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Managing ballots before the vote

According to Art. 49 par. 3 of the Election Code, printed ballots are kept at the local District Electoral Council and are submitted to the Polling Station Electoral Bureau in the eve of elections, and an act of acceptance is signed.

DEC no. 5 in Basarabeasca had more ballots than the number of voters on voter lists, namely 249 more ballots than voter for PSEB no. 7 and 8 more ballots for PSEB no. 2. The DEC in Leova issued 300 more ballots for PS no. 8 in Leova and 200 more ballots for PS no. 18 in Cazangic.

In one case, the number of issued ballots was smaller than voters included in the voter lists, and namely at PS no. 18 in Bisericani (Glodeni), which received 8 ballots less than the calculated number of voters.

According to Art. 46 par. 7 of the Election Code, if a candidate withdraws from the race or their registration is cancelled after ballots had been printed, in the ballots, next to their name, the electoral bureau of the respective polling station will apply the “Withdrawn” stamp.

There were 2 cases when the “Withdrawn” stamp was not applied next to candidate PP “Patria”, and namely at PS no. 85 in Chisinau and PS no. 42 in Leuseni (Hancesti).

On E-Day, an insufficient number of ballots were registered at PS no. 115 in Chisinau. At 19.26 hours, all the ballots had been exhausted, and voters were instead issued voter certificates and were instructed to go vote in other PSs. The reason for this was that 1300 ballots were stamped with the “Cancelled” stamp instead of the “Withdrawn” stamp next to PP “Patria”.

Absence of ballots for persons with impaired vision was found at PS no. 128 in Chisinau. When a citizen requested such a ballot, PSEB members could not satisfy the request of the person with impaired vision.

Issuing voter certificates on 29 November 2014

According to Art. 39 par. 7 of the Election Code, if the voter changes their domicile or residence between the date of compilation of voter lists and E-Day, the electoral bureau of the PS of their previous address issues the respective voter a voter certificate based on their ID document and respective request.

DEC Drochia issued 600 voter certificates to voters. 11 PSs in Drochia and one PS in Soroca could not issue certificates to all those who requested them, as there were insufficient respective forms.

Ensuring PS infrastructure on 29 November 2014

According to p. 5 and 7 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, when establishing the location of the PS preference will be given to premises located on the first floor of buildings found in accessible public areas so as to facilitate access to the elderly and disabled persons; premises where PSs are organized must have working communications, including electronic communications, power supply, sanitation facilities, fire extinguishers, and marked emergency exits.

On 29 November 2014, at least 24 PS in 4 DEC (Sangerei, Floresti, Rascani, and Drochia) did not meet the respective arrangement conditions.

There was insufficient lighting at 2 PSs in CE Sangerei.

There were no safes for keeping electoral documents at PS no. 49 in Valea Radoaiei (Floresti), PS no. 70 in Grasenii (Ungheni), and PS no. 15 in Dobrusa (Soldanesti).

There was also no heating in 9 PSs in Rascani and 11 PSs in Drochia.

Opening of polling stations

According to Art. 50 of the Election Code, voting takes place on Election Day, between hours 07.00 and 21.00. Under Art. 55 par. 1 of the Election Code, on E-Day, at time 07.00, in the presence of at least half of PSEB members, the chair of the PSEB checks the ballots boxes, seals them, checks the voter lists, ballots, stamps, and prepares a protocol in 2 copies. The protocol is signed by all present PSEB members and one copy is inserted into the ballot box, after which the PSEB chair calls the voting open.

At least 2 PSs in Basarabeasca and Drochia opened with a delay of up to 55 minutes. At least 8 PS in 7 electoral districts (Telenesti, Anenii Noi, Basarabeasca, Chisinau, Ialoveni, Nisporeni, Floresti) opened with a delay of up to 20 minutes. At least 14 PSs in 4 districts (Straseni, Hancesti, Nisporeni, Sangerei) opened with a delay of up to 10 minutes. In 2 other PSs, the vote opening procedure was also violated, and voters started casting their votes as early as 06.55 at PSs no. 97 and 256 in Chisinau.

