**LATEST INFORMATION AND STATISTICS ON THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN JANUARY 2022**

**Overview**

On January 5, 2023, Kazakhstan’s Prosecutor General Berik Asylov, Minister of Internal Affairs Marat Akhmetzhanov and other heads of law enforcement agencies provided information about the tragic events in January last year to the Mazhilis (lower house of parliament) at a special hearing on the anniversary of the events. Below is a summary of this report, as well as other useful information.

**On investigation** **into the January 2022 events**

* Prosecutor General Asylov stated on January 5 that the tragic January events were an attempt at a **coup d’état** and said the investigation was nearing completion.
* Suspected organisers of the disturbances included **high-ranking officials** and members of **organised crime groups**. Former National Security Committee (NSC) Chair Karim Massimov and his former Deputy Anuar Sadykulov are on trial for treason, abuse of power, and actions aimed at violently seizing power. Former NSC Deputy Chair Daulet Yergozhin is on trial for abuse of power and actions aimed at violently seizing power.
* Speaker of the Mazhilis Yerlan Koshanov noted the members of parliament were presented with facts that clearly prove the January 2022 events were **a well-planned coup attempt**.

**On cases**

* A total of **5,300 criminal cases** were initiated by different law enforcement agencies on crimes committed in January 2022.
* According to the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan, Marat Akhmetzhanov, as of January 5, the police investigated **4,623 criminal cases** related to the January events. Most of them are related to homicides (**91**), theft (**2,504**), illegal arms trafficking (**440**), vandalism (**368**), and intentional damage to other people’s property (**188**).
* The Prosecutor General also noted that as of January 5, courts considered cases against **1,221 persons**, of which **1,205 citizens** were convicted. Of those, **1,095** persons were granted amnesty.
* Currently, **127 criminal cases** against **315 persons** are under investigation. The results of the investigations will be made public later.
* Special prosecutors investigated **720 cases** leading to the sentencing of **25 persons** to prison terms.
* **160 people** who committed serious crimes were given a prison sentence.
* Approximately **1,700 people** have been brought to criminal responsibility (over **1,000** fall under the amnesty as described in detail below).
* **49 people** from law enforcement agencies have been brought to criminal responsibility (**only 1** falls under the amnesty).
* Members of **24 organised groups** have been brought to criminal responsibility.
* **46 people** are suspected of terrorist activities. They include both citizens of Kazakhstan and citizens of other states.
* According to official figures, **5,387 people** fell victim to the January events, including 5,155 injured, **3,995 of which are law enforcement officers**. A total of **238 people** were killed, including **19 police and military personnel**. On August 16, the Prosecutor General’s Office released a list of those who died during the unrest.

**On investigation into torture committed against detainees and abuse of power**

* As of January 5, 2023, **329 criminal cases involving torture** have been filed due to citizen complaints. The Anti-Corruption Agency has been investigating the majority of them.
* Of the **344 people** allegedly subjected to physical abuse who agreed to undergo medical examinations, **239** were found to have injuries, while another **105** bore no such signs.
* Special prosecutors probed torture cases against **34** police personnel and National Security Committee members.
* According to the Prosecutor General’s Office, **6 people** died as a result of torture.
* Cases of torture of **27 individuals** in Almaty region’s police stations and temporary detention facilities are now in court. Three people were killed due to torture in Almaty, Taldykorgan, and Semei.
* On 27 October, Deputy Prosecutor General Asset Shyndaliyev announced the completion of the investigation into the death of **3 people** from torture.
* **5 police officers**, including **3** officers of the criminal police department, **1** inspector of the administrative police department and a special rapid response unit officer, are standing trial under Article 146 of the Criminal Code of Kazakhstan.
* On October 20, the Zhetisu regional court in Taldykorgan decided to amend a punitive measure for the policeman from house arrest to detention. He is accused of torture against a detainee involved in the January unrest.

**On damage to property during the January 2022 events**

* According to the updated data, business entities suffered damage in the amount of **37.5 billion tenge** (almost $80 million USD)**.**
* Businesses have been paid compensation in the amount of **16.7 billion tenge**.
* A total of **71 buildings** were fully destroyed or burned in eight cities across the country.
* All the **350 commercial facilities** that were damaged during the events have been restored.

**On amnesty** **for participants in the January 2022 events**

* On September 1, 2022, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev proposed in his state-of-the-nation address a one-time amnesty for participants of the January 2022 events.
* On October 27, the Kazakh parliament approved a law granting mass amnesty to participants of the riots in January. The text of the law notes the following:
* The amnesty will affect **over 1,000 people** out of approximately 1,700 defendants who were arrested and charged over their involvement in the protests on January 4-7, 2022. as well as in dispersal of the demonstrators.
* Currently, amnesty has been applied to 1,095 persons. In particular, the courts reduced the terms of punishment for 1,001 convicted of serious crimes.
* Those who committed minor crimes will be released and all charges against them will be dropped, while those who were convicted of serious crimes will have their prison terms cut by half or three-quarters.
* Individuals found guilty of terrorism, extremism, high treason, corruption, and organisation of mass disorders will not be affected by the amnesty.
* The law also covers re-socialisation of former convicts. They will receive help in finding employment, filing paperwork, and medical assistance.
* Deputy Prosecutor General Asset Shyndaliyev informed that only **1 of the 49 law enforcement officers** who violated the law in January will be amnestied.
* The bill was signed into law by President Tokayev on November 2.