

Charges pressed in absentia to attackers of Russian embassy in Kiev



The Department for investigation of crimes connected with the use of prohibited means and ways of warfare of the Investigative Committee's Head Office continues looking into the cases opened into attacks on the RF Embassy in the city of Kiev in 2014 and 2016. Joint investigative and search operations conducted by investigators of the Investigative Committee, agents of the Federal Security Service and the Interior Ministry acquired enough evidence proving involvement of a number of Ukrainian citizens to the attacks.

Regarding the 2014 attacks, activist of Svoboda association Vladimir Nazarenko, Vladimir Romantsev and former deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Nikolai Rudkovsky, who are of right radical views have been charged in absentia of an attack on institutions that are under international protection to provoke war and to complicate international relations under Part 2 of Article 360 of the RF Penal Code. Nazarenko is also charged with desecration of the RF state flag under Article 329 of the RF Penal Code.

On 14 June 2014, the accused acting in conspiracy with other persons took part in damaging the property of the Russian Embassy, including throwing objects at hand to the façade of the building. Nazarenko also took part in tearing the RF state flag from the flagstaff and in desecrating it. The embassy suffered a damage of more than 14 million rubles.

The involvement of sotnik of Maidan “women’s hundred” Irma Krat and two former soldiers of Aidar battalion Sergei Novikov and Alexander Vysota in the 2016 attack on the Russian Embassy has been confirmed by the investigators. They are charged with a crime under Part of Article 360 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, Krat, Novikov, Vysota and other activists of Ukrainian right radical organizations Avtomaida, Euromaidan, Union of Antiterrorist Operation Veterans had planned their wrongdoings in advance to complicate the relations between Russia and Ukraine. At 5 AM, 10 March 2016, the accused arrived to the Russian Embassy and threw four Molotov cocktails in it causing open fires in the courtyard and in the foundation of the building. The Ukrainian citizens got all that on camera and then posted it on the Internet.

At present the investigators are checking if those accused of the 2016 attack were involved in the one committed in 2014 as well. They also keep on collected the evidence against organizers and sponsors of the crimes.

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