
Final charges pressed in Moscow Khovanskoye cemetery mass riots case



The Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee has finished criminal proceedings against 16 people, including head of Moscow territorial department of ritual services No 3 Ritual, a state-financed institution, Yuri Chabuyev, former police officer of the Khamovniki District Police Department Nikita Moshenko and organizer of the mass riots Alexander Bocharnikov. Depending on the role of each one, they are charged with organization of mass riots under Part 1 of Article 212, participation in mass riots under Part 2 of Article 212, infliction of grievous bodily harm entailing death of two people under Part 4 of Article 111 and exceeding authority entailing grievous consequences under part 3, item “c” of Article 286 of the RF Penal Code.

On 14 May 2016, three people were killed and more than 30 were wounded during a fight and a shootout near the central entrance to Khovanskoye cemetery in Moscow.

According to investigators, Chabuyev, Georgy Makaryev and Bocharnikov had organized mass riots to oust working migrants, citizens of Tajikistan, from Khovanskoye cemetery.

One of the accused admitted the guilt and gave evidence against other people involved in the crimes.

The investigation was complicated by a large number of investigative and procedural operations, and

forensic examinations such as ballistic, medical, portrait, DNA and dactylographic ones.

The accused and their lawyers are soon going to start reading criminal files under Article 217 of the RF Criminal Procedure Code. Once they have finished, the case is going to be forwarded for the indictment to be signed and then will be referred to court.

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