

Asunto: Police Equipment

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Dear colleagues,

Information requested regarding police actions in situations of public demonstration:

1. Legislation that governs the use of equipment at the disposal of police forces in protest situation:
 - a. On Police;
 - b. Regulations Regarding the Types of Special Means and the Procedures for the Use Thereof by Police Officers and Border Guards.
2. Police forces are allowed to use the following special means:
 - a. means of binding;
 - b. handcuffs;
 - c. arm and leg irons;
 - d. truncheons;
 - e. electric shock devices;
 - f. gas cylinders;
 - g. means of restricting vision;
 - h. devices for spraying or firing irritating or paralysing substances;
 - i. means of restricting the movement of persons;
 - j. means of forcibly stopping vehicles;
 - k. devices for firing such elements, which are not intended to have lethal consequences (for example, devices for firing gases, paint and rubber):
 - l. smoke candles;
 - m. smoke grenades;
 - n. gas grenades;
 - o. light and sound grenades;
 - p. rubber pellet grenades;
 - q. sound devices of psychological effect;
 - r. devices for opening premises;
 - s. means of demolishing barriers;
 - t. portable water spraying devices;
 - u. means of neutralising improvised explosive devices;
 - v. water cannons;
 - w. vehicles specially equipped with water cannons.
3. There are no such data on amount times that equipment types have been used.
4. Police officer training is carried out by the Police College in preparation of police officers for service. Home page www.policijas.koledza.gov.lv

Kind regards,

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