

Alexander Bastrykin presents official award to Nikolai Yevtukh, conqueror of the highest peak in Europe



During his working trip to St. Petersburg, Alexander Bastrykin, Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, met with Nikolai Yevtukh who joined the St. Petersburg Academy of the Investigative Committee of Russia as a senior methodologist in the new academic year. The event held in the North-West Transport Investigations Directorate of Russia's Investigative Committee was also attended by employees of the Directorate and students of the St. Petersburg Academy and the Cadet Corps of the IC of Russia.

Alexander Bastrykin underlined, "Nikolai Yevtukh and his comrades-in-arms dedicated their expedition to Elbrus to the 75th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War. And this is deeply symbolic since Elbrus stained with the blood of the defenders of our Motherland is an integral part of the heroic defense of the Caucasus. Thousands of Soviet soldiers had died there. People of different nationalities had given their lives on the Caucasian mountains, writing one of the

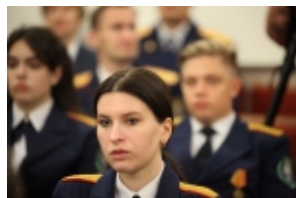
most glorious pages in the history of the war with their deeds of valor. And it is a particular pleasure that the officers we are honoring today have raised the banner of the Russian Investigative Committee to Elbrus. They have demonstrated that the traditions and the feats of our ancestors are among the Investigative Committee's beliefs and that we are standing ready to perform any heroic act in the name of our homeland."

In a solemn atmosphere, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee presented the departmental Valor and Courage medal to Nikolay Yevtukh, having noted his courage in service and life. The members of the group, who helped and supported Nikolay Yevtukh in his ascent to the top of the mountain, also received awards and acknowledgments from the authorities.

Nikolai Yevtukh, a veteran of St. Petersburg's Special Forces and a holder of a number of state awards, was wounded 19 years ago in battles with armed gangs in the Chechen Republic, which resulted in a disability. But that did not prevent him from realizing his long-held dream of conquering the highest peak of Europe, which is not an easy task even for trained climbers. This August, with the assistance of the Investigative Committee of Russia, Nikolai Yevtukh and his comrades-in-arms made a difficult journey and, showing tremendous willpower, climbed to the top of Elbrus, deploying the banner of the Investigative Committee of Russia there.

At the end of the meeting, Alexander Bastrykin wished Nikolai Yevtukh good luck in achieving his new goals. The Chairman concluded that the dedication and valor of such true patriots of the Motherland as Nikolai Yevtukh, who consider the honor of the uniform as the principle of life, should be a heritage and a model of the performance of duties for the young generation who have chosen the path of serving Russia.

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