Violations of the PS opening procedure were found at PS no. 32 in Mihaileni (Briceni) – insufficient number of PSEB members present at the opening; PS no. 155 in Chisinau – PS opening protocol inserted into the ballot box too late, at 08.15; at PS no. 29 in Chisinau, where the PS opening protocol did not contain the number of ballots received from the DEC.

Ensuring PS infrastructure on E-Day

According to p. 5 and 7 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, when establishing the location of the PS preference will be given to premises located on the first floor of buildings found in accessible public areas so as to facilitate access to the elderly and disabled persons; premises where PSs are organized must have working communications, including electronic communications, power supply, sanitation facilities, fire extinguishers, and marked emergency exits.

Failure of cell phones and line phones was registered at PS no. 14 in Calarasi.

There was no heating in at least 7 PSs: PS no. 40 in Salcuta, Causeni, PS no. 26 in Clisova, PS no. 52 in Pelivan (both in Orhei), Ivanovca, Iserlia, Abaclia (Basarabeasca), and PS no. 12 in Bravicea (Calarasi).

There were power outages at 7 PSs from Chisinau, Floresti, Drochia, and Dubasari (4 PSs).

At least 4 PSs were not equipped with ramps to facilitate access for disabled persons: PS no. 66 in Seliste, PS no. 77 in Curchi, PS no. 49 in Morozeni (all in Orhei), and PS no. 10 in Bahmut (Calarasi).

There was insufficient light outside the entrance to PS no. 215 in Chisinau.

According to p. 14 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, each PSEB will receive 2 laptops connected to the Internet, on which, on E-Day, operators will check ID data of voters in the State Voters' Register to register their participation at the voting.

Internet connection failed in at least 42 PSs in 13 electoral districts (Causeni - 1 PS, Ialoveni - 1 PS, Balti - 5 PS, Falesti - 1 PS, Cahul - 3 PSs, Glodeni - 1 PS, Soldanesti- 2 PSs, Straseni - 1 PS, Chisinau – 20 PSs, Sangerei – 2 PSs, Nisporeni - 1 PS, Floresti - 1 PS, Drochia - 3 PSs).

Laptops' malfunctioning was recorded at PSs no. 212 and no. 113 in Chisinau.

The laptops provided to PS no. 16 in Straseni did not have access to the soft program, and had to be replaced.

Malfunctioning of the State Voters' Register was found at all the PSs in Basarabeasca, Edinet, Falesti, at PS no. 1 in Donduseni, PS no. 63 in Zarnesti, PS no. 6 in Camenca (both in Glodeni), PS no. 62 in Secareni, PS no. 64 in Cornesti, and PS no. 44 in Mereseni (all Hancesti), and PSs no. 92, 94, 254, 264, 217, 219, 227, 231, 208 and 234 in Chisinau.

According to p. 23 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, ballot boxes must be sturdy / have an extended durability to be used during at least 3-4 election cycles.

In at least 2 PSs (PS no. 1 in Cahul and PS no. 9 in Basarabeasca), the ballot boxes were cracked.

According to p. 26 and 27 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, ballots boxes are secured by sealing. The stationary ballot boxes and the mobile ballot boxes shall be sealed with 4 and, respectively, 2 self-locking collar seals. The code allied on the seals will be included in the PS opening protocol. The seal will contain the CEC inscription and will be followed by a 6-digit number, which starts at 0000001 and goes on accordingly.

