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## Investigative Committee Chairman holds briefing in St. Petersburg



Chairman of the Investigative Committee Alexander Bastrykin has held a briefing today in the city of Saint Petersburg attended by members of the investigative team and respective heads of divisions of the Investigative Committee, Federal Security Service and Interior Ministry.

Mr. Bastrykin heard reports on the progress of investigation into a terrorist attack on the Saint Petersburg metro that took place on 3 April. Considerable results were reached in a very short time: the perpetrator was identified, 8 accessories were detained and arrested.

The Chairman ordered that investigators should keep up collecting the evidence and find out the way the detainees had run their activity, whether it was organized criminal activity and whether they represented a hierarchical and close-knit organization. The investigative team was charged with checking links of every one of the suspects and finding the organizer behind the crime.

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As for the second group of persons detained in Saint Petersburg who were recruiting people for terrorist organizations, Mr. Bastrykin ordered that the investigators check possible links between them and the suspects of the terrorist attack. It is necessary to figure out how long they had been acting, where and which way they had been recruiting people, who had been coordinating and sponsoring their activity.

Mr. Bastrykin stressed that it was necessary to find out the reasons and contributing factors of the crime.

Official spokesperson for the Investigative Committee S.L. Petrenko

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