Dimitar Kenarov – alert from 4 September 2020

The General Directorate "National Police" received a receipt from the Sofia City Prosecutor's Office together with a decree on the deposited appeal of Dimitar Kenarov, through his attorney Stoyan Madin.

Attorney Madin stated that unidentified police officers were inflicted bodily harm upon his client Dimitar Kenarov on 2 September 2020 in front of the National Assembly and there is a lack of documentation on his client's detention and other points further specified in the document. The signal argued against the conclusions instituted by the Capital Directorate of the Ministry of Interior – Ministry of Interior inspection on the circumstances of Dimitar Kenarov's detention.

Upon familiarization with the materials in the receipt and following the instructions from the Sofia City Prosecutor's Office, the necessary actions were taken to establish the factual situation.

Based on the available evidence gathered in the inspection process, the conclusion was that it is impossible to identify specific police officers and protesting individuals. As well as that it was impossible to confirm beyond any doubt that Dimitar Kenarov himself was conducting a journalistic activity.

The gathered materials in the inspection process, initiated by the receipt on the description of the Sofia City Prosecutor's Office, were assembled and returned to the Prosecutor's Office. The latter denied by a decree to initiate a pre-trial procedure. It was concluded that after consideration of the available facts that there was an act committed, the act does not qualify to be regarded as a criminal offence.

The decrees of denial can be appealed before a prosecutor of a higher prosecution office – in this case the Sofia Appellate Prosecutor's Office. Dimitar Kenarov did not appealed the Sofia City Prosecutor's Office's decree for denial of instituting a pre-trial procedure. The same fact was confirmed ex officio without an issued appeal by the interested party Dimitar Kenarov or by his attorney.