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Dear General Prosecutor,

**I am writing to express my deep concern over the guilty verdicts handed down on 10 October 2024 against «Temirov Live» journalists: Makhabat Tazhibek-kyzy, Azamat Ishenbekov, Aike Beishekeeva and Aktilek Kaparov.**

They were found guilty of «calling for active disobedience and mass riots, as well as calls for violence against citizens» based on a video published on social media that accused government officials of corruption. The journalists deny the charges. I am concerned that these charges have been brought to punish the journalists for their criticism of the authorities, in violation of the right to freedom of expression.

**I urge you to:**

**Do everything within your power to ensure that Makhabat Tazhibek-kyzy and Azamat Ishenbekov are re-leased immediately, and that all charges against all four convicted journalists of «Temirov Live» and «Ayt Ayt Dese» media are dropped, and that they are allowed to continue their professional activities in Kyrgyzstan without undue restrictions.**

Yours sincerely,

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