

Petition of the members of the Unification Church in Moldova

On October 30, 2015 at 07:00, Centre for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings descended with searches in 5 different places related to the Unification Church in Moldova. As a result, two people, Mihai Calestru and Oleg Savenkov, were detained for 72 hours. Monday, November 2, 2015, following the submitted allegations, these were extended the remand for another 30 days.

Unification Church of Moldova is charged with the exploitation of people for the purpose of obtaining profits. However, if we were to follow the source of these allegations, we can clearly see that the source is Elena Guzun former church member, who had previously been excluded from amongst church members at the general meeting thereof, on the 4th of April 2015. She was excluded along with three other members following their aggression against the church and the disturbances that provoked the stoppage of the Sunday Service. We believe she did not sign the complain in person due to her criminal record, which would have "stained", in her opinion, the allegations.

Previous to these things, at the level of the international church, after the passing away of our spiritual leader and church founder - Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, a schism has occurred. One of his sons claimed the leadership over the church, defying his mother's leadership and the position of the official church. This son, Hyung Jin Moon, has called his supporters to take down all church leaders in all the countries and to elect others, loyal to him. This served as a reason for aggression of the three families: Guzun, Rughină and Poberejnic. The above mentioned persons were active church members or a number of years.

Being excluded from the church, now angry, these people have complained, denigrating and unfoundedly accusing particularly those members, against which they hold personal resentment. Now, the same unfounded allegations were put at the base of this fabricated case against the Unification Church in Moldova.

We wish to bring to your attention the fact that the investigation is used as a tool of vengeance by a woman which dared not sign the complaint. We respectfully request you not to interfere with the internal matters related to traditions and religious practices of the Unification Church in Moldova. Elena Guzun has mentioned on many occasions that she has got direct connection with God and that she receives revelations from the spirit world, that she is the owner of the Unification Church and that church property should belong to her. She has threatened repeatedly that she will eventually seize church property. On the other hand, during all these years, she was just a regular member, without holding a leading position, but always with the aspirations of a high chief. Again, we suspect that precisely because of the criminal past the woman in question has not signed the complaint, but persuaded, directly or by deceit, her husband and one of their sons, as well as the other few men who once had ties with our church, to sign in their name.

Unification Church members demand the speedy liberation of Mihai Calestru and Oleg Savenkov as well as the termination of religious bigotry and persecution of our church. We urge you to allow us to practice our faith and to continue to help Moldova on the path of prosperity and becoming a nation with strong moral and family traditions. It is in the light of this vision that we perform our projects and activities over the years, from the beginning until today. Churches like ours are an undeniable asset of Moldova and are helping building a brighter future for it.

Sincerely, Unification Church members in Moldova.