

SRI SURVEILLANCE – mass media articles

Date	Magazine	Article Title.Author	CONTENT (excerpts)	Internet address
Thursday 25 of March 2004	NAȚIONAL	„Gregorian Bivolaru is under general legal pursuit”	„The general prosecutor Balan said that the vast operation regarding also the MISA members has been initiated as a consequence of the reports made by the Information Direction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (UM 0962), by the Romanian Secret Service (SRI) and the repeated intimations from the citizens and mass media articles.”	-
Thursday 25 of March 2004	REALITATEA ROMÂNEASCĂ	„Hundreds of police officers, gendarms, magistrates, adding also SRI, have not succeeded to open more three poor penal files in the „Christ” case – a lamentable failure of the operation against MISA” (Andrei Dumitrescu)	“[...] After the first searches, SRI announced, in a press release, that MISA has been under surveillance for a long period of time. More exactly, the first information that incriminated penal actions made by Grig Bivolaru’s men have arrived to the prosecutors since 2003, when the file no. 720 has been opened. It is strange that the operation has been released only now, under the code name “Christ”. The general Lucian Pahontu, the chief of the Intervention Brigade “Vlad Tepes” within the Gendarmerie, explained yesterday that “a close search was necessary in order to collect evidences against all MISA members who are involved in illegal activities.” The result was exceptional: three merchants of pornography!”	-
Thursday 25 of March 2004	ROMÂNIA LIBERĂ	„MISA File” (D. Vulcan, S. Alupei)	„The general prosecutor of Bucharest Prosecutor’s Office by the Court of Appeal (PCAB), George Balan, has presented yesterday in a press conference the balance of the first 5 days of penal inquest in the file „MISA – Pornography – Gregorian Bivolaru”. Infringements of economical-financial nature and organized crime are investigated in the file 720/P/2003 based on certain information offered by MAI and SRI special services.”	http://www.romanialibera.ro/editie/index.php?url=articol&tabel=z25032004&idx=72
Thursday 25 of March 2004	ROMÂNIA LIBERĂ	„Authorities’ Assault” (No author)	„[...] Born in Tartasesti (just like the prime minister Adrian Nastase and the general Toma Zaharia), Gregorian Bivolaru has been convicted several times before 1989 and after 1990 has been almost permanently under the surveillance of SRI and the Brigade against Organized Crime. In spite of these, the authorities have been unable to take serious measures. As a result of numerous complaints made by the parents of some young people manipulated by the sectarians, Bucharest Prosecutor’s Office has broken its apathy. At the same time, intimations were made by the UM 0962.”	http://www.romanialibera.ro/editie/index.php?url=articol&tabel=z25032004&idx=72
Thursday 25 of March 2004	ROMÂNIA LIBERĂ	„MISA is a paramilitary organization” (P. Sotir) (P. Sotir)	« The Movement for Spiritual Integration in the Absolute has been under SRI’ surveillance for a very long time, because it is organized after the model of a paramilitary group. The adepts indoctrinated by Gregorian Bivolaru are generally vigorous young people. The military-type order is based on techniques of mass manipulation that may be catalogued as an attempt to disturb the public order. » “Besides the pornographic materials, during the searches have also been found substances and syringes used by the members of the sect. It is not certain yet if they are drugs or aphrodisiacs. There have been discovered unauthorized activities of video-chat on the internet, producing and distributing pornographic materials, in which were involved at least 100 persons. The sums of money resulting from such illegal activities were not declared and the sect did not have an authorization for multiplying the video tapes. Generally, MISA’s methods and activities are an attempt to the integrity of the person.	http://www.romanialibera.ro/editie/index.php?url=articol&tabel=z25032004&idx=72

