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## Persons suspected of assisting terrorism detained



The Main Investigations Directorate over North Caucasian Federal District of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation continues the investigation into Russian citizens financing terrorist activities of the international terrorist organization ISIS (banned in the Russian Federation).

The investigation established that, from 2014 to September 2017, the members of the international terrorist organization ISIS--Russian citizens, while in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, had organized financing of terrorist activities of the said illegal organization. For this purpose, they had engaged citizens of the Republic of Dagestan who had organized in several Russian constituents the collection of money via payment systems and bank cards and cash delivery to the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic controlled by members of the international terrorist organization ISIS. In order to finance terrorist activities, they had collected at least 8 million rubles from over 200 persons from North Caucasian, Southern, Central, North Western, Siberian, and Ural Federal Districts, including persons subjected to criminal proceedings for offences involving terrorism.

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The investigators of the Main Investigations Directorate over North Caucasian Federal District of the Investigative Committee of Russia, jointly with the Federal Security Service of Russia, the Main Directorate for Economic Security and Corruption Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, and the Centre for Combating Extremism of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia over North Caucasian Federal District, are conducting large-scale activities including searches in places of residence of the suspects and persons involved in financing terrorism, in seven constituents of the Russian Federation: the city of Moscow, Moscow Region, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous District—Yugra, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Astrakhan Region, Stavropol Territory, and the Republic of Dagestan.

Two persons were detained during the investigative activities in Moscow and Moscow Region on suspicion of committing an offence under Part 1 of Article 205.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (assisting terrorism). Due to the gravity of the committed offences, the investigation intends to ask the court to put them into custody.

At present, the investigation is establishing roles and exact actions the suspects had taken about financing terrorism and checking their involvement in other offences not related to the probe. Moreover, the investigation is inspecting the involvement in a similar offence of another identified person and taking active measures to identify other accomplices in the offence.

Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9dyVgAen\\_k&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9dyVgAen_k&feature=youtu.be)

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