In 10 polling stations, there were issues with the use of seals provided by the CEC. At PS no. 1 in Straseni, PS no. 86 in Chisinau, and PS no. 7 in Alexandreni (Sangerei), the seals broke down during the sealing of the ballot boxes. In 4 PSs in Chisinau, PSs no. 81 and 103, in one PS in Orhei and one PS in Floresti, the sealing of ballot boxes proved problematic, because the seals did not fit the ballot boxes. Because of this issue, the ballot boxes at PSs no. 81 and 103 in Chisinau remained unsealed, at PS no. 147 in Chisinau, the ballot box was sealed with panache, at PS no. 3 in Orhei, the ballot box was sealed by sticking stamped pieces of paper on each of the four corners. PS no. 22 in Gradiste (Cimislia) was short on one seal for the main ballot box.

According to p. 19 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, voting booths must be arranged in such a way that their opened side must face the unoccupied wall of the room, at a distance of no less than 1 meter. The screen in front of the booth must face the PSEB members.

Improper arrangement of voting booths that allowed observation of the voting choice of the voters was found in 4 PSs: PS no. 25 in Halahora de Sus (Briceni), PS no. 47 in Congaz UTAG, PS no. 17 in Ciadir Lunga, and PS no. 12 in Orhei.

The voting was conducted in small and improper premises at PS no. 35 in Noroceni, PS no. 77 in Curchi, and PS no. 54 in Peresecina (all in Orhei). In these PSs, it was hard to conduct the electoral process and observation.

According to p. 21 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, the PS must have at least two stationary ballot boxes of a volume of 80 and/or 45 liters, and a mobile ballot box with the volume of at least 27 liters.

Because there was only one ballot box at PS no. 62 in Zarnesti (Cahul), by 14.00 hours, it was full with ballot papers.

AT PS no. 36/66 in Svetlii, UTAG, stamps in two voting booths lacked inkpads.

PS no. 59 in Sanatauca (Floresti) had insufficient supplementary voter lists, and had to borrow supplementary voter list papers from PSEB no. 44 in Bursuc (Floresti).

Suspension of PS activity

PS no. 12 in Bravicea, Calarasi, had to suspend its activity for 28 minutes because of a power outage.

Voter lists

According to Art. 39 par. 1 of the Election Code, voter lists, compiled based on the data in the State Voters' Register, are lists that include citizens with the right to vote who reside or have their domicile in the area covered by the respective polling station.

In at least 10 PSs there were shortcomings connected with the absence of voters from the voter lists: PS no. 16 in Soldanesti, PS no. 24 in Slobozia-Chiscareni, PS no. 36 in Marasesti (both in Sangerei), PS no. 3, 5, and 8 (all in Leova), PS no. 22 in Nicolaevca (Glodeni), PS no. 2 in Cimislia, PS no. 8 in Abaclia (both in Basarabasca), and PS no. 4 in Drochia.

Electronic Voters' Register

According to p. 14 of the CEC Instruction on ensuring the infrastructure of the polling station, each PSEB will receive 2 laptops connected to the Internet, on which, on E-Day, operators will check ID data of voters in the State Voters' Register to register their participation at the voting.

All PSs in Moldova experienced a malfunctioning of the Electronic Register, which caused lines.

Disturbance of observers in PSs

There were at least 10 cases of intimidation of observers.

Promo-LEX observers encountered registration difficulties at PSs in Mihaileni and Groznita (both in Briceni), and PS no. 47 in Drochia.

At PS no. 5 in Rezina, the Promo-LEX observer was asked to remove his Promo-LEX badge.

At PS no. 48 in Nicolaevca (Floresti), the Promo-LEX observer was attacked by two intoxicated voters.

At PS no. 72 in Chisinau and PS no. 11 in Dimitrovca (Cimislia), PSEB chairs prohibited observers from taking pictures/videos of the PS.

At PS no. 21 in Ialoveni, 2 local councilors threatened the observer who was taking pictures when they were campaigning for PLDM.

At PS no. 26 in Micauti (Straseni), observers were not allowed to approach the tables of PSEB members.

At PS no. 14 in Mereni (Cimislia), the Promo-LEX observer was not allowed to move around the PS.

