
Probe into financing of terrorism launched in Tomsk



Upon materials obtained by the Federal Security Service of Russia, the Tomsk Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has launched a probe into assisting in commission of crimes of terroristic nature in a form of financing of terrorism (Part 1 of Article 205.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia) in the interests of international terroristic organization “Islamic State” (banned in Russia).

According to the investigation, a citizen of Strezhnevoy city of Tomsk Region, while working as an operator for a company, provided services to finance the organization, to prepare and commit crimes under Articles 205.1 and 205.5 of the Criminal Code of Russia by sending money to members of international terroristic organization “Islamic State” (hereinafter referred to as “ISIS”) recognized as a terroristic organization by the Supreme Court of Russia and banned within the Russian territory.

From June 2016 to June 2017, the defendant woman, using a remote access system, had made numerous cash transfers totalling over one million roubles allocated to support the activities of the international terroristic organization ISIS. The money had been transferred to a bank account of a woman previously married to members of illegal armed gang which operated in the Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

The investigative activities included searches at the defendant's places of residence and work, during one of which the investigators found and seized Islamic literature, paintings with Islamic symbols (presumably depicting black Al-Qaeda flag), mobile phones, electronic storage devices, a laptop, and other items and documents of evidentiary importance; examination of the cars; interrogations of staff of the financial organization, through which the money had been transferred, and of relatives and acquaintances of the defendant.

The suspect was detained. During the interrogation, she admitted the facts of registering of the bank card and handing it over to the woman residing in Germany, transferring the money to other person's accounts with her knowledge, interaction with individuals involved into organizing of an armed gang. She was charged with committing an offence under Part 1 of Article 205.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia. At a request of the investigation, she was subjected to a preventive detention.

Investigative and operative activities aimed at gathering and registering of the evidence of illegal activities of the defendant are currently ongoing. During the preliminary investigation, the investigators are checking involvement of other persons into committing of this offense.

Commentary for reference: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_FZmJqtRNk&feature=youtu.be

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