
Bus driver detained in Vladimir Region accident investigation



The Moscow Interregional Transport Office of the Investigative Committee continues investigation in a traffic accident in Vladimir Region.

By now, investigators have examined the crash scene. They have ordered DNA tests, questioned witnesses, victims and locomotive crew (engine driver and assistant engine driver), including that using video filming. The bodies have been identified and certifications have been issued to transport them. Necessary technical and service documents have been confiscated. An examination of the passenger bus has been ordered and other investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances surrounding the accident.

The preliminary investigation has found out that on 6 October 2017, a train travelling from Saint Petersburg to Nizhny Novgorod collided with a technically faulty bus at a railway crossing near Pokrov station in Petushki District, Vladimir Region. None the less, the bus driver Nurgali Sarmanov, aware of the malfunctions, still continued transporting passengers. The crash took lives of

17 people, including 2 underage ones, other passengers suffered different injuries.

Considering that two or more people were killed because Sarmanov provided unsafe services, the Moscow Interregional Transport Office of the Investigative Committee has severed an investigation against him opened in a crime under Part 3 of Article 238 of the RF Criminal Code to form a separate lawsuit.

In the near future, Sarmanov is going to be charged and then the investigators will ask courts to take him in custody pending trial. At present, investigative operations are ongoing to find out all the circumstances surrounding the accident.

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