
Alexander Bastrykin orders Investigative Committee's Central Office supervise checks and investigations opened into media reports



The other day, a number of mass media have published stories from different regions of Russia connected with both wrongdoings committed against citizens and violation of their rights.

Some federal TV channels showed cell phone footages: on one of them a teenager beats a homeless in Saint Petersburg; on the other – the staffers of a hospital in Krasnoyarsk ignore a man lying on the floor in the hospital's corridor “without signs of life”.

Mass media also reported an accident in which a woman fell into a hole filled with hot water after a pipe had ruptured in Saint Petersburg. The woman was taken to a hospital with burns to 40% of her body. There was also a story about residents of several settlements in Lazo District, Maritime Territory, who can't procure wood to heat their homes because local officials had not given them a permission to do that.

Regional offices of the Investigative Committee are running checks into all the said incidents. The Chairman has ordered that the Central Office of the Investigative Committee should supervise those checks.

An investigation in death of 5 children in a fire that happened on 3 December 2017 in Novosibirsk Region is also under control at the Investigative Committee. Investigators have been ordered to make every effort to check mass media's allegation of possible negligence of controlling authorities.

The administration of the Investigative Committee's Kurgan Region Office has been ordered to report on an investigation opened against a local resident convicted in 2016 of sexual assault on minors and on the results of a check being run into possible abuse of powers by operative police agents and a juvenile affairs official.

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