## