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Cases of Crimes Against the Environment Resolved in Court



The prosecution service is paying particular attention to promptly investigating and resolving crimes and infringements committed against the environment and to consistently taking measures to ensure compensation for ecological damage and harm.

Below is an overview of cases in which the Arkhangai, Bayankhongor, Selenge and Uvs Province Prosecutor's Offices and the Songinokhairkhan District Prosecutor's Office issued indictments and which were resolved by courts of first instance over the past 14 days, from October 19 to October 30, 2026.

From the Arkhangai Province Prosecutor's Office:

From August 26 to August 28, 2026, J.B, without a permit, used a chainsaw to fell 11 standing larch trees and 3 fallen trees in the territory of ... soum of Arkhangai Province, cut them into 74 pieces, thereby harvesting 1.261 cubic metres of timber in the forest, and transported it by vehicle from that location to the defendant's spring camp, causing 249,132 MNT in damage to the forest fund. The prosecutor qualified the case under Article 24.6, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal logging), issued an indictment and transferred the case to court.

> The court found J.B guilty of the crime of illegal logging, imposed a fine of 460,000 MNT, ordered that 747,396 MNT, the damage caused to the environment by the defendant's actions, be recovered and transferred to the Environment and Climate Fund, and ordered that the proceeds of the crime, namely 1.261 cubic metres of timber, as well as the Kia Ceres vehicle and the chainsaw used in committing the crime, be confiscated as state revenue.

From the Bayankhongor Province Prosecutor's Office:

- From October 5 to October 7, 2022, P.B illegally conducted mineral prospecting and extraction without a special permit in the territory of ... soum of Bayankhongor Province, thereby encroaching on the subsoil and causing direct damage of 2 million MNT to the environment and harm of 491,000 MNT related to rehabilitation. The case was qualified under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal prospecting, use and extraction of minerals), and an indictment was issued and the case transferred to court.

> The court found P.B guilty of the crime under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Special Part of the Criminal Code, placed the defendant on probation for 1 year without imposing a sentence of imprisonment, and ordered that 16 million MNT, the assessed value of the machinery used in committing the crime, be recovered from the defendant as state revenue.

- On August 5, 2026, A.G and B.G, acting as a group, illegally prospected for minerals in the territory of ... soum of Bayankhongor Province, encroached on the subsoil and extracted 0.79 grams of yellow metal, namely gold. The prosecutor qualified these actions under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal prospecting, use and extraction of minerals), issued an indictment and transferred the case to court.

> The court found A.G and B.G guilty of the crime under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code, ordered that a total of 5.7 million MNT, comprising 3.2 million MNT, the assessed value of the 2 metal detectors used in committing the crime, and 2.5 million MNT, the assessed value of the vehicle (motorcycle), be recovered as state revenue, and sentenced each defendant to a fine of 5.4 million MNT.

From the Selenge Province Prosecutor's Office:

- On April 25, 2025, D.Kh placed an excavator owned by the defendant in the territory of ... soum of Selenge Province for the purpose of illegally extracting minerals, thereby preparing to commit the crime of illegal prospecting, use and extraction of minerals. An indictment was issued 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 D.Kh guilty of preparing to commit the crime of illegal extraction of minerals and imposed a fine of 5.4 million MNT.

- From June to December 2024, G.Z, Ts.Sh, G.E and B.M, acting as a group, conducted prospecting and exploration without a special permit for the purpose of extracting minerals in the territory of ... soum of Selenge Province, and encroached on the subsoil using machinery and equipment to extract minerals without a special permit, causing harm of 762,332 MNT to the environment. An indictment was issued 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 the 4 named citizens guilty of committing, as a group, the crime under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code, sentenced each of them to a fine ranging from 5.5 million to 6 million MNT, noted that 1.1 million MNT in damage caused to the environment and 344,332 MNT in rehabilitation costs had been paid, and ordered that the machinery and equipment used in committing the crime, namely 1 excavator valued at 7.5 million MNT and 2 water pumps valued at 630,000 MNT, be confiscated as state revenue.

From the Uvs Province Prosecutor's Office:

- On September 14, 2025, B.G, without the required permit, illegally harvested 6 green larch trees using a saw in the territory of ... soum of Uvs Province and transported them in a vehicle owned by citizen N.M, thereby causing 328,444 MNT in damage to the forest fund. The case was qualified under Article 24.6, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal logging), and an indictment was issued and the case transferred to court.

> The court found B.G guilty of the crime under Article 24.6, Part 1 of the Criminal Code, noted that three times the damage caused to the forest fund, or 985,332 MNT, had been paid, imposed a fine of 900,000 MNT, ordered that 2 million MNT, the value of the vehicle used in committing the crime, the saw valued at 40,000 MNT and the green larch timber obtained through the crime be recovered as state revenue, and imposed a compulsory measure obliging the defendant to plant and grow 6 larch trees.

- On September 20, 2025, B.O and E.D, acting as a group, illegally conducted mineral prospecting using metal detection equipment without a special permit in the territory of ... soum of Uvs Province. An indictment was issued 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 B.O and E.D guilty of committing, as a group, the crime under Article 24.2, Part 1 of the Criminal Code, and fined each of them 5.4 million MNT.
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> In doing so, the court ordered that the vehicle owned by B.O, valued at 9 million MNT, which was used in committing the crime, and 1.5 million MNT, the assessed value of the metal detection equipment and tools, be recovered from the defendants in equal shares as state revenue.

From the Songinokhairkhan District Prosecutor's Office:

- From February 4 to February 5, 2026, Ts.Sh, without the required permit and for purposes other than those provided by law, collected 140.9 kg of savin juniper (Juniperus sabina), which is included in the “List of Very Rare Plants”, in the territory of Tuv Province and transported it by vehicle to the “Emeelt Checkpoint” located in Songinokhairkhan District, thereby causing 71.1 million MNT in damage to the plant kingdom. An indictment was issued under Article 24.8, Part 1 of the Criminal Code (Illegal harvesting of wild plants), and the case was transferred to court.

> The court found Ts.Sh guilty of the crime under Article 24.8, Part 1 of the Criminal Code, imposed a sentence of restriction of freedom of movement for 2 years, prohibiting the defendant from leaving .... soum of Zavkhan Province, and ordered that 71.1 million MNT, the damage caused to the plant kingdom, be recovered from the defendant and transferred to the Environment and Climate Fund.

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