

## OBJECTIONS OF A *MILIȚIAN*<sup>1</sup>

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I am behind with a matter. For some days I have been telling myself I should go back to a statement of Minister Ioan Rus. He said he “considers Gregorian Bivolaru’s release on procedural reasons to be weird”. Read and get shocked! If the Minister were just a simple worker at vulcanization I would understand it. The man would then have the right to wonder. How could the policemen be that silly?! To go to ten places, pounce in platoons upon kids and sigh-squeezed young ladies, break their doors, confiscate their photos, diskettes, porn magazines, etc., crowd them into police vans and eventually let them go on dodge reasons. Yes! It’s the nonsense of nonsense! Who could understand anything at all about democracy?! You arrest them for drug trade, fiscal frauds, etc. (a long list written by narrow-fore headed prosecutors and policemen) and, in the end, lulu! No drug, no fraud! Gregorian Bivolaru is transformed into a national fright and then arrested as a dumpy in a customhouse where he intends to finger-try whether he is banned to leave Romania. The pick of nonsense, of violence, and of “stand-straight!”-like state (and not lawful state)<sup>2</sup> – the dumpy Guru gets arrested for attempt to illegally leave Romania! A framing operation that goes beyond the imagination of any ranked ox! Or, after one or two days, the Guru is no longer investigated for attempt to illegally pass the border, but for attempt of rape! Hello, Mr. Minister, this is neither police nor lawful state! This is mockery! You bomb us in the TV with news about drugs and frauds and in the end it’s neither this nor that, but a rape with a run-away young woman who later vanished too!

And Mr. Minister Rus, who doesn’t work in a vulcanization (but it’s true, he also doesn’t really know what a juridical procedure is), wonders. According to his militant thinking of an engineer and minister, contaminated by the thinking of the surviving *milițieni* within the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the release on procedural reasons is weird. Why should we get troubled with papers, we have to take him away! And then we’ll see. Mr. Minister is right, they discussed upon procedure issues. Because if they discussed upon issues for hoaxing the population, it would be like in the propaganda of PSD. “They haven’t got to facts yet,” said the same minister. Well, who’s this job? Is it not the policemen’s of Mr. minister Rus? Is it not of the prosecutors’ who made a long list of offenses committed by Guru and couldn’t prove any of them? What are they paid for? To prove certain facts and apply the law! Or, what have they done? They have sold us their fancies and dissatisfactions (not to mention their grief upon the number of undressed girls the Guru saw), as if the facts would already have been proven. Or, one could see they were not. And the “procedural issues” (the ones which annoy the policemen chief) were not followed as in a democratic country either.

Doesn’t Mr. minister Rus know that the procedures are part of a juridical system? He hasn’t heard of them and doesn’t care! Anyway, we consider this opinion of a minister to be weird, because with the above mentioned statement he proves not to be far away from the thinking of a *milițian* either.

For my somehow peasant-like structure, yoga is something too sophisticated. Moreover, as Gregorian Bivolaru practices it, I could say it’s annoying. However it doesn’t stop me from wondering what the guilt of the unkempt erotic (Guru) is? What are the pieces of evidence? Even if he were a shaman, even if he were a *pesedist* (PSD member) or a simple worker, it’s the same thing we should have considered. What facts and what pieces of evidence do we

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<sup>1</sup> Cornel Nistorescu uses for “policeman” the old Romanian word *milițian*, suggesting that the actual Romanian Police acts like the old *Miliția* of Ceaușescu.

<sup>2</sup> Playing with the Romanian words *stat de drepti* – *stat de drept* suggests again the communist and army-like methods used by the authorities.

have? And only afterwards talk. Or, in the Bivolaru case, all the media said lots of nonsense accusations (as by command), and the same did minister Rus. Furthermore, in this delirium of accusations and of patriotic indignation, the administration and internal affairs chief forgot to urge his people: You, back-gammon players, touch the evidence! And follow the procedures!