

3 Jailed in Uranium Case

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CHISINAU — A Moldovan court sentenced three people for their part in illegal trafficking of uranium-235, which can be used in making nuclear weapons.

The three were part of a five-member group. They were seized by police in central Chisinau in June, apparently while exchanging a cylinder containing the radioactive material for cash.

"A woman, a Russian citizen of 38 years, was sentenced to three years in jail. Her accomplice got five years, and a third accused was fined 15,000 lei [\$1,200]," said Maria Vieru, spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office. Vieru said the woman jailed came from Tiraspol, the main city of Moldova's breakaway region of Transdnestr.

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