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Cases of Crimes Against the Environment Resolved in Court



As part of the “Protected Nature — Our Future” advocacy campaign, initiated by the prosecution service and being conducted nationwide, the prosecution service is focusing not only on educational activities and measures aimed at raising public legal awareness, but also on promptly investigating and resolving crimes and infringements against the environment and consistently taking measures to ensure compensation for damage and harm caused to nature and the ecology.

Below is an overview of how courts of first instance resolved, between September 23, 2026 and October 2, 2026, cases of crimes against the environment in which the Dornogovi, Dornod, Uvurkhangai and Selenge Province Prosecutor's Offices issued indictments and transferred them to court.

Dornogovi Province Prosecutor's Office:

- While serving as commander of Border Troops Unit No. .... in Khatanbulag soum of Dornogovi Province, Ya.T, on August 18, 2022, gave B.D, D.A and T.G the opportunity to illegally conduct mineral exploration and instructed M.Ts, the deputy commander for training, to allow them into the Small Gobi Strictly Protected Area without inspection. In this case, an indictment was issued under Article 22.1, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Abuse of

power and official position), and, for B.D, D.A and T.G, who illegally conducted exploration and extraction and caused 2.7 million MNT in damage to the environment, under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal prospecting, use and extraction of minerals), and the case was transferred to court.

> The court found Ya.T, the former commander of Border Troops Unit No. ...., and M.Ts, the deputy commander for training, guilty of the crime of abuse of power and official position, deprived each of them of the right to be appointed to public office for 3 years, and sentenced Ya.T to 1 year and 6 months of imprisonment and M.Ts, the deputy commander for training, to 1 year of imprisonment.
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> B.D, D.A and T.G, who encroached on the subsoil by conducting mineral prospecting, exploration and extraction without a special permit, were each found guilty of the crime of illegal prospecting and extraction of minerals; B.D was sentenced to a fine of 10 million MNT, and D.A and G.G to fines of 5.4 million MNT each. The defendants were ordered to pay 2.7 million MNT in damage caused to the environment and 314 thousand MNT in rehabilitation costs, and 257 million MNT, the assessed value of the vehicles used in committing the crime, was ordered to be recovered from the defendants in equal shares as state revenue.

- On March 27, 2026, B.E, B.O, Ch.U, J.Sh and O.N, acting as a group, prospected for minerals without a special permit in the territory of Mandakh soum of Dornogovi Province. An indictment was issued under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal prospecting, extraction and use of minerals), and the case was transferred to court.

> The court found the 5 named defendants guilty of committing, as a group, the crime of illegal prospecting of minerals, sentenced each of them to a fine of 5.4 million MNT, and ordered that the damage caused to the environment be recovered from the defendants in equal shares and transferred to the Environment and Climate Fund.

From the Selenge Province Prosecutor's Office:

- From May 15 to May 18, 2026, E.E used a heavy-duty vehicle to transport a large number of young pine trees approximately 2–3 metres tall without certificates of origin in the territory of Shaamar soum of Selenge Province. An indictment was issued under Article 24.6, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal logging), and the case was transferred to court.

> The court found E.E guilty of the crime of illegal logging, imposed a fine of 3 million MNT, and ordered that 177.6 million MNT in damage caused to the environment and 72.1 million MNT, the assessed value of the vehicle used in committing the crime, be recovered and paid to the Environment and Climate Fund.

- On June 19, 2026, K.Kh encroached on the subsoil for the purpose of illegally extracting minerals in the territory of Yeruu soum of Selenge Province. An indictment was issued under

Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal prospecting, extraction and use of minerals), and the case was transferred to court.

> The court found K.Kh guilty of the crime of illegal prospecting of minerals, placed the defendant on probation for 1 year without imposing a sentence of imprisonment, and ordered that the machinery and equipment used in committing the crime be confiscated as state revenue. In addition, during the investigation, K.Kh paid 1.5 million MNT in compensation for the damage caused by the crime.

From the Uvurkhangai Province Prosecutor's Office:

- On the night of August 3 to 4, 2026, Ch.M and B.M, acting as a group, extracted 3.9 grams of (natural) gold using machinery and equipment in the territory of Khairkhandulaan soum of Uvurkhangai Province. An indictment was issued under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal prospecting, extraction and use of minerals), and the case was transferred to court.

> The court found Ch.M and B.M guilty of the crime of illegal prospecting and extraction of minerals, sentenced each of them to a fine of 8.5 million MNT, ordered that the extracted gold be confiscated as state revenue, and ordered that 1.1 million MNT in rehabilitation costs and 500 thousand MNT, the assessed value of the metal detector used in committing the crime, be recovered from the defendants in equal shares.

From the Dornod Province Prosecutor's Office:

- A group of 8 named persons, including P.B and Kh.G, on September 23–24, 2023, conducted mineral prospecting, exploration and extraction without a permit using machinery and equipment in the territory of Zaamar soum of Tuv Province, extracted 1 tonne 199 kilograms 300 grams of mineral-bearing soil and caused 13 million MNT in damage to the environment. An indictment was issued for these acts under Article 24.2, Part 1 (Illegal prospecting, extraction and use of minerals), and for a theft committed in the territory of Dashbalbar soum of Dornod Province under Article 17.1, Part 2, Subparagraph 2.4 of the Criminal Code (Theft), and the case was transferred to court.

> The court found the defendants guilty of the crime of illegal prospecting and extraction of minerals, sentenced them to fines ranging from 5.4 million to 8 million MNT, and ordered that the 72 grams of extracted gold, 13 million MNT in damage caused to the environment and 1.7 million MNT, the value of the vehicle used in committing the crime, be confiscated as state revenue.

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