The Permanent Mission of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the joint urgent appeal from Special procedures ref.№ №AL KGZ 4/2022 dated 23 December 2022 has the honour to provide the following information for your kind consideration.

The Permanent Mission of the Kyrgyz Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Encl.: as stated

Geneva, December 26, 2022

The Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva
Information on criminal case  (circumstances of detention of a number of activists and politicians)

Criminal case No.  was brought by the Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kyrgyzstan on 20 October 2022, in application of articles 36 and 278 (1) of the Criminal Code of Kyrgyzstan, accusing of conspiring with as well as other unidentified persons, with the aim of discussing in advance and planning a threat to the sovereignty of Kyrgyzstan for their personal gain and creating a negative opinion in society about the authorities. In their actions against the authorities, they called for mass unrest, with active disobedience of the legitimate demands of the law enforcement agencies, and with the intention of organizing mass disturbances by aggravating the political situation in the country. In pursuit of their goals, they held meetings between the persons listed above and others, beginning in the spring of 2022.

In accordance with article 2 (3) of the Constitution, the citizens of Kyrgyzstan are to exercise their power directly, in elections and referendums (with universal suffrage), as well as through a system of central and local government bodies, on the basis of the country's Constitution and laws. Despite this, these persons raised social issues and misrepresented facts about the domestic and foreign policy of the President of Kyrgyzstan.

This included harsh criticism of the lawful actions of the country's Cabinet of Ministers and State agencies on the delimitation and demarcation of sections of the border with Uzbekistan, leading up to the adoption of the relevant lawful decisions by the Zhogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan. In this connection, misleading information was disseminated to the public on various Internet social networks and at different meetings and gatherings at the national, regional and district levels, spreading false assessments of the activities of government agencies among the public, and thus aiming to undermine the constitutional order and the unity of the State by means of mass unrest.

On 22 October 2022, at about 10.40 a.m., the above-mentioned people gathered at located on , in pursuit of their objectives. They gathered people to organize a political rally under the pretext of opposition to the transfer of the Kempir-Abad reservoir, located in Uzgensky district of Osh Province, to the neighbouring country, and opposition to the decisions taken by the State authorities of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.
In so doing, the above-mentioned persons intended to organize a mass political rally in violation of the Constitution of Kyrgyzstan. This notwithstanding, they sought radical retribution against State officials, and to realize their objectives they created a "Committee for the Protection of the Kempir-Abad Reservoir" to attract the attention of the public.

They also planned to organize meetings using social media to agitate in society and among the public in order to realize their intended goals of creating mass unrest, and disobedience of the authorities. With the aim of undermining the stability of the State, they gathered supporters throughout the country, in the provinces and districts for political rallies and agitation against the authorities, organized mass rallies, held marches and demanded that the State authorities report to them. In order to carry out their actions aimed at creating widespread chaos in the country, they opened a WhatsApp group to sound out and analyse the opinions of the deputies of the Zhogorku Kenesh, with the aim of achieving their goals of creating mass unrest.

Thus, and other persons were preparing to organize mass disturbances in the country. However, for reasons outside of their control, the criminal acts aimed at a forcible seizure of power through the organization of mass unrest riots were not carried out, as they were thwarted in time by measures taken by the law enforcement agencies.

By their actions, they committed a crime under articles 36 and 278 (1) of the Criminal Code of Kyrgyzstan.

On 23 and 24 October 2022, they were charged with a crime under articles 36 and 278 (1) of the Criminal Code of Kyrgyzstan Republic and a preventive measure in the form of remand in custody was selected.

On 8 December 2022, the period of investigation by the Procurator General of Kyrgyzstan in the criminal case was extended to four months, i.e., until 20 February 2023.

On 9, 12 and 13 December 2022, the period of custody for all of the above defendants was extended until 20 February 2023.

The necessary investigative measures are now under way.

Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kyrgyzstan