Thursday 25 of March 2004	LIBERTATEA	„Gregorian Bivolaru is not convicted yet” (Cristian Burcioiu)	„Even if the existence of the group led by Bivolaru is known for ten years, due to the information provided by UM 0962 and SRI, the prosecutor Balan said that the vast operation was initiated because „ it is only now the judges have issued the warrants.”	http://www.libertatea.ro/index.jsp?page=archive&mid=911&aid=67283
Thursday 25 of March 2004	ZIARUL	„'Christ Operation' made a martyr out of mister Gregorian Bivolaru. Three penal prosecuted persons in MISA scandal.” (Andreea Tudorica)	„The chiefs of Prosecutor's Office, Police and Gendarmerie did not succeed to answer the most important questions regarding the actions from the last week, which concerned also MISA organization: why now and for how long there are SRI and UM 0962 reports. [...] At the same time, Balan claims that presently, there are certain clues showing that many criminal acts have been committed and does not exclude the possibility of discovering new ones. „We had the intimations of the hopeless parents, the reports of SRI and General Direction of Information and Internal Protection (UM 0962)... says Balan.”	http://www.ziaruln.com/index.php?pid=article&aid=1927
Friday 26 of March 2004	ZIUA	“Prosecutors' buster boxes” (Radu Tudor)	“Spectacular raid of the policemen and prosecutors in case of Gregorian Bivolaru's sect reveals us aspects unknown till now. Romanian Intelligence Service communicated to the public that MISA, Bivolaru's organization, has been in its attention for more than two years. This means that, in a way or another, what is practiced within the sect affects the national security. [...] the phenomenon gained such a momentum that it was necessary RIS's intimation and elaboration of a file by the main secret service of Romania. All these time no one in Police or Prosecutor's Department could not intimate itself, despite the numerous signals brought by the press. Existence of a file elaborated by RIS and sent to the general Prosecutor's Department made us wonder: are there other potentially explosive files unopened yet? our information says yes. Prosecutors' boxes are filled with surprise-intimations, with in formations of the secret services and with investigations of police. What happen with them? The fact that these files have stayed unsolved for years, that they are kept under lock, browsed and spelled bring forth serious suspicions.“	http://www.ziua.ro/display.php?id=8331&data=2004-03-26&keyword=Gregorian+Bivolaru
Saturday 27 of March 2004	CURRENTUL	„Rus claims that MISA has been watched since 1995” (without author)	Movement for Spiritual Integration in the Absolute (MISA) has been kept under observation by the abilitated state institutions since 1995”, declared yesterday in a press conference held in Cluj the minister of administration and internal affairs Ioan Rus.	-
Saturday 27 of March 2004	CURIERUL NAȚIONAL	„Ioan Rus: „The investigation in MISA case is not made at order” (Elena Toporcea)	„[...] „Maybe now, on basis of the information offered by RIS and the intelligence service within GIP , they reached the conclusion that it is moment to intervene.”	-
Saturday 27 of March 2004	ROMÂNIA LIBERĂ	“Authorities watches discreetly MISA and 'guru' Gregorian Bivolaru” (M.M., I.I, P.S., L.V., S.A.)	“Minister of Administration and Internal Affairs, Ioan Rus, denied yesterday, at Cluj, that the investigation in MISA case would be made at a political order, as “guru” Bivolaru alleged. [...] Ioan Rus said also that , regarding the Movement for Spiritual Integration In The Absolute, the process of gathering information since 1995. “Probably now, on basis of the information furnished by RIS and the intelligence service within GIP , they reached the conclusion that it is the moment to intervene. And the intervention was made”, minister Rus	http://www.romanialibera.ro/editie/index.php?url=articol&tabel=z27032004&idx=72

