
CENTRAL ASIA: CHINA TO SCHOOL KYRGYZ SECURITY OFFICERS ON CRACKDOWN TACTICS

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Kyrgyz Interior Ministry representatives have returned from a tour of Chinas Xinjiang Province, where Chinese officials gave a tutorial on crowd control and anti-terrorist crackdowns.

A Kyrgyz Interior Ministry statement said the delegation, led by Deputy Minister Oktyabr Urmambetov, was in Xinjiang from June 19-23. At the conclusion of the visit, representatives of both countries signed a memorandum under which Xinjiang security officials will conduct and organize training for [Kyrgyz] employees of police districts adjacent to the border.

The Kyrgyz delegation got tips on building a better surveillance state. According to the Interior Ministry statement, Kyrgyz security officials had opportunities to study new achievements in the digitalization of the Chinese police, to familiarize themselves with the work of the police using unmanned aerial vehicles, to study methods of combating religious extremism * [and] familiarization with the actions and methods and means used by the police during mass riots.

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