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Kazakh Fugitive Who Killed His Employer Prosecuted in Custody by Kazakh Prosecution upon Korean MOJ's Request

- Substantial truth uncovered via close cooperation
between the Korean and Kazakh authorities

On February 28, 2024, the Kazakh Prosecution charged a felon fugitive in custody (male; born in 1975; Kazakh national) who fled to Kazakhstan after killing a Korean victim.

The criminal entered Korea to find a job in November 2003. On May 23, 2004, he strangled his employer (male, then aged 48) to death and abandoned the body into a nearby reservoir to conceal his criminal act. As the body was found several days later, he fled to Kazakhstan.

In January 2007, the competent Kazakh authority refused Korea's request to extradite him to Korea for the reason that extradition of a Kazakh national is not allowed under its Constitution. In January 2009, the Ministry of Justice of Korea sent a request to prosecute and punish him in Kazakhstan in accordance with its domestic law.

The Korean MOJ has made its full efforts to pursue him; it not only provided relevant investigation records but held several working-level meetings, made business trips, and had video conferences to persuade the Kazakh authority, which finally decided to prosecute the criminal for murder.

This case clearly shows the Korean government's strong commitment to protect its citizens and sends a resounding message that no fugitive can escape from justice even if they flee to their own country.

The Korean MOJ will continue its coordination with the Kazakh authority, so that the perpetrator pays for his heinous crime. Further, the Korean MOJ will spare no efforts to reinforce international cooperation system and build case-by-case strategies to bring fugitives to justice wherever they hide across the globe.

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