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The Right to Housing in Kazakhstan

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Housing Rights

Kazakhstan interprets the right to housing merely as an obligation to implement housing programs and views housing as a commercial product.

Forced Evictions:

- **Lack of Data:** There is no accurate data on forced evictions, many of which happen without court orders.
- **Harsh Conditions:** Forced evictions occur under extreme conditions, often with police involvement.
- **Violation of Dignity:** Police enforce rapid evictions, throwing people's belongings onto the street.

Recommendation

Establish safeguards against forced evictions, making sure they happen only with a court order and are reasonable for the purpose of the eviction

Homelessness

Homeless individuals in Kazakhstan face persecution, harassment, and discrimination because of their housing status.

- **Lack of Data:** There are no reliable statistics on homelessness, and national shelters can't meet the full need due to limited funding.
- **Criminalization:** Homelessness is criminalized; homeless individuals are detained and placed in special facilities for up to 30 days.
- **Ongoing Detention:** In 2020, 5,500 homeless individuals were detained in a single operation, and many remain in detention without charges after the latest operation this October.
- **Forced Relocation:** During major events, police move homeless people outside city limits, leaving them without basic necessities.

Recommendations

Repeal laws that criminalize homelessness.

Take effective steps to prevent homelessness, including a National Program to End Homelessness.

Thank you

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