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The leader of MISA was detained at the border in suspicious terms “I am the victim of a set up!” he shouted

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Gregorian Bivolaru, the leader of the Spiritual Movement for the Integration in the Absolute (MISA), was detained on Sunday night, while, the Police says, he was trying to illegally cross the border, “disguised” with a black wig. He was even accompanied by an officer from the internal customs of Sfantu-Gheorghe while a few other persons were waiting for him in the area between the Hungarian and the Romanian customs. Gregorian Guru Bivolaru could have left the country with no difficulty, just like any other tourist, because he had no banning in this respect. He denied the assumption of trying to leave illegally the country and declared that he is the victim of a set up. Last night, Bivolaru was brought to Bucharest.

According to the official version, the customs officer on duty at the entrance into Romania, at Nadlac border point, saw on Sunday night at about 20:30 two persons who were trying to get into Hungary. He came out of his office and saw two men walking towards the duty-free shops. He managed to hinder them near the Ceremony Hall. One of them, Ferenc Zsolt, 35 years old, showed his passport with Romania exit visa and a card of customs officer at the internal customs of Sfantu-Gheorghe. The second man was wearing a black wig and after he was taken to the customs control limit; the officer on duty identified him: “You are Bivolaru!” In his first statements, Ferenc Zsolt admitted that he was there to help the guru Gregorian to leave the country. It was agreed that the customs officer had formerly gone out of the country, but after a while he came back on Romanian land to take Bivolaru out. The later was put into a car together with two other Romanian persons, one of them also an Italian citizen and an Italian person. The car went to a gas station near the customs, where Bivolaru got out of the car. The other persons in the car went out of the car legally and stopped near the duty-free shops. Gregorian Bivolaru walked by the huts in the customs and met Ferenc Zsolt who led him through the zone of the unique control office at the entrance in Romania, with no exit formality. When the car was searched, they found in a bag on the back seat of the car an ID card, a journalist card and a certificate issued by the International Federation of the Journalists, all of them belonging to Gregorian Bivolaru.

“I had no wig”

At first, Gregorian Bivolaru and the five persons in the Volkswagen were detained for searching. But in the end, by the morning, only Bivolaru and Ferenc Zsolt got in front of the prosecutors at the Prosecutor’s Office near the Court of Arad. The later decided yesterday morning the starting of the penal investigation against Gregorian Bivolaru. Also they decided to hand out the file to the Prosecutor’s Office, near the Court of Appeal in Bucharest, taking into account that the leader of MISA has another file there. Bivolaru will be investigated for the attempt of illegal crossing the border and the customs officer for guiding him. After the hearings during the night, Bivolaru declared he is the victim of a set up and he had no intention to run away from the country. ”This is a set up! That was a customs officer that I entered with, in order to tell me whether I can leave the country or not, I did not mean to avoid the customs control. I had no wig. I just wanted to go on a trip in Hungary, to have some rest, as I had been annoyed lately. I have not been confined to the border. This is a huge abuse! At my home, when they did the searching, they destroyed all my goods, they

rummaged my house, a huge abuse!” Bivolaru shouted while he was taken out of the hearings room.

Was he cheated on?

- Why did not Bivolaru leave legally Romania, since nobody had forbidden him that?
- How could have Bivolaru tried to go out of Romania illegally, since the authorities admit that, in fact, he was walking inside the Nadlac customs?
- Could it be that the only way to arrest Bivolaru was such a “set up”, just like he claimed, and there was just another civil servant of the Internal Affairs Ministry they have used on that purpose?

“Grig has been threatened by death and he wanted to say this to the press abroad!”

The breaking news on the detention and the chaining of Gregorian Bivolaru stroke down the members of MISA. Yesterday, we talked to the President of MISA, Nicolae Catrina, who told us that Grig was going to leave the country as he had been threatened by death. After he had postponed the conference of the World Trade Center, on Friday, as he had been informed in the last moment that he would be arrested in front of the press, “Grig wanted to have a press conference abroad, in Budapest or else”. According to Catrina he wanted to tell to the whole world what he is undergoing in Romania, how he is being harassed from the order of a high political figure, but not Ion Iliescu (as he declared on Antena 1 TV). “We are really shocked and we don’t know what to believe. We couldn’t talk to Grig so far because, either he is not allowed to answer the phone, or his phone has been confiscated. Still, what I know for sure and not by hearsay it’s that, indeed, that was a set up in order to arrest him. There is also a witness in this respect, Camelia Chisca. She declared for the Police that <they took him out of the building, near the lift and dragged him to the other way>”.