Voting with improper IDs

According to Art. 53 par. 3 of the Election Code, voting on the territory of Moldova is carried out based on the identity bulletin, and in polling stations abroad – based on the foreign passport.

There were at least 13 cases of voting based on passports: in five PSs in Floresti (8 voters), two PSs in Briceni (4 voters), and one PS in Rezina (1 voter).

There were also 12 cases when the voters cast their vote in absence of the ID card paper insert: (PS no. 72 in Chisinau – 1 voter, PS no. 30 in Pereni (Rezina) – 1 voter, PS no. 17 in Fantanita (Drochia) – 1 voter, PS no. 32 in Colibasi (Cahul) - 3 voters, PS no. 4 in Ialoveni – 1 voter, PS. No. 12 in Cigarleni (Ialoveni) – 4 voters, and PS no. 24 in Gotesti (Cantemir) – 1 voter).

At PS no. 72 in Buiucani, Chisinau, a voter cast their vote without an ID card and without having PSEB members verify their ID card insert.

Failure to apply the “Elections 30.11.2014” stamp on the ID card paper insert

There were at least 14 cases when the stamp “Elections 30.11.2014” was not applied to the paper insert of the ID card – PS no. 30 in Crasnoarmeiscoe (Hancesti) - 1 voter, PS no. 27 in Malinovscoe (Rascani) - 1 voter, PS no. 24 in Teleseuca (Donduseni) - 1 voter, PS no. 72 in Buiucani (Chisinau) - 3 voters, PS no. 32 in Colibasi (Cahul) - 3 voters, PSs no. 74, 77, 83, 92 and 236 in Chisinau - 1 voter in each.

Violation of the secrecy of the vote

According to Art. 6 of the Election Code, the voting in elections and/or at referenda is secret, to avoid the possibility of influencing voters.

According to Art. 54 par. 1 of the Election Code, voters fill the ballots only inside the voting booth to ensure secret voting. The voters who cannot fill in the ballot on their own are allowed to invite another person in the booth, with the exception of PSEB members, representatives of candidates and other persons authorized to attend electoral procedures. Such cases are marked in a special way in the PSEB report.

In one case, at PS no. 264 in Durl esti (Chisinau), the secrecy of the vote was violated when a person with impaired vision was assisted in their voting by an assistant, the PSEB chairman, PSEB members and 3 observers.

There were 4 cases when voters who did not ask for help went to the voting booth accompanied by another person, and namely: at PS no. 22 in Cneazevca (Leova), PS no. 48 in Nicolaevca (Floresti), and 2 cases at PS no. 55 in Rosu (Cahul).

Voting at home

According to Art. 55 par. 4 of the Election Code, if, for health or other founded reasons, some voters cannot come to the polling station, the PSEB assigns, at the voters' request, at least 2 PSEB members to take the mobile ballot box and necessary voting materials to the location of the voters, so that they can cast their votes. Request for home voting can be submitted in written form starting with 2 weeks before E-Day and until 18.00 hours the preceding day. On E-Day, written requests can be submitted by 15.00 and are accepted if a medical certificate is presented.

A case of violation of the procedure for requesting home voting was recorded at PS no. 85 in Chisinau, when a request was submitted without a medical certificate, and the request was registered with an anterior date.

Photographing ballots

There were at least 14 cases recorded of voters photographing their ballots (PS no. 3 in Criuleni - 1 voter, PS no. 222 in Chisinau - 3 voters, PS no. 14 in Balti - 1 voter, PS no. 36 in Sadova (Calarasi) - 4 voters, PS no. 26 in Mincenii de Sus (Rezina) - 1 voter, PS no. 11 in Cotiujenii Mari (Soldanesti) - 1 voter, PS no. 237 in Chisinau - 1 voter, PS no. 32 in Colibasi (Cahul) - 1 voter, and PS no. 3 in Anenii Noi - 1 voter).

