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**WHAT:** The Center for International Education at the University of New Hampshire is hosting a delegation of emergency management leaders and professionals from the Republic of Kazakhstan.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 10, 2006

- 1-2 p.m.: Alynna Lyon, assistant professor of political science, will discuss the relationship between civil servants, military structure and the role of elected officials
- 2:15-3:15 p.m.: Barry Rock, professor of natural resources, will talk about technology in environmental management
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Ted Kirkpatrick, co director of UNH's JusticeWorks, will talk about communication systems, cyber technology and crisis management.

**WHERE:** University of New Hampshire, Holloway Commons

**BACKGROUND:** Under a program called Partners for Peace – New Hampshire 2006, a delegation of 15 civil and military leaders from Kazakhstan are participating in a democracy education initiative and workshops throughout New Hampshire March 4-11. The topic of discussion is emergency planning and response in the event of a natural disaster.

The program is a joint undertaking by the University of New Hampshire, the NH National Guard, and the U.S. Department of defense to demonstrate to leaders of countries in transition to democracy New Hampshire's unique approach of how government, non-profit organizations and the private sector respond and cooperate in the event of an earthquake, flood, forest fire or other sudden natural emergencies. Kazakhstan was part of the former Soviet Union and became independent in 1990.

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