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## **U.S. Embassy Donates Vehicles and Equipment to the Interior Forces**

On October 7, 2009, at a ceremony held at the Interior Forces Headquarters, the U.S. Embassy's Office of Military Cooperation donated five vehicles and a variety of other military equipment to the Interior Forces. The donated equipment included 150 sets of body armor and other tactical equipment used by the elite U.S. Special Forces. The equipment is intended to assist the Interior Forces in counterterrorism operations.

Larry Memmott, the Chargé d'Affairs of the U.S. Embassy, participated in the ceremony, saying "These vehicles, and this equipment, which we are transferring to the Interior Forces of Kyrgyzstan today, represent our ongoing commitment to security in Kyrgyzstan."