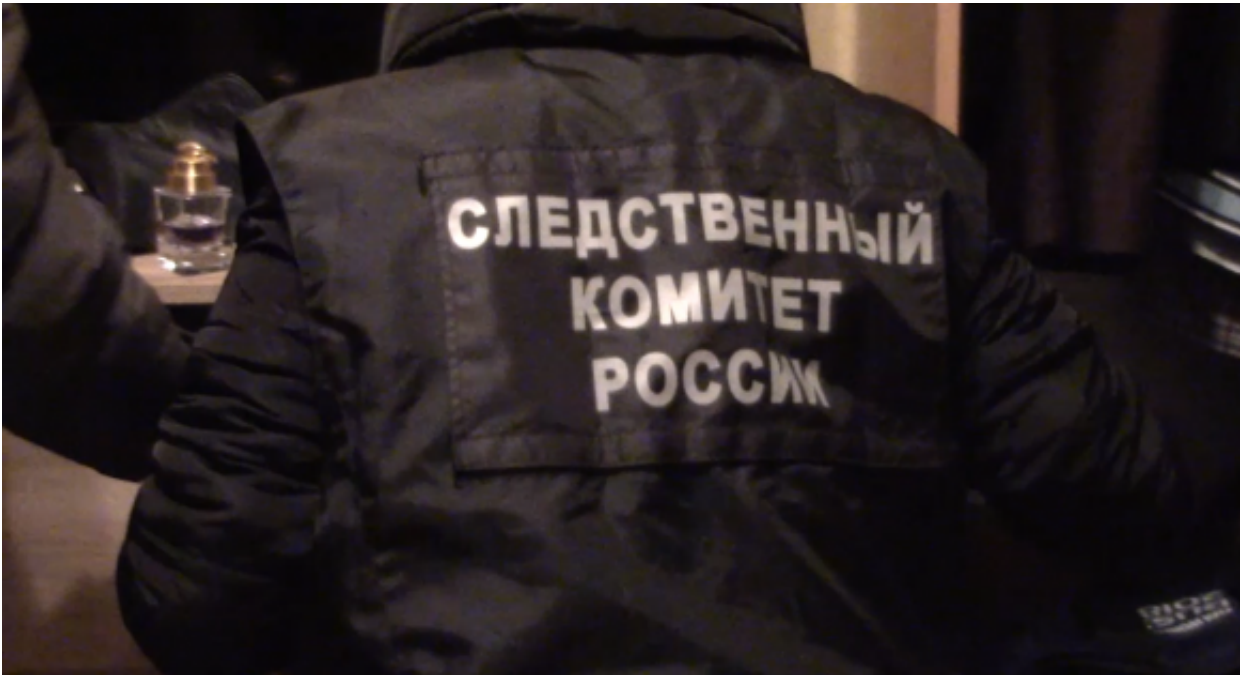

Seven suspects of financing terrorism detained



The Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation investigates a criminal case into financing of terrorism opened under Part 1.1 of Article 205.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (assisting to terrorism).

According to the investigation, since 2010 a group of radically Muslim persons has transferred with bank cards at least 38 million roubles to bank accounts of individuals taking part in military operations of international terrorist organisations Islamic State and Jabhat al-Nusra (banned by court in the Russian Federation). The money were used to finance logistics units of the terrorist organisations and to prepare and commit crimes of terrorist nature.

Within the framework of the investigation, searches were conducted in places of residence of the persons involved in the offences, in Moscow, Moscow Region, the Republic of Ingushetia, the Republic of Dagestan, and the Chechen Republic. There were the bank cards used for the financing of terrorism, devices for communication, banned literature, and other extremist attributes found during the searches.

The activities of the perpetrators have been established and terminated due to joint efforts of investigators of the Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of

Russia and officers of the Federal Security Service of Russia. Seven suspects of said offences, native of the republics of North Caucasus, were detained.

In addition, during the investigation, over 20 witnesses were questioned; information on cash flows on the bank accounts of the suspects were obtained; contacts of the detainees with members of the international terrorist organisation are being studied; examination and analysis of their correspondence and phone conversations is ongoing.

The investigation will decide upon a preventive measure for the suspects in the nearest future. The investigation is ongoing.

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