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## **In Sakhalin Region and Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra probes launched into over 1 billion rubles tax evasion by senior managers of commercial enterprises**



The Investigative Committee continues joint operation with tax authorities aimed at revealing and preventing breach of tax laws. One of results of such operation is the criminal cases opened in two constituent entities of the Russian Federation. The Sakhalin Region Office of the Investigative Committee has initiated proceedings against former director of MIDGLEN Logistics Sakhalin, a limited liability company, suspected of a crime under Part 2, item “b” of Article 199 of the RF Penal Code (tax evasion on a very large scale).

According to investigators, between 20 October 2011 and 20 March 2013, the suspect submitted to a tax authority VAT statements which contained false information and thus evaded to pay 1 billion 40 million rubles in tax.

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In addition, the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area-Yugra Office of the Investigative Committee has started a criminal investigation against the director of a commercial company engaged in construction of hydraulic structures. He is suspected of a crime under Part 2, item “b” of Article 199 of the RF Penal Code (corporate tax evasion on a very large scale).

According to investigators, the suspect failed to pay to the RF budget more than 70 million rubles in corporate tax and VAT.

Investigative and search operations are underway to find out all the details of the crimes and gather evidence. It should be noted that one of the tasks during tax investigations is taking measures to compensate for the damage done to the state. This way, almost 24 billion rubles was returned to the state in the first half of the year alone during investigations into tax crimes.

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