Ensuring security of ballots

According to Art.49 par. 4 of the Contravention Code, taking the ballot out of the polling station is prosecuted.

An attempt of taking the ballot out of the PS was recorded at PS no. 111 in Chisinau, when a voter received the ballot from a member of the PSEB and ran toward the exit. PSEB members noticed the attempt and prevented the ballot from being taken out of the station.

PSEB members at PS no. 1 in Donduseni found a ballot paper next to the voting booth for disabled persons. The case was documented in a special protocol, and the ballot was cancelled.

Suspicious of election fraud

According to Art. 182 par. 1 of the Criminal Code, the voting by a person: that does not have that right, twice multiple times, by introducing more than one ballot into the ballot box, by using a false ID document or a false ballot, are punished by law.

At PS no. 279 in Bacioi (Chisinau), a voter came to vote with an ID paper insert stitched together from 2 parts. One half of the insert belonged to him, and the other - to his brother. A protocol documenting the situation was filled in, and the man was not allowed to vote.

At PS no. 54 in Chisinau, a voter found that a signature was present in the voter lists next to the name of another voter who was abroad. The PSEB chair erased the signature with his pen, and said that, from that moment on, the signature was no longer valid.

During the procedure of home voting, a voter took 3 ballots and stuffed them into the mobile ballot box of PS no. 299 in Chisinau. PSEB members filed a protocol on that incident, and cancelled the respective ballots.

At PS no. 207 in Chisinau, when a voter was being registered for voting, PSEB members found a stamp "Elections 30.11.2014" on his ID paper insert. The voter was prohibited from voting, and he submitted a contestation in that regard.

At PS no. 12 in Chisinau, a voter asked a member of the PSEB for a ballot paper. When the voter list was checked, it was found that the respective person had already voted, as confirmed by his signature in the voter list.

At PS no. 23 in Dusmani (Glodeni), a person voted in the place of another person. The case was documented in a special protocol.

At PS no. 18/08 in Marculesti (Floresti), voter Borodin Nicolae cast his vote between 09.00 and 10.00. At 20.00, when the operator introduced Borodin Nicolae in the electronic system State Voters' Register, he found that the person was also in the supplementary voter lists at PS Sanatauca (Floresti), when he voted at 18.00. A protocol stating this incident was filled in by PSEB no. 18/08 on 30 November 2014.

Voter bribing

According to Art. 181¹ par. 1 and 2 of the Criminal Code, offering or giving money, goods, services or other favors to determine a voter to exercise his rights in a certain during parliamentary or local elections or during referenda is punishable by law. The goods provided in par. 1 also include alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and food.

At least 6 cases were reported when PDM representatives bribed voters.

At PS no. 22 in Lipcenii (Rezina), PDM member Veaceslav Curecheru bought and offered to citizen Teodor Negara food products while campaigning for PDM.

In the vicinity of PS no. 24 in Isnovat (Criuleni), local mayor Andrei Duca was serving alcohol to voters and campaigning for PDM.

PDM representatives served voters with food and warm wine throughout the entire day while campaigning for their party, near PSs no. 25 and 26 in Milestii Mici (Ialoveni).

Near PS no. 40 in Tareuca (Rezina), Mr. Vutcariov, head of "Rezina-Gaz" company, offered alcohol to voters and campaigned for PDM. The police documented the case in a special protocol.

The Promo-LEX observer reported that near PS no. 41 in Selemet (Cimislia), the head of the local post office, Rodica Soga, offered beverages to voters and campaigned for PDM. The police compiled a protocol on this case.

Voters' misinformation

At PS no. 8 in Abaclia (Basarabasca), 4 voters were redirected to vote at PS no. 7 in Abaclia. At PS no. 7, the some voters were sent back to vote at PS no. 8. After the observer intervened, one voter voted on supplementary lists, and the other three refused to vote.

