## Children from Syria visit Russia upon initiative of the Investigative Committee of Russia



Upon instruction of Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia Alexander Bastrykin, the Educational Outreach Directorate of the Committee organized a trip to Moscow for children from the Syrian Arab Republic. Syrian school students, children of servicemen killed in combats with radical Islamists, received another opportunity for a vacation in Russia upon initiative of the Investigative Committee of Russia and with support of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic in Moscow.

The plane of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation with 20 Syrian children and their accompanying persons aboard, landed in one of Moscow airports, after which they headed to the Alexander Nevsky Cadet Corps of the Investigative Committee of Russia. Cadets of the Investigative Committee of Russia traditionally warmly welcomed the children.

Officers of the Investigative Committee of Russia prepared for the children not only an educational program that acquainted them with our history but also an entertainment program that distracted

them from the war hardship and misery and pain caused by it.

Their trip around Moscow started with visiting halls of the Kremlin Palace, architectural monuments and Russian metal casting art pieces located in the Kremlin. After getting acquainted with one of the main sights of the Capital, children went on a tour to Zaryadie Park. The children were excited by a virtual flight above Moscow and an Ice Cave, where they saw and touched the snow for the first time. The Syrian children received sweet treats on an ice-cream plant. The children visited a complex of unique objects of the Patriot Park. They also became guests of the largest puppet art centre - S.V. Obraztsov Central Puppet Theatre and Moscow Residence of Ded Moroz, receiving a first-hand experience of our traditions and art.

A concert prepared by cadets of the Investigative Committee of Russia for their new Syrian friend became a part of the program, and during it, the Syrian children also demonstrated their talents. Riad Khaddad, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Syrian Arab Republic in the Russian Federation, became one of the honored guests of this event. He noted the friendly atmosphere and thanked the hosting party for caring and responsive attitude,

Meeting with the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia became a significant event for the children. «The Russian party does everything possible for establishing peace in your Motherland. This includes humanitarian aid Russia provides to make this tough historical moment easier for you. I want your trip to Moscow to become a winter fairytale,» - Alexander Bastrykin underlined addressing the Syrian children. During the meeting, Alexander Bastrykin told them about cadet education of the Committee, cadet educational program, their life and participation in different socially important events. The children also found out about the All-Russian Patriotic Youth Good Deeds Relay organized by the Investigative Committee of Russia and dedicated to the anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War.

Showing interest in the words of the Head of the Committee, the children expressed their gratitude to the Head of the Investigative Committee of Russia for the warm welcome and noted that they like Russia very much. Syrian children sang a song and recited poems about mother.

In conclusion of the meeting, Alexander Bastrykin presented gifts to all the children and noted that in future the program of inviting Syrian children to Russia will be extended.

The Syrian delegation stayed in Moscow for almost a week. Cadets of the Investigative Committee of Russia and the Syrian guests obtained new friends and new knowledge and received positive emotions and vivid impressions. A trip to Moscow became a New Year present of some kind for the Syrian children.

Providing help to children affected during terrorist acts and military combats is an integral part of activities of the Investigative Committee of Russia for protection of rights and legal interests of juveniles affected by crimes. The work, aimed to rehabilitate and support children, having by a twist

of fate faced threatening and devastating war effects and crimes, will be continued.

## Video report

## Изображения





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