Saturday 27 of March 2004	ZIUA	“MISA messed around central press” (Razvan Savaliuc)	commented.” “ Ioan Rus: MISA has been watched since 1995. Movement for Spiritual Integration in the Absolute (MISA) has been kept under observation by the abilitated state institutions since 1995”, declared yesterday in a press conference held in Cluj the minister of administration and internal affairs Ioan Rus. He sustained that both RIS and Police gathered information during this period and, maybe, the specialists having interpreted them reached the conclusion that it is necessary to intervene this year.”	http://www.ziua.ro/display.php?id=8416&data=2004-03-27&keyword=Gregorian+Bivolaru
Tuesday 6 of April 2004	COTIDIANUL	“APADOR-CH considers that the authorities broke seriously the human rights in MISA case and solicits an investigation about it – RIS accused of haressment and abuse on Bivolaru’s yogis” (Bogdan Perdivara)	“[...] The humanitarian organization considers that ‘Romanian Intelligence Service (RIP) implied directed in the actions of surveillance and haressment, with justification that MISA should be a paramilitary group and it should represent a danger for the national security’ , but the accusations brought to the public have no connection to these matters. In the protest’s text, it is considered that a series of human rights were violated (freedom of person, right to defense, observation of the private life, right to demonstrate peacefully, etc.) by putting under surveillance by RIS of some MISA members, action that ‘restrains substantially exertion of a fundamental human right, that is right to a private life’ [...] As a conclusion, APADOR-CH asks for the ones having organized and developed abusive manifestations be made responsible, including RIS director and General prosecutor Balan, considered directly responsible.”	-
Thursday 8 of April 2004	COTIDIANUL	“Political diversions for the stupid” (Liviu Ioan Stoiciu)	“It was officially acknowledged, in this MISA case, from the beginning, that the secret services (RIS and EIS, that as well the intelligence services of the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Justice, sectorially), have watched closely this movement and its spiritual leader Gregorian Bivolaru since 1995. You even do not know, after almost ten years of secret services’ surveillance , if you must look despisely or pitifully at the diversion of disclosing this private group (whose members, adepts to yoga practices, gathered by free will, without breaking any law).”	-
Tuesday 1 st of June 2004	ZIUA	“Forceful searches for devastating evidences” (Bogdan Galca)	“(…) Meanwhile, official sources of the Romanian Intelligence Service informed that the institution has watched in time the activity of the Movement for Spiritual Integration in the Absolute and it sent “the aspects of interest” to the institutions in charge. Searches were made on the basis of some warrants released for the violation of the Law of copyright that is for the copying of cassettes by companies that are not licensed to do it. Another accusation was fiscal evasion for not stating the income got from illegal affairs. [...] But, the action started by the Police and Prosecutor’s Office about three months ago is hardly a serious one. They have made serious accusations like organized crime, trafficking in persons and there is no evidence for them. Only suggestions and insinuations.”	http://www.ziua.ro/display.php?id=15262&data=2004-06-01&keyword=Gregorian+Bivolaru
20-26 of July 2004	ACADEMIA CAȚAVENCU	(„Biroul de investigații”) “MISA scandal is only a sick invention of the RIS’s mind”	“Finally, general Cearapin, the leader of Gendarmerie has been found the scapegoat for all the circus generated by the MISA scandal and by the arrest, dismissal and then prison breaking in the absolute of Gregorian Bivolaru. This man is not at all guilty, all he did wad to carry out an order after he had been	-

			<p>assured that all the evidences against sect of the Bivolaru people are irrefutable. The information came from “up”, from RIS and it was handed over to the Prosecutor’s Office. A stupid 70 years old prosecutor, whose name we will not mention yet so that we could let him boil in the juice of anonymity assured Police that the MISA file was classified. He has all evidences that MISA is a paramilitary organization with a program similar to the Al Qa’eda’s organization. Timofte challenged Police to get in charge. The most ungracious of the war missions was given to the Gendarmerie. Common sensed people interfered and fought seemingly against a fully armed enemy. They found sadist-masochistic cuffs instead of machine guns and pleasure and pain wipes instead of Molotov cocktails. When the circus wide spread abroad and someone had to pay for the inconveniences, the guilty one was obviously found the executant, that is Gendarmerie, that is Cereapin and not the moral author of this sinister act, that is RIS, that is Timofte who fed the hysteria together with decrepit and professionally barged prosecutor who did not know how to shine in order to prolong the agony of failure. Fortunately, responsible persons from a certain system of control put on the Cearapin’s file an airily Not Start of Penal Pursuit before Police could close its eyes and let Bivolaru escape toNirvana.”</p>	
Thursday 8 of April 2004	ZIUA	<p>“Not the sects but the Romanian Secret Service sectarianism is a danger” (Gabriel Andreescu)</p>	<p>The small spiritual spiritualist groups do not cause the problems of the Romanian society. The institutions that promote intolerance, when they should defend democracy cause them. We can say that compared to the institutional system of democracy it is them that have a real sectarian behavior. The Romanian Secret Service still remains the most troublesome, the most “sectarian” institution. The ex Secret Service’s agents that used to control the more or less religious groups treat them as Secret Service employees as they used to treat them some time ago when they were security agents. What is new is the intense manipulation of the journalists. At the beginning of the 90s I discovered the first article against MISA. I showed it to a friend and I told him: “Be attentive to this language. The weekly newspaper received it from an ex Security agent.” The situation continued till nowadays as the MISA case just proved it.” [...] It is not unusual that in its recent protest against the actions against MISA, APADOR-CH requested the resignation of the director Radu Timofte. There isn’t any exotic group or religious minority that could be a danger for the democratic evolution of the Romanian society as the Romanian Intelligence Service is with its nowadays employees and with its practice that is sectarian compared to a state of right.</p>	<p>http://www.ziua.ro/display.php?id=9801&data=2004-04-08&keyword=Gabriel+Andreescu</p>
Thursday 1 st of April 2004	ZIUA	<p>“The campaign against MISA similar to the communist ones from the 40s”</p>	<p>“Actions and intoxications against MISA have been made for 10 years. But the intervention of the Prosecutor’s Office, of the gendarmes and of the Romanian Intelligence Service from these days has never been so ample. We could see these days that 10 years after the fall of the communist regime have passed and nobody can be secured. The followers of the ex Security agents can strike today with the same force they used to during the time of the transcendental meditation. This action against MISA is one of the most serious violation of democracy since the miners’ actions.”</p>	<p>http://www.ziua.ro/display.php?id=9043&data=2004-04-01&keyword=Gabriel+Andreescu</p>

