## Probe finished in Khovanskoye cemetery mass riots in Moscow



The Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee has finished investigation in mass riots that happened at Khovanskoye cemetery in Moscow in July 2016. 17 accused people include 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, participants of the riot Sergei Ulyikhin and Vladimir Kolesnikov. 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.

According to investigators, 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. The investigators found out that Chabuyev and Bocharnikov had organized mass riots to oust working migrants, citizens of Tajikistan, from Khovanskoye cemetery.

Sergei Ulyuikhin admitted the guilt and gave evidence against other people involved in the crimes, while Vladimir Kolesnikov admitted the guilt up to a point.

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 have finished reading the case consisting of more than 100 criminal files under Article 217 of the RF Criminal Procedure Code.

Soon, the case is going to be sent for the indictment to be signed and will then be referred to court. Cases against other participants of the mass riots who are now wanted have been severed to form separate lawsuits.

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