punished with prison sentence from 2 to 10 years.

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PHOTO EXHIBITION AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

On Wednesday, February 15th 2006, at 12.00, at the headquarters of the National Archives of Romania (49 Regina Elisabeta Bd, district 5), the exhibition “Fascism and communism - ideology and propaganda in Romania, 1938 - 1989” will be organised, and the book “The Orthodox Church during the communist period. Daily notes. Vol. II” – written by Dudu Velicu will be launched.

This event is organised by the National Archives from within the Ministry of Administration and Interior, in co-operation with the Romanian Institute for Recent History and the Archivists Federation from Romania; these photos are also to be displayed at the headquarters of the county directorates of the National Archives from Covasna, Harghita și Arad, at the Romanian Peasant Museum from Bucharest, as well as at the History Museum from Pitesti.

At the same time, beginning with April this year, this exhibition – accompanied by explanations in English – will be presented in Dresada, Prague, Warsaw and Budapest, within the framework of the Culture 2000 Programme, financed by the European Union. The project leader is the Romanian Institute for Recent History, the National Archives from the Ministry of Administration and Interior and the Archivists Federation from Romania participating in this event as co-organisers.

The journalists accredited with the Ministry of Administration and Interior are invited to take part in this activity, at 11.30 a.m.; contact person: Mirela Târână, tel. 0746.39.56.12.

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BERLIN – “THE POLICEMEN’S CAPITAL CITY” FOR TWO DAYS
The European Police Congress at its 9th Edition

On the 14th and 15th of February, the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin, will turn into the policemen’s capital city, as the important European city is hosting the 9th European Police Congress.

The reunion is organised by the Federal Home Affairs Ministry of Germany and the European Parliament in co-operation with the “Behorden Spiegel” daily newspaper, which deals with matters regarding the public services segment; over 1,400 visitors from 65 countries, out of whom 34 justice and home affairs ministers, 24 ambassadors, 33 National MPs and 9 European MPs are invited to participate in this event.

The Ministry of Administration and Interior is represented in this reunion by principal questor Dan-Valentin Fatuloiu – General Inspector of the Romanian Police, and by Colonel Neculai Bontic, Deputy General Inspector of the Romanian Gendarmerie.

The main theme of the international conference is “**Ensuring security during major events**”, in the context of the preparations made for the organisation of the G8 Summit, as well as for the World

Championship FIFA - in Germany; the attention of the international community will be focused on the latter event, in which supporters and spectators from lots of countries will participate, this manifestation representing a real challenge to the German authorities.

Within the framework of the six sessions of official specific talks (round tables), the representatives of the ministries, police units, the civil and industrial institutions will address different issues regarding the security policies during the major events, the civil-military co-operation, the technical modernisation of the police, the European efforts made for fighting terrorism, the European police in the international missions etc.

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COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND ITALY REGARDING THE COUNTERING OF THE FINANCIAL-ECONOMIC CRIMINAL PHENOMENON

On the 13th and 14th February 2006, a delegation of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, headed by **Questor General Dr. ANGHEL ANDREESCU, Secretary of State**, is paying an official visit to Rome, upon the invitation of the General Commander of the Finances Guard from the Italian Republic, **Gen. C.A. ROBERTO SPECIALE**.

This visit – which is part of the contacts programme initiated in 2005 between the M.A.I. and the Finances Guard from Italy (counterpart military institution belonging to the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finances) – aims mainly at establishing some concrete ways of co-operation regarding the countering of the economic-financial criminal phenomenon.

At the same time, it aims at capitalizing on the important expertise of the Finances Guard of Italy in issues regarding the personnel training, in compliance with the bilateral legal framework provided by the *Agreement Memorandum between the Ministry of Administration and Interior from Romania and the Ministry of Economy and Finances of Italy in the domain of the operational co-operation for countering the economic-financial criminal phenomenon*, signed on the 15th of December 2005 in Bucharest.

The delegation of the Ministry of Administration and Interior includes representatives of the leadership of the Information and Internal Protection General Directorate, the Romanian Police General Inspectorate, the Border Police General Inspectorate, as well as specialists in the economic-financial criminal phenomenon and international relations.

This visit of the delegation of the Ministry of Administration and Interior in Rome has a special significance considering the overall co-operation relations existing between Romania and Italy, as it can give a new consistence to the dialogue and the bilateral collaboration developed with the police structures from the Italian Republic.