

A. The State Security Sub-Directorate of the Attica Police Security Directorate (currently Racist & Extremist Violence Sub-Directorate of the Attica Criminal Investigation Directorate) has compiled a case-file against five (5) Greek nationals, accused, as the case may be, of violation of: a) Article 167 of the Greek Penal Code in conjunction with Article 45 of the Penal Code on “multiple-perpetrator violence against employees and judicial persons”, b) Article 168 of the Penal Code in conjunction with Article 45 of the Penal Code on “multiple- perpetrator disturbance of public business”, c) Article 189 of the Penal Code on “disturbance of the common peace”, d) Article 292 of the Penal Code in conjunction with Article 45 of the Penal Code on “multiple-perpetrator obstruction of transport” and e) Articles 309-308 of the Penal Code in conjunction with Articles f) 42, 45 and 315A of the Penal Code on “multiple-perpetrator dangerous and simple bodily harm against police officers, committed or attempted”, g) Article 378 of the Penal Code in conjunction with Article 45 of the Penal Code on “multi-perpetrator damage to the property of another person”, as well as Law h) 2168/93 on the “regulation of matters relating to weapons, ammunition, explosives, explosive devices and other provisions”. One of them was also accused of violation of Article 169 of the Penal Code on “disobedience” in conjunction with Article 27, paragraph 4 of Presidential Decree 342/77 on the “ratification of the Rules of Procedure for the Forensic Services Division and its regional Services”.

Other unknown perpetrators, who escaped arrest and are currently being sought by the police, are accused of the same offences and violation of Article 361 of the Penal Code on “insulting behaviour” and Law 456/76 “on flares and fireworks”.

B. Specifically, on 31/10/2024, at 11:00, about five hundred (500) individuals protested, in the context of a 2-day mobilisation throughout Greece, outside the Ministry of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection, located on 37-39, Kifisias Avenue in Marousi, on the initiative of members of the “Panhellenic Contract Firefighter Union”, with participation of the “Macedonia, Thrace & Northern Aegean Firefighter Union” and support by other forest firefighter unions from all regions of Greece, with the slogan “HIRE MORE FIREFIGHTERS NOW!”. At around 15:35 on that same day, about two hundred (200) individuals of those gathered, most of whom were wearing the uniform of seasonal firefighters, with some of them wearing firefighter helmets and gas masks, illegally entered first the Ministry’s courtyard and then the Ministry’s building, by opening (nobody knows how) a locked iron door, and headed to the first (1st), second (2nd), fifth (5th) and seventh (7th) floor, blocking off the staircase with iron tables and other objects, in order to prevent the access of police officers and/or other persons. At around 20:45, while the a-m individuals were still in the building, disturbing the smooth operation of the Ministry, the said individuals attacked the police officers of the Order Restoration Subdirectorate (Y.A.T.) and Order Measures Subdirectorate (Y.ME.T.) units who had entered the building to reach them, by throwing stones and other objects at them, hitting them with shafts, punching and kicking them. Moreover, to make it more difficult for the officers to reach them, they doused them with water with a hose and used a dry dust fire extinguisher against them. Furthermore, during their entry and stay in the area, they caused damage to the main double-leaf entrance/exit door of the building, to

the railing, knobs and handles of interior doors, as well as to a metal exterior door of the building.

C. After concerted police intervention, the individuals who had entered the Ministry were fended off from the building to Kifissias Avenue, where they gathered together with other assembled individuals, blocking road traffic in both directions. From that moment on, they made attacks against officers of the Y.A.T. and Y.M.E.T. units, as well as the “DRASI” motorcycle units, throwing stones and other objects at them. The attacks resulted in the injury of eleven (11) police officers in total and public property damage.

D. Four (4) individuals were arrested and taken to the a-m Service by the officers of the “DRASI” motorcycle unit. Those arrested, upon a request they expressed while at the premises of the a-m Service, were transferred, escorted by police officers, to the “Evangelismos” Athens General Hospital, which was on duty at the time. Following the required medical examinations, two (2) of them were admitted for further care.

E. With regard to the accused Mr. ANDROUTSOS Georgios, who was granted an order by the a-m Service for his examination by the Athens Coroner’s Office, he was arrested for pushing away police officers who were arresting another individual-perpetrator, among others by hitting one of the officers in the face. During the arrest, he also resisted strongly with his hands and feet, even kicking the police officer, who sustained an injury of the right radiocarpal (wrist) joint and an injury of the viscerocranium.

F. The State Security Sub-Directorate of the Attica Police Security Directorate informed by phone the Head of the Criminal Prosecution at the Prosecutor’s Office to the Court of First Instance of Athens, who ordered orally the release of the accused after taking his plea, on 01/11/2024, at 15:30’.

G. Finally, with regard to the incident in question, the General Police Directorate of Athens ordered a Preliminary Administrative Inquiry (E.D.E.), under Articles 21, 22, 23 and 24, paragraph § 1, subparagraphs a’ & c’ and Article 5 of Presidential Decree 120/2008, for the investigation of any reprehensible acts on the part of police officers. The inquiry is pending, while the above Service notified the Independent Administrative Authority “Greek Ombudsman”, in the context of its competence as the National Mechanism for the Investigation of Incidents of Arbitrariness in Law Enforcement Agencies, pursuant to Article 56, par. 1 of Law 4443/2016, as amended by Article 188 of Law 4662/2020. In due course, with a view to strengthening and ensuring the principle of transparency, the case-file will be sent for review to the a-m Authority.