At PS no. 2 in Cimislia, a similar situation happened to 30 voters, who were sent back and forth between two PSs, and their voting rights were violated. Thus, of 20 people, only 2 voted.

Interference with the students' right to vote

According to Art. 84, par. 2 of the Election Code, students and pupils with the right to vote, who are enrolled in a school or university in a locality where they do not have domicile or residence can vote at any polling station in the respective locality while fulfilling the following conditions: a) present their ID cards and paper inserts; b) present the student/pupil card of the education institution of the respective locality.

Contrary to legal provisions, at PS no. 54 in Chisinau, the PSEB chair prohibited several students from voting although they did present the IDs and student cards. The PSEB chair recommended them to vote at their domicile or residence.

Unauthorized persons inside PSs

According to Art. 55, par. 8 of the Election Code, unauthorized persons cannot stay inside the polling stations longer than required to cast their vote.

At PS no. 3 in Causeni, voter Ion Guzun, PDM activist, stayed inside the polling station between 15.30 and 16.20 hours. In PS no. 11 in Bozieni (Hancesti), voter Iurii Bivol, an activist of PP “Patriots of Moldova”, came in and out of the station for nearly 3 hours. The incident was resolved after the intervention of the police.

PSEB members-led campaigning

According to Art. 32 par. 7 of the Election Code, members of electoral bureaus and councils cannot campaign for or against anyone seeking an elected office and cannot get involved in political activities in support of any of the candidates.

In PS no. 15 in Dereneu (Calarasi), PSEB member Nelea Furculita called on voters to vote for PCRM.

Annulment of ballots

According to Art. 57 par. 1 of the Election Code, there are 6 specific cases when ballots are cancelled.

Contrary to legal provisions, ballots were cancelled in other situations than those provided by law. In PS no. 3 in Criuleni, a voter took a picture of their ballot. The PSEB cancelled the ballot and issued a new one. At PS no. 222 in Chisinau, 3 voters took photos of their ballots after having cast their vote. A voter photographed their ballot in PS no. 11 in Cotiujenii Mari (Soldanesti), PS no. 3 in Anenii Noi, and PS no. 14 in Balti – the ballots were later cancelled and special reports were compiled documenting the situation.

Electoral Posters

According to p. 12 of the CEC Regulation on the placement of electoral advertising on advertising boards during campaigns, it is prohibited to post election ad materials on and inside buildings of local governments or election bodies, or in a range of 50 m from the respective buildings.

Unauthorized electoral posters were found in the vicinity of PSEBs in at least 6 PSs (PS no. 3 in Alexandresti, Rascani, PS no. 11 in Baccealia, PS no. 36 in Constantinovca, PS no. 25 in Coscalia, PS no. 3 in Causeni, and PS no. 143 in Chisinau).

The unauthorized posters were campaigning for PDM, PSRM, PLDM, PCRM, and PLR.

Organized transportation of voters

At least 15 cases were reported of organized transportation of voters:

At PS no. 7 in Ciorna (Rezina), a car with registration plates RZAG 655 took 2 times, 4 voters to the PS. The driver was Graur Mihai, husband of the raion chairwomen, Eleonora Graur, a member of PDM.

At PS no. 41 in Varnita (Anenii Noi), 3 buses and one minivan transported some 50-60 voters. One of the buses, registration number CNM 046, belongs Iurie Apostolachi, a member of PLDM.

At PS no 45 in Troitcoie (Cimislia), a Nissan car, registration number CIY 931, found to belong to a member of PDM was seen transporting many people to vote.

At PS no. 3 in Straseni, voters with voter certificates from Cimislia and Hancesti were transported with a Scania bus, registration plates CGE 240; a yellow Mercedes Vito transported voters to the PS for times; a yellow Ford Tranzit (owned by Petru Cazacu) – 1 time, and a BMW 525 – 3 times.

Voters from Ribnita voting in Rezina were transported with 2 buses: P 499 AH, and P 335 BC.

