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The Prosecutor's Office and the Court of Bucharest

In the case of Gregorian Bivolaru's arrestment, the prosecutors, the policemen and a judge have made lots of errors, on and on. Those who were dealing with the MISA file sent the file and the arrested defendant straight to the Court of Bucharest, instead of sending the arresting proposal to the District Court, according to the law. A judge has issued a warrant of arrestment on suspicion, but he didn't mind at all if he had the competence to do it. Basically, Bivolaru has been imprisoned on no legal grounds.

Who's next?

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The authorities have turned Gregorian Bivolaru into a hero. Unless this media scandal had been incubated in the Power's laboratory, the guru would have stayed a disputed yoga practitioner, intoxicated with the virtues of the urine prophylaxis, seduced by the clitoris philosophy, once assigned to Gelu Voican and bearing the tarnished image of a man, magnet for the minor girls, wandering in pursuit of the Absolute. But now, thanks to the Investigators' attacks over him, Grig has been made ultra popular, sympathised with, just fit for the rich victims collection of the regimes after December 1989.

A year ago, "Evenimentul Zilei" mentioned about the buildings that MISA had gained in the mayor Vanghelie's district in Bucharest. The mere journalistic intervention was disturbed by some followers of the master, who tried to deprive our reporter of the camera he had used to photograph three houses of the Bivolarian holding. The rebellious reaction, unlike a genuine yogi's, gave us the impression that beyond MISA's locked doors, there is a world that has a lot to conceal. A few days ago, when the investigators started the assault against the organization, we assumed that the Police had found proofs for all the suspicions in the past. We don't even know clearly yet what is Bivolaru accused for.

We can hear some carried away reporters speaking about drugs traffic, prostitution, pornography, rape, but there is no prosecutor or policeman able to put before the press the smallest evidence. The last days' events are even more outrageous. A minor girl is urged to state different things, then the masked gendarms take her by force to the Forensic Medicine Institute. At one time, nobody knows anything about her. Could she have been arrested? Could she be accused of anything? What kind of evidence can make a statement given by a teenager, on her own amongst the investigators, no lawyer or family by her side? The story of Bivolaru arrestment at the customs is also amazing. No matter how highly he can be in touch with the happiness energy, the guru could have not been that dizzy to cross the border illegally whereas nobody had forbidden him to leave the country. The fact that he had taken two steps beyond the Romanian barrier can no way justify their chaining and arresting him. Not even this time have we found out, which is the official accusation against the MISA' leader.

Could it be the illegal border crossing? Let's get serious! Finally, the Appeal Court of Bucharest, who has released the guru, got the clue; but not before he had run to and fro between the Court and the Investigation headquarters, till he had his beard grown up. In the meantime the public debate itself reached a dangerous zone. Gabriel Andreescu is right. Instead of the investigators to explain the scandal they had set off, it's still the accused compelled to gather the evidence to prove their innocence. Just like in the case of Andreea Ciuca and many others, we can foresee the same abusive arrestments, which are going to be paid back on the people's account in the European Court for the Human Rights. The Government is announcing us big achievements, under the auspices of NATO and UE, whilst in the country the civil rights of some citizens – be they innocent or dubious – are broken with a euro-atlantic smile. Now the question is no longer "why?"

The question is "who's next?"