

## **PRESS RELEASE**

*on the arrest of Ghenadie Taran, leader of the movement „Dignitas” from Slobozia*

The political regime from Tiraspol continues to use the practice used by it in 1990-1992 in order to keep the Power. The Moldovan Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (MHC), with concern, announces that on the 17th of August 2006, around 4 PM, abusively entered into the house of Ghenadie Taran from Slobozia city (Transnistrian region) a group of armed people, who declared to be criminal militia officers.

Without presenting a prosecutor's search warrant or a decision of judicial court, they started a total search, paying an important attention to the documents that refer to activity of the movement „Dignitas”, its archives were sequestered in the whole by the militamen, without leaving some receipts, documents or any other confirmation that certain goods have been sequestered by who or in what purposes.

After the so-called search, militiamen had arrested Ghenadie Taran, without any relevant documentation, declaring to his relatives that Ghenadie was going to the militia office in order to conclude certain formalities, and then he would come back home. MHC is concerned with the fact that at 12.00 PM of the day 17.08.2006, Ghenadie Taran, wasn't still back at home and his parents weren't aware of their son's destiny. Starting with 1.00 AM of the next day, 18.08.2006, the home telephone of Ghenadie Taran was blocked and there was impossible to keep some contact with his relative.

There should be mentioned the fact that political analysts from Slobozia are making a conclusion that the political regime Smirnov-Antiufeev, which by violence and fraud had usurped the State power in the Eastern districts of the Republic of Moldova, today are continuing the late practice, when several crimes committed against the humanity by the agents of the so-called „ministry of security from Tiraspol” are declared acts of terrorism against the „young republic”, therefore there are arrested and killed people from opposition, there are destroyed non-governmental organizations and other associations of the civil society from the named region. This version is shared, also, by the observers from Tiraspol, who mention that the „agents of FSB of the Russian Federation”, who allegedly came in order to investigate the explosions from the 6<sup>th</sup> of July and the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2006, in reality they are specialists of informational technologies and who are trying to use these facts in political matters.

MHC will carefully monitor the situation and will inform the national and international bodies on the events unrolling of the arrest of Ghenadie Taran, same as of the up-mentioned explosions.

MHC is asking for the resort bodies of the Republic of Moldova and the O.S.C.E. Mission in Moldova to get actively involved in investigation of the explosions from 06.07.06 and 13.08.06 from Tiraspol, in order to not permit for these to be directed in political interests – as permanently is doing the Russian Federation and its marionettes from Tiraspol.

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