
Man charged with assaulting the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ukraine in 2016 is arrested in absentia



The Investigations Directorate on Crimes Associated with Prohibited War Means at the Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia continues to investigate a criminal case initiated into the assault on the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Kiev in March, 2016.

Earlier in the course of this criminal investigation the court chose in absentia a preventive measure of remanding in custody for Ukrainian citizens Vladimir Koshovenko and Irma Krat.

Today 34-year old Ukrainian citizen Roman Ragozin was also detained in absentia upon the investigators' request. He is accused of committing an offence under Article 360 of the Criminal Code of Russia (assaults on persons or institutions enjoying international protection). The preliminary probe concluded that on the 6th of March, 2016, Ragozin and other people actively

participated in the assault on the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Kiev which resulted in a gross violation of office procedure at the Russian diplomatic institution and significant material damage to the Russian Embassy's property.

Ukrainian law enforcement agencies qualify such clearly coordinated actions against Russian diplomatic institutions as hooliganism, taking no account of the standards of international law. Therefore, the Investigative Committee of Russia has grounds for using all measures prescribed by international law and national legislation to protect Russian citizens and foreign missions in Ukraine.

At this point investigators continue proceedings aimed towards identification of all people involved in these crimes. Their actions will be given a relevant legal assessment.

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