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## **In Astrakhan, probe launched into organizer of financing terrorism**



The Astrakhan Regional Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia has launched a probe into a 32-year-old resident of the Republic of Dagestan suspected of committing an offense under Part 4 of Article 205.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (organization of financing terrorism).

According to the investigation, in 2015, the suspect had left the Russian Federation for the Turkish Republic, from where he had moved in undefined circumstances to the Syrian Arab Republic and had voluntarily started to take part in the activities of the international terroristic organization ISIS (banned in Russia).

In January 2016, the suspect, using the Telegram messenger, had suggested that an Astrakhan citizen assisted the terrorist activities by means of collecting money; the woman had agreed.

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From 2016 to February 2019, the Astrakhan citizen had been placing her bank card details for the money collection in private chats using the Telegram messenger under false pretenses of charitable aid and had been transferring the collected money to the international terrorist organization ISIS in order to provide financial assistance to the activities of this organization. The total sum of the money collected had amounted to at least 200,000 rubles. The investigation is at the final stage.

The criminal investigation into the organizer of financing terrorism is ongoing.

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