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**For whom and for what do we need to adapt new tactics in the field of the protection of the Human Rights and the experience of other countries in Kyrgyzstan?**

On the International Symposium on New tactics in the field of the protection of the human rights (Ankara, Turkey) I was wondered with the openings of the new tools and tactics in the field of the protection of the human rights. Particularly, success stories of protections of rights of victims of right protector NGOs of Peru, Argentina, Germany, USA, Romania and others on politics of the transnational companies and human right violations through nonviolent format of civic resistance.

I thought a lot, which experience of my foreign colleagues will be tactically important for the human rights protection in Kyrgyzstan today, as well as for my colleagues-right protectors? Which focus groups of the people, suffered from injustice in Kyrgyzstan, need new tools of influence for the change of politics in the field of the protection of the human rights today and in near future?

I understood that the key event of the seminar on new tactics for the victims in Kyrgyzstan would be the opening of the experience of usual citizens of other countries, who live and successfully protect their civil and political rights. These are the experiences of Argentina, Ghana, Romania, Peru and Turkey, which cooperatively with national right protectors with the support of leading international NGOs managed to change the old politics of dirty business or the authoritarian regime on politics of the human rights protection.

**How was the seminar set?**

We had series of talks with the leaders of the local right protector partner NGOs, NGO “People and Right ( Kerben village, Aksy region), with Sartbay Jaichibek, the coordinator-lawyer of the “Center of Democracy and Human Rights”, with Nurlan Bakirov from Osh city about the formats and goals of holding the juridical seminar on “ Can victims defend their rights in Kyrgyzstan and on the international level?”

On December 18, 2004, for the first time the participants were the victims of three focus groups and right protector lawyers, Sartbay and Nurlan, who have been working with the case of these victims and who have been practicing in this field.

**Methodology or the process of the seminar?**

We invited leading lawyer Ashirkul uulu Toktorbay, who told victims how he himself has been protecting civil rights during the seven years in courts of different levels and reached the justice.

The editor of the independent newspaper “Respublica” Zamira Sydykova shared her experience of struggle for justice. She was jailed for the article about the corruption, connected with transnational gold mining Kumtor Company. Zamira was awarded the International award of the International Foundation of Women in Press, in 2000 with the award “For braveness in journalism”, as a woman-journalist, struggling for freedom and rights of the citizens.

The deputies of the Legislative Assembly of Kyrgyz republic (Parliament) Alevtina Pronenko and Orozbek Duisheev participated in seminar, which work with the case of Kumtor and do

research on secret pacts of gold mining by the transnational Kumtor Company and Kyrgyz government.

The assistant of the deputy Azimbek Beknazarov with the right protector Sartbay Jaichibekov showed documentary film about the Aksy tragedy. After the film presentation, victims of the tragedy gave evidential speech about the facts of crime from the side of militia against peaceful participants of pedestrian demonstration for the protection of their deputy, illegally jailed by the militia.

Local leaders of right protector NGO “Karek” Baktigul Imankodjoeva and Indira Kazieva, who work on monitoring of violations of the transnational Kumtor Company in Kyrgyzstan from Braskoon and Tosor villages, gave the information about the ignorance of Kumtor to the request of information. Victims told about the facts of refuses to proceed the applications and to the requests of local citizens to reanalyze brought damages from the side of the company by the result of cyanide accident and its consequences.

During the Parliamentary elections of 2000 victims told about the experience of struggle for civil and political rights, right for the peaceful gathering and meetings and right to elect and to be elected.

For the first time victims of three focus groups could meet and share their tragedies and the experiences of struggles for the justice.

It was tragic for all, that the absence of the truthful information in the country and the ignorance of the victim’s applications on different levels of government manipulate to covert these crimes from the broad society.

### **New tactics: foreign experience for the implementation**

In the process of the seminar the participants get acquainted with the international experience of protection of the victims and tools, how to think tactically and broaden spheres of the effective progress of human rights. Materials like Uli Mueller, Food First International Network (Germany) and David Shilling, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (USA)-WK 213 Leveraging the Power of Money were translated into Kyrgyz and Russian languages and distributed to all participants.

Also among the participants were leading right Protectors Natalya Ablova and Zulfia Marat from the Bureau of human rights and persuasion of laws of Kyrgyz Republic, who work on problems of protection of victims and on research on financial help of international banks.

Participants were divided into 3 groups (Aksy people, Barskoon people and Karabura people). During the facilitation of lawyers Sartbay Jaichibekov, Nurlan Bakirov and Zulfia Marat developed new tools of the effective progress of Human Rights in Kyrgyzstan.

At the moment lawyers right protectors are prepare materials to the UN Committee of Human Rights, particularly Sartbay Jaychibekov is working on it.

The letters of the Civil Society Against Corruption with the request of information about the rent and conditions of the land usage were sent to Kumtor Centerra.

Works are being with banks, financing the Kumtor in Kyrgyzstan.

The books of David and Uli Muller in 2 languages are sent by post office to the leaders of the network, local partner NGOs, cooperating with the Civil Society Against Corruption for learning and for future adaptation of their activities.

Comments:

1. It would be very useful if David Shilling, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (USA) to invite investors, which are based on religion, financing activities of gold mining company Kumtor-Centerra to the process of discussion and decision making.
2. Civil Society against Corruption, after it learned the situation with the victims in Kyrgyzstan intended to initiate the preparation of the project, in cooperation with local right protector NGOs to open specialized center on juridical and moral help for effective protection and to change the situation in country. This work in the field of protection of human rights and freedom of the citizens will be conducted in a tight cooperation with New Tactics organization through study of new tactics and tools of international experience and their adaptation and leveraging the set situation in Kyrgyzstan.