
The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation takes this opportunity to convey to the Office the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Attachment: As mentioned.

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Geneva
Information from the Russian Federation regarding the joint enquiry from the special procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council concerning Maysarat Kilyashkanova and Svetlana Amirova (Anokhina), activists of the Marem volunteer initiative group

Reference: AL RUS 8/2021 of 19 July 2021

The Russian Federation, having studied the above request, has the honour to send the information concerning M. Kilyashkanova and S. Amirova (Anokhina), activists of the Marem volunteer initiative group, to the special procedures in question.

According to data from the Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Chechen Republic, on 7 June 2021 the internal affairs authorities received a complaint from citizen [redacted] about the search for his wife [redacted] who had left home and disappeared on the evening of 4 June 2021. On the same day, the police unit in question received a telephone message from [redacted] father about her alleged abduction and detention by unknown persons in the city of Makhachkala, in the Republic of Dagestan.

On 10 June 2021, as a result of investigations, reliable information was received that [redacted] was in the premises of the Marem volunteer group, at the following address: [redacted]

In this regard, the officers of the Leninsky District Police Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for the city of Makhachkala of the Republic of Dagestan and Police Department No. 2 for the Baysangurovsky District of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for the city of Grozny of the Chechen Republic conducted a joint visit to the above address to check on the whereabouts of the missing person, [redacted]

In carrying out their mission, the investigators encountered opposition from M. Kilyashkanova, S. Amirova (Anokhina) and others who were in the apartment, who, despite their requests, based on the provisions of federal Act No. 3-FZ of 7 February 2011 on the police, blocked access to [redacted]
In this connection they were taken to the Leninsky District Police Station of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for the city of Makhachkala, to compose police reports, in accordance with the Code of Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation.

On 11 June 2021, the Leninsky District Court of Makhachkala terminated the proceedings against them, for lack of corpus delicti. However, on 24 June 2021, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Dagestan appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court of Dagestan, for consideration in September 2021. At the same time, after verification, no violations of the law or of service disciplinary rules were found to have been committed by the police officers involved in the search for [blank].

In addition, a statement by M. Kilyashkanova and S. Amirova (Anokhina) dated 13 July 2021 concerning abuse of power by police officers, namely the unlawful use of physical force, was considered by the investigative department of the Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Leninsky District of Makhachkala, in the Republic of Dagestan.

The case was investigated under articles 144 ("Procedure for considering a crime report") and 145 ("Decisions on the results of the consideration of a crime report") of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Russian Federation, including through the use of interviews with eyewitnesses and participants in the events, the necessary forensic examinations and the collection of background information and a number of other required actions.

The result of the investigation was that criminal proceedings were dismissed in accordance with article 24 (1) (2) ("Grounds for refusal to initiate criminal proceedings or termination of criminal proceedings") of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Russian Federation, i.e., for lack of corpus delicti in the actions of the police officers. M.Kilyashkanova and S.Amirova (Anokhina) were duly notified about the decision.
All of the above-mentioned procedural decisions against M. Kilyaskhanova and S. Amirova (Anokhina) have entered into force, however, they are continuing to be reviewed by the procuratorial authorities.