TV News TRANSCRIPT about the SRI SURVEILLANCE

DATE	TV STATION	Tv PROGRAM	TIME	CONTENT	REPORTERS
Monday 22 nd of March	ROMÂNIA 1 (E2)	„Jurnal”	Ora 19:00	“MISA- The Movement for Spiritual Integration in the Absolute is one of the most disputed movements that declared as activity the YOGA practice and the promoting of a life style based on spirituality. Even at its foundation, in 1990, there were rumors that behind the official activity there is a system promoting the absurd sexual practices and empirical treatments as the urine consumption. The Romania Intelligence Service has watched the activity of the Bivolaru’s followers and alerted each time it was the case. The parents of some young who were attracted in this movement did the same and they contacted the authorities worried about the practices promoted by Guru Bivolaru. From our information it seems that MISA has got even in the Romanian army as some of the soldiers are members of this group. Official sources that wanted to remain anonymous declared that in fact Gregorian Bivolaru is a law breaker with three convictions till now and who succeeded through counterfeit and use of counterfeit to institutionalize the existence of his movement. “	- Adrian Fulea
Friday 26 th of March	ROMÂNIA 1 (A6)	„Jurnal”	Ora 19:00	“ The Romanian Intelligence Service has watched the activity of the Bivolaru’s followers and alerted each time it was the case. The parents of many young persons say that their children were attracted to the MISA group, they left home and then they had a disturbed behaviour, some of them were institutionalized in psychiatric hospitals. [...]. In fact, even at its foundation, in 1990, there were rumors that behind the official activity there is a system promoting the absurd sexual practices and empirical treatments as the urine consumption.	Compeer
Friday 19 th of March	REALITATEA TV (A2)	"Jurnal TV"	Ora 6:00	“During the searches, the prosecutors and order agents found tens of girls that were practicing prostitution on Internet, hundreds of pornographic cassettes, jewels and important amounts of money. Five trucks were needed for the transportation of the confiscated materials that will be evidence against Bivolaru’s movement. To the previous day’s action the Romanian Intelligence Service and the Direction of Information of the Ministry of Internal Affairs cooperated in an informational way. The Romanian Intelligence Service has watched for some years the activity of the movement led by Gregorian Bivolaru.”	News compeer
Friday 19 th of March	PRO TV (CD.1/E3)	"Știrile Pro TV" Pro TV News	Ora 19:00	“ The ministry of Administration and Internal Affairs says that they have gathered information about MISA since 1995. ” Here you have an excerpt from the Ioan Rus’ discourse (minister of the Administration and Internal Affairs): “We mention more kinds of offences that proliferate there, from prostitution to fiscal evasion ”.	Reporter - Ioan Rus