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**In Khabarovsk Territory and Amur Region, organiser and participants of criminal community suspected of illegal arrangement and conduct of gambling, arrested**



The Khabarovsk Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation opened investigations under Part 1 of Article 210 (building a criminal community); Part 2 of Article 210 (participation in a criminal community); Part 3 of Article 171.2 (illegal organisation of gambling) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

According to the investigation, a man born in 1970 had created a criminal community to arrange and conduct gambling on the territory of Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk. In each of the cities, the criminal community had set one illegal casino. During the searches in the gambling halls, 29 tables, cards, chips, and accounting documents were seized. Also, searches were conducted in the offenders' places of residence (in Khabarovsk, Blagoveshchensk, Moscow): several dozens of millions of

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roubles in total were seized from the offenders, as well as servers, computers, tablets, smartphones, containing information about the criminal activity. The sum of 4.2 million roubles of the offenders' funds was arrested.

As part of the investigation, the organiser and 11 members of the criminal community were arrested, several of them have already testified. More than 50 persons were questioned as witnesses.

The investigations were opened upon operational materials of officers of the Central Office and Khabarovsk Regional Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia. The National Guard Troops carried out the forceful support during the searches.

Investigative actions are being conducted in order to establish all the circumstances of the offences. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

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