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Priority question

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SUBJECT: Political Prisoners and Politically Motivated Prosecutions in the Republic of Kazakhstan
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TEXT:

In modern Kazakhstan, activists and journalists are imprisoned for civil and trade union activities, for public criticism of the authorities, for participating in peaceful rallies, for publishing and sharing posts on social networks, and for conducting journalistic investigations.

There are at least 35 cases of politically motivated prosecution in Kazakhstan. 17 persons are being held in prison - Maks Bokayev, Talgat Ayan, Aron Atabek, Sanat Bukenov, Edige Batyrov, Amin Eleusinov, Nurbek Kushakbayev, Seytkazy Matayev, Aset Matayev, Yaroslav Golyskin, Sanat Dosov, Ruslan Ginatullin, Igor Chuprina, Ermek Taychibekov, Igor Sichev, Mukhtar Dzhakishev, Muratkhan Tokmadi. 8 people have received suspended sentences with a ban on engagement in the civil society or journalistic activities: Olesya Khalabuzar, Alima Abdirova and Bolatbek Blyalov; Larisa Kharkova; Zhanbolat Mamay, Gyuzal Baydalina, Amangeldy Batyrbekov and Bigeldy Gabdullin. Also, Kazakh authorities prosecute abroad opposition politician Mukhtar Ablyazov, his former colleagues (Anatoliy Pogorelov, Tatiana Paraskevich) and relatives (the Khrapunov family).

1. Is the VP/HR aware of the cases of political prisoners and politically motivated prosecutions in Kazakhstan and how do the VP/HR and EEAS intend to intervene in this regard?
2. To what extent further cooperation between Kazakhstan and the EU depends on situation with human rights in Kazakhstan?

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