

Dear audience,

My name is Marina Shupac I am human rights journalist from Moldovan online media newsmaker.md. I would like to raise your awareness on the way right to peaceful assembly is realized or is not realized in Moldova during the last time. You decide.

“Electric Yerevan” was mentioned a lot during the session. But have someone of you heard about Moldovan alternative of the protest which was called “City of Liberty”? I guess not so many of you. Several tens of Moldovans also protested because of high electricity prices but they protest did not last long: it started at 24 of July and was stopped by Court decision in July, 31.

<http://newsmaker.md/rus/novosti/ustroiteli-gorodka-svobody-u-doma-plahotnyuka-prekratili-protesty-do-resheniya-vys-16130>

The same group of people later on organized another protest, let me introduce you this case briefly. Mr ombudsman in his today`s speech mentioned about the mass protests held in Chisinau which started at 6th of September. But he did not mention that there was another protest organized the same day and which was held in front of the General Prosecutor Office. Few hundreds of people took part in this antigovernment protest.

As a result 6 people from the protest including former member of Moldovan Parliament and PACE member Grigoriy Petrenco where arrested. Prosecutors say that they made an attempt to attack the General Prosecutor Office. Activists are accused in organization of mass disorders and risk to get 8 years of imprisonment.

There are several youtube videos from the protest where you can see yourself the way the protest was organized and there is no reaction from national human rights institution and human rights NGOs within the country.

One of the very few reaction was from Minister of Internal Affairs of Moldova who honored several policemen from the protest with the diplomas “for the courage”, for the courage they had in so-called stopping the protest near General Prosecutor office. I call upon all presented NGOs and human rights institutions to have a real courage to monitor and investigate the case.