
Statement of Investigative Committee regarding probe against Vyacheslav Gaizer and his accomplices



An explanation is in order due to the information spread by mass media that the investigation against Vyacheslav Gaizer has been finished.

The main case against Gaizer and his accomplices is being dealt with by the Major Cases Directorate of the Investigative Committee and there are 16 defendants in it. Depending on the role of each one of them, they are charged with several major crimes including setting up and membership in a criminal community; fraud; money laundering; bribery (Articles 210, 159, part 4, items “a” and “b” of Article 174.1, Part 6 of Article 290 of the RF Penal Code). No investigation in any of the crimes has been finished. Investigative operations against the accused were finished in January and at present they are reading the case files together with their defenders. Investigators have done a lot of work on a high professional level and collected enough evidence against the accused. This work is being completed at the moment.

As for the one particular count which allegedly has been stricken off Gaizer's indictment - this count has never been there in the first place. An investigation in bribing ex-head of Syktyvkar town administration Roman Zenishchev is being conducted by the Komi Republic Office of the Investigative Committee. The initial list of defendants included Gaizer, Igor Kudinov, brothers Yuri and Alexander Bondarenko and Valery Veselov. The investigators found no evidence that Gaizer had been involved in the bribery, so these charges were dropped. At the same time, the fact of bribery was established according to the case files and at the moment the investigators are confirming that Bondarenko brothers were involved in the crime.

This way the efforts of the lawyers who are providing the public with an absolutely opposite picture claiming that the case has been messed up are no more than a gallery play and an attempt to build a defense line for the coming trial.

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