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To UN Human Rights Committee

**INFORMATION OF "ZHANAOKEN-2011" COMMITTEE and NGO
Liberty for use during consideration in UN Human Rights Commission of the
Second periodic report of the Republic of Kazakhstan on implementation of
the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.**

1. From May to December 2011, a mass strike of oil workers was held in the city of Zhanaozen in Mangistau Region, Kazakhstan. On December 16, 2011 in consequence of police dispersal a number of protesters were killed or injured.
2. In early 2012, a group of community leaders, journalists and human rights defenders established a social committee "Zhanaozen - 2011" for public scrutiny of these events and punishment of guilty persons.
3. Despite a repeated requests to the present day of the public commission "Zhanaozen - 2011" and to society in general, are not represented and not published materials state commissions: Kazakhstan General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Security Committee.
4. After two applications of the Prosecutor General of Kazakhstan from 01.25.2012, about 14 dead during these events and 02.22.2012 of the specified information – about 15 dead to Zhanaozen and 1 dead in the township of Shetpe was never investigated eyewitness information - journalist of "Novaya Gazeta" Elena Kostyuchenko (Moscow, Russia), who testified repeatedly committee members and in the media about a much larger number of victims.
5. Following the committee, there are known cases when the bodies of those killed were not given to relatives, until they agree to write on the death certificate that the cause of it was not a gunshot wound.
6. So far, representatives of the state authorities have not given the public commission information on how many were issued instruments of death in those

days. Eyewitnesses, residents of Zhanaozen claim to have seen the trucks, which were taken away from the bloody body. A few places called that has not yet been investigated.

7. Many of the wounded on 16 and 17 December 2011, who were forced to go to the hospital, were questioned and placed in a detention center, where they were subjected to torture. Any citizen is primarily male during the period of the entered city in a state of emergency could be arrested without explanation and taken to the commandant's office and jail, which could also be tortured.

8. Members of the law enforcement forces in droves tested cell phones of citizens and, in the case of finding a photo / video from the 16 and 17 December 2011, detained them. This has led to the fact that people were forced to destroy all the videos and photos of those days.

9. According to eyewitnesses, on December 16-18, 2011 the military motor vehicles of the brand "Hammer" and other machines drove to the city streets from which gunfire made.

10. Residents claim that the shooting at people was not only on December 16, but also on December 17, 2011. It is known that on December 17 the inhabitants of the city also came to the square, demanding to stop the persecution and stop shooting. The shooting started in the evening. This incident also requires investigation.

11. It is known that the cars which are driving to Zhanaozen and leaving the city were exposed to examination during which money and valuable things were extorted from many citizens.

12. Many of the victims and survivors of victims with whom the Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and the right to freedom of association Maina Kiai, visited the Republic of Kazakhstan at the beginning of 2015 met in Zhanaozen, shared their fears of reprisals for the meeting with him.

13. The incident associated with surveillance in Aktau during the meeting with the people - the sources of information and indicated by the Special Rapporteur in his report on the results of the visit to the Republic of Kazakhstan showed that people were afraid to talk about those events. Unfortunately, many people are afraid to speak now. Recent visits of individual human rights defenders were also accompanied by surveillance.

14. Past trials on the basis of Zhanaozen events does not comply with the principle of a fair trial, which provides a thorough, independent and impartial investigations into all allegations of abusive treatment. The court's verdict of Vladimir Kozlov for 7.5 years allegedly for "stirring of social discord" requires careful consideration and review.

15. Numerous tortures and dehumanizing during the entered state of emergency applies to those who were in prison and other closed institutions of the city, as recorded in the video / audio materials of the commission. The Special Rapporteur personally met with many of the injured people. Nobody, except the senior lieutenant Zh. Temirov, was punished for tortures. Question of the necessity of torture investigation took up at the trial of "37 oil workers", but the question answering was sent to the agency that they carried out - the Department of Internal Affairs of Zhanaozen.

16. Committee "Zhanaozen - 2011" has an abundant proof of torture – neither video / audio, nor testimony of the defendants in the trials, which were ignored by the court.

17. Having regard to the above, we continue to insist on the implementation of the recommendations of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights N. Pillay made by her after visiting Kazakhstan in 2012 and the Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and the right to freedom of Maina Kiai's association, visited the Republic of Kazakhstan at the beginning of 2015 to establish an international commission of inquiry into the tragic events in Zhanaozen and township Shetpe and bringing justice to those responsible for human rights violations with compensation for victims.

Unfortunately, the recommendations of the sessions of the UN Committee on Human Rights in relation to Bakhytzhan Toregozhina (112 session), Mukhtar Dzhakishev (115 session) and Ramazan Yessergepov (116 session) have not been fulfilled.

May 21, 2016 more than a thousand people were detained over the intention to hold a peaceful rally in different cities of Kazakhstan. Recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur on peaceful gatherings Maina Kiai has not been met.



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