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**FIVE UZBEK NATIONALS WERE CHARGED WITH BRIBERY IN AN ATTEMPT TO
OBTAIN ILLEGALLY A VISA TO THE U.S.**

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Five Uzbek nationals were arrested outside the U.S. Embassy on March 1 by Ministry of Internal Affairs officers. The arrests were part of a cooperative effort between the Ministry of Internal Affairs Anti-Organized Crime Division and the U.S. Embassy. The suspects were charged with bribery in an attempt to obtain illegally a visa to the United States and for presenting fraudulent documents. The organizers may face alien smuggling charges.