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**Summary of the latest information and statistics on** **investigation into January’s unrest in Kazakhstan**

**Overview**

On 11 April 2022, Yeldos Kilymzhanov, Deputy Head of the 1st Service of the Prosecutor General’s Office of Kazakhstan, and Sanzhar Adilov, the head of the investigative department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan, gave a briefing at the Central Communications Service, during which they provided an additional update on the investigation into January’s tragic events in the country.

This document provides a summary of this information. The data presented below is **subject to change** as the investigation into the tragic January events continues.

**Latest information and statistics on the investigation into the tragic events in January**

**On the January unrest**

* Yeldos Kilymzhanov stated that special prosecutors found that **12 organized crime groups** were involved in the riots.
* **23 members of the organized criminal group** have been arrested. All necessary measures are being taken to identify and bring to justice the organizers and participants in these crimes.

**On cases and number of detainees**

* To date, **547 persons** are considered suspects of organizing and participating in mass riots, of which **269** are under arrest.
* Adilov informed that as of today, **1,090 criminal cases** are under investigation by the investigators of the internal affairs bodies. All of them committed grave and particularly grave crimes under aggravating circumstances.
* Taking into account their personal character, **315 arrested persons** have been released from custody. They include people who committed crimes for the first time and admitted their guilt.
* With respect to **377 suspects**, the investigation of criminal cases has been completed and they have been brought to trial.
* **196 persons** committed thefts, **39** are suspected of illicit arms trafficking, **3** are related to robberies, **3** to theft of cars and **3** to petty theft.
* To date, **168** **persons** have already been convicted by the courts. Of these, **147** were sentenced to penalties not related to imprisonment, taking into account full repentance and measures taken to make amends for the damage caused.
* The guilt of convicted persons is proven mainly through **video evidence** from the crime scenes, testimonies of witnesses, as well as seized material evidence.

**On cases related to law enforcement personnel**

* Work continues to investigate the **desertion of the buildings** of the Departments of the National Security Committee (KNB) and the police of Almaty city, Zhambyl and Kyzylorda regions, and the Almaty airport. The heads of these bodies are considered suspects.
* As previously reported, the former deputy head of the Zhambyl Region Police Department was detained. He was responsible for the storage of weapons and allowed the theft of part of the arsenal. As a result, the criminals ended up with **610 weapons**, including machine guns, pistols and grenade launchers. Only **206 weapons** have been found, the rest is still in the hands of the criminals.
* The head of the linear police department of the Almaty airport was also detained. He did not fulfil his official duties, left the airport unguarded, thereby allowing its capture.

**On seized weapons**

* Adilov informed that to date, the country’s police found and seized **1,430 weapons** and more than **35,000 ammunition**. This includes 323 pistols, 148 assault rifles, 195 traumatic pistols, 9 grenade launchers, 69 special rifles, 8 rifles, 6 machine guns and others.
* **122 weapons** have been voluntarily handed over by citizens.

**On damage to businesses, property, and people**

* Adilov informed that to date, stolen property estimated at **340 million tenge** ($766,599 USD) has been seized.
* Ensuring the provision of compensation for the damages will continue and remains a top priority.