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## **In Zabaikalsky Territory, local residents to appear in court accused of organization of illegal gambling**

The Zabaikalsky Regional Office of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation finished the investigation into 27 local residents charged with crimes under Part 3 of Article 171.2 (Illegal organization and holding of gambling committed by an organized group and related to the gaining of a large income), Paragraph A of Part 4 of Article 174.1 (legalization (laundering) of monetary funds or other property acquired by a person as a result of an offence committed by them, committed by an organized group, at a large scale), and Parts 1 and 2 of Article 210 (organization of a criminal community and participation in it) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

According to the investigators, the accused had created a network of illegal gambling facilities located in Chita, Krasnokamensk, and settlements of Zabaikalsky and Aginskoe. For three years, the illegal gambling clubs had been operating as beer bars and internet cafes. The members of the criminal group had thoroughly concealed the activities of the illegal gambling clubs--only permanent clients had had access to the premises. The work of the nine illegal gambling clubs had been organized in such a manner. The illegal proceeds totaled over 30 million rubles.

The investigation gathered enough evidence; therefore, the probe with the approved indictment will be sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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