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## NINE TERRORIST ATTACKS PREVENTED IN KAZAKHSTAN IN 2016

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Two Explosive Devices Neutralized in Kyrgyz Capital Leaving No Victims According to Bilisbekov, over the last five years, 445 people have been arrested and charged with terrorism-related crimes in Kazakhstan, including 25 people in 2016. Over 550 Kazakh nationals, recruited by terrorist organizations, have been prevented by the NSC from leaving the country to join militants since 2011, according to the NSC official.

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