## Working visit of Alexander Bastrykin to St. Petersburg



During his working visit to Saint Petersburg, Chairman of the Investigative Committee Alexander Bastrykin held a personal reception session for citizens of Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Region. The reception was attended by chiefs and officers of regional investigative departments processing probes and investigative materials which had drawn the attention of Alexander Bastrykin addressed by citizens.

One of the applicants previously received by the Head of the Committee applied again to discuss results of investigation into the death of her son in Vsevolozhsky District of Leningrad Region. Her initial application was related to her disagreement with the process of investigation of internal affairs units into her son's death in the traffic accident and with the version of the accident. Alexander Bastrykin initiated transfer of the probe to the Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia. Basing on data obtained during investigation the bus driver was accused of traffic violation entailing by negligence death of a person. During reception of the woman results of a number of forensic examinations and other conclusions of investigation were

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discussed in detail. The applicant thanked the Head of the Committee and investigators of the regional investigations directorate of the Investigative Committee for their work. After listening to the mother who lost her son Alexander Bastrykin instructed his subordinates to take all measures required for the probe to be completed and referred to court as soon as possible.

A representative of a legal entity engaged in shipbuilding applied to the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia with a request to initiate transfer of probe materials processed by the transport police to officers of the North-West Transport Investigations Directorate currently investigating a probe into similar facts. It was related to embezzlement of funds by Director General of a company previously concluded an equipment supply contract with the affected company. The terms of the contract were not properly fulfilled which inflicted multimillion damage to the legal entity represented by the applicant. At present investigation has arrested the property of the joint stock company whose director is accused of swindling. Alexander Bastrykin instructed the direction of the North-West Transport Investigations Directorate to thoroughly examine the materials and take all required measures for prompt and high-quality investigation on the probe.

A St.Petersburg citizen told the Head of the Committee about a conflict with a lecturer accused of committing of an especially grave offence that occurred in 2018. The young man reported that upon conclusion of a lecture he - the audience member - had a disagreement with the lecturer as a result of which he was withdrawn from the class with use of physical force upon instruction of the lecturer. The latter applied to the police in relation to this matter, however, according to him, no appropriate action has been taken. The Chairman instructed the direction of the St. Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate to request and examine materials on the indicated episode and to thoroughly examine and verify all incoming information related to actions of the lecturer in different year under the investigated probe.

Solving of all issues announced during the reception was put under supervision.

After the reception of citizens Alexander Bastrykin met with cadets of the St. Petersburg Cadet Corps of the Investigative Committee of Russia - orphan children and children left without parental care. High schoolers told about their vacations and passed events. One cadet shared his impression of taking part in history contest, another inmate of the Cadet Corps told about writing a geographical dictation. The Head of the Investigative Committee of Russia commended the children and noted that participation in such events develops erudition and logical thinking, broadens minds, engages children in receiving new knowledge and enables them to make new friends.

Apart from that, Alexander Bastrykin delivered a lecture in St. Petersburg State University dedicated to relevant issues of activities of the Investigative Committee of Russia.

During his presentation he reported about the main goals of the Committee and provided some statistical data that reflect efficiency of the existing investigation. He also noted that the clear division of labour of investigation and monitoring bodies enhanced quality of preliminary

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investigation: number of probes returned by courts decreased by a factor of 3.5 compared with 2006, that is before the reform.

The Doctor of Law paid special attention to some priority directions of activities of the Investigative Committee of Russia. This includes solving and investigation of past years crimes, active development of forensic units of the Committee and forensic surveillance of investigative units.

The Head of the Committee highlighted investigation of economic, tax and corruption offences. As Alexander Bastrykin noted, from 2011 almost 80,000 probes into corruption offences have been referred to court. He added that investigators take explicit measures to find property acquired in an illegal way and property required to ensure implementation of sentences in compensation of damage, possible confiscation and other proprietary penalties.

Moreover, Alexander Bastrykin explained the procedure of considering applications of patients and their relatives related to quality of medical services. He explained that the probes are launched to establish or refute the causal links between organization of the treatment process (medical actions) and unfavourable circumstances for the patients. In general, investigators of the Investigative Committee of Russia provide a balanced approach to evaluation of validity of grounds for launching of probes.

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## Изображения



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