

Dear Ms. Zamura,

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IJL) is an international non-governmental organization ("NGO") comprising legal practitioners and academic jurists. For more than 50 years, we have been working to fight antisemitism, racism, xenophobia and Holocaust denial.

Recently, we have witnessed the use of the word “**Zhid**” in the newspaper “Moldavskie Vedomosti,” edition No. 44 (2244) dated December 10, 2021 (see attached).

The insulting term “Zhid” is used to denote “Jews” in a traditionally derogatory manner. It is humiliating and painful for every Jew to come across this word. Following practice in Russia and other countries, we ask you to refrain from using this word.

Likewise, we ask you to publish an apology and to announce that you will refrain from using this word again. This, in order to convey a message of tolerance and to make it clear to the readers that the use of this word is not acceptable.

We appreciate and thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Adv. Meir Linzen, President

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists



Adv. Avraham Yishai

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