

# URGENT ACTION



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Further Information on UA 96/09 (9 April 2009) Freedom of expression and assembly/ Possible prisoners of conscience

MOLDOVA	Oleg Brega (m) (spelling corrected)	]
	Ghenadie Brega (m)	] civil society activists
	Natalia Morari (f)	]

Police detained Natalia Morari on the evening of 13 April and told her that she was suspected of organizing mass public disorder and attempting to overthrow the state. She was released an hour later, and charged the following day with “organizing mass disorder” (Article 285), which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years’ imprisonment. The court ordered that she be kept under house arrest for 10 days while awaiting trial.

Ghenadie Brega was charged with the same offense on 7 April. He is at liberty awaiting trial.

Oleg Brega has not been charged with any offense, but police raided his apartment on the evening of 9 April. They removed material relating to the NGO Hyde Park, including video archives and a wireless modem.



## RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as:

- expressing concern that Natalia Morari and Ghenadie Brega have been charged with serious criminal offenses for organizing a peaceful demonstration, of which they had notified the authorities;
- pointing out that if they are convicted of these offenses, and jailed for the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and assembly, Amnesty International will consider them prisoners of conscience;
- urging the authorities to drop the charges against Natalia Morari and Ghenadie Brega.

## APPEALS TO:

### Procurator General

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Salutation: Dear Procurator General

## COPIES TO:

### Minister of Internal Affairs

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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**COPIES TO:**

**Parliamentary Human Rights Advocate**

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**Salutation:** Dear Parliamentary Human Rights Advocate

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.**

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