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U.S. Presses Kyrgyzstan

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BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — The U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan expressed concern Thursday by growing reports about the torture of detainees by law enforcement officers.

The embassy said in a statement that Kyrgyz authorities should guarantee fair trials and proper treatment to all detainees.

U.S. misgivings follow new claims by activists that security services officers beat and tortured suspects held in connection with a recent bombing in the capital, Bishkek.

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