At PS no. 29 in Peciste (Rezina), Scanteian Manole, PDM activist, owner of a Renault Megan, registration plate RZAG 685, transported voters to the PS at least 3 times.

At PS no. 29 in Paulesti (Calarasi), local councilor Ion Cucuetu, PDM member, transported 3 voters with his car.

Head of “Rezina-Gaz”, Vutcariov, a member of PDM, transported voters to PS no. 40 Tareuca (Rezina), on a Mercedes Vito van number RZAV 333.

Three cars, one of which has the number HN __ 001, transported voters to PS no. 14 in Buteni, Hancesti.

PLDM activist Artemie Catanoi transported voters to PS no. 29 in Farladieni Noi and PS no. 44 in Tanatarii Noi (Causeni) on his BMW car, registration number RMA 072.

At PS no. 36 in Sadova (Calarasi), PSRM activist Gheorghe Anghel transported voters to the station at least 6 times on his Citroen car number CQS 075.

At PS no. 9 in Cobalea (Soldanesti), a PDM member driving a Volkswagen T4 van, registration number SDAF 977, transported voters to the station at least 5 times.

At PS no. 21 in Hansca, Ialoveni, Vasile Borta and Tudor Mereacre (local PLDM councilors), cu took voters to the PS using car number ILBE 838.

At PS no. 26 in Milestii Mici (Ialoveni), PDM representatives drove voters to the PS at least 6 times on a Dacia Logan, registration number KVL 162.

A van, registration plate ILBK 343, transported voters four times to PS no. 29 in Nemoreni and two times to PS no. 24 in Malcoci (Ialoveni).

Campaigning

In at least 17 PSs there were cases of campaigning on E-Day.

At PS no. 26 in Hartop (Cimislia), local mayor Ala Veverita campaigned in favor of PDM.

At PS no. 284 in Chisinau, 2 PCRM representatives, one of whom was the PCRM-assigned observer at the PS, campaigned for their party. After the voting, voters received a package from a car with registration plates CPB 976.

At PS no. 44 in Tanatarii Noi (Causeni), owner of a BMW car, registration RMA 072, campaigned for PLDM.

At PS no. 38 in Grozasca (Ungheni), 2 representatives of PCRM (one observer) and 2 representatives of PDM (one observer) were seen campaigning.

At PS no. 3 in Straseni, the PLDM observer campaigned for his party.

At PS no. 5 in Straseni, three men, and then two more, campaigned for PCRM.

At PS no. 18 in Casla (Cantemir), Crilova L.V., a member of PLDM, campaigned for her party.

At PS no. 210 in Chisinau, a voter shouted while inside the PS: “Dodon! Vote for Dodon!”

At PS no. 41 in Selemet (Cimislia), Soga Rodica campaigned for PDM.

At PS no. 13 in Albina (Cimislia), a PLDM member campaigned for his party.

At PS no. 41 in Temeleuți (Calarasi), local mayor David Constantin campaigned for PLDM.

At PS no. 49 in Vasieni (Ialoveni), a citizen campaigned in favor of PDM.

At PS no. 2 in Drochia, several persons campaigned for PSRM and PDM.

At PS no. 292 in Chisinau, two persons campaigned for PDM.

At PS no. 21 in Ialoveni, two local councilors campaigned for PLDM.

At PS no. 54 in Peresecina (Orhei), councilor Valeriu Busuioc campaigned for PLDM.

According to Art. 55, par. 3 of the Election Code, persons entering polling stations are prohibited from wearing badges, insignia, pins and other signs of electoral campaigning.

In two cases, electoral advertising signs were used.

At PS no. 141 in Chisinau, a voter entered carrying a PLDM bag.

At PS no. 7 in Causeni, a PSEB member gave a ballot together with a flyer in favor of Electoral Bloc “AMUV”.

Incidents

There were at least 8 incidents on E-Day.

At PS no. 67 in Sinesti (Ungheni), before the opening of the PS, when the ballots were applied the “Withdrawn” stamp next to PP “Patria”, PSRM and PCRM observers threw the ballots on the ground. Later, the same individuals caused other tensions. The police had to intervene.

At PS no. 231 in Chisinau, a woman tried to vote with a Soviet-type passport. As she was refused, she started a scandal. The police had to intervene.

At the same PS no. 231, a voter tore the ballot in pieces and stuffed it in the stationary ballot box.

At PS no. 198 in Chisinau, voter Angela Lupan tore the main voter list. The police had to intervene and document the incident in a report.

At PS no. 179 in Chisinau, two voters who were related started a scandal inside the PS because of the different electoral preferences.

At PS no. 5 in Cahul, two intoxicated voters had to be taken out of the PS by force by the police.

At PS no. 12 in Chisinau, two representatives of the Party “Patriots of Moldova” came to the PS intoxicated.

At PS no. 22 in Branzeni (Edinet), the mobile team came to the local Psychiatric Hospital as requested in the home voting request. ID cards of the patients were with the hospital staff. Observers noted that it was a violation of the voting procedure. In result, the requests for home voting in this case were cancelled.

Contestations / Complaints

At PS no. 51 in Onesti (Edinet), PLDM submitted a complaint against PDM, arguing that Valerian Ciobanu, head of Edinet district Department of Social Assistance, had come to the PS and commented that he intended to gather all the elderly and bring them to vote.

At PS no. 238 in Chisinau, the PDM observer submitted a complaint against the actions of the PSRM observer, who started a discussion with a voter and convinced him on how to vote.

Procedural violations on behalf of observers

There were at least 5 cases of violations of legal provisions by local observers.

At PS no. 73 in Buzduganii de Jos (Ungheni), PSRM and PL observers talked to the voters that cast their votes.

At PS no. 5 in Taraclia, PLDM observer Ecaterina Bisir showed a voter where to put the stamp, by pointing a finger at the ballot.

At PS no. 55 in Rosu (Cahul), 2 observers from MPA and PLDM exchanged verbal attacks. The police resolved the incident and wrote a report on the situation.

At PS no. 46 in Mitoc (Orhei) an observer on behalf of PLR, visibly intoxicated, was verbally provoking the Promo-LEX LTO. The PSEB chair was informed about the incident.

At PS no. 2 in Cimislia, the observer on behalf of PCRM asked voters if they had “voted for the future.”

Intimidation of the media

The PSEB chair on PS no. 11 in Balti insisted that the Publika TV filming crew and reporters leave the premise of the PS, as they were filming people queuing to vote.

Closing of polling stations

There were 7 cases when voting was extended.

PS no. 162 in Chisinau was closed at 21.10 hours. PSEB members allowed 3 persons to enter after 21.00 hours, when the PS had to be closed.

PS no. 112 in Chisinau closed at 21.14 hours. The mobile team returned from the field and entered the PS at that time.

PS no. 23 in Anenii Noi closed at 21.30 hours.

PS no. 4 in Nisporeni closed at 21.40 hours. The mobile team returned from the field and entered the PS at that time.

PS no. 112 Chisinau closed at 21.40 hours.

PS no. 47 in Balti closed at 21.40 hours.

PS no. 9 in Soroca closed at 23.00 hours.

Violation of the right to be present at the activities of election bodies

At PS no. 266 in Chisinau, representatives of the parties were asked to leave the premises of the PS after the closing. Only observers were allowed to stay.

Transnistrian region

Militia stopped all cars near the police station in village Corjova. They registered the numbers and checked the trunks of the cars going to the PS in Cocieri.

There was one case when the PSEB team taking the mobile ballot box was not allowed to get to the voters. The mobile team of PSEB no. 41 in Varnita, Anenii Noi, was stopped at the customs point in Varnita and forced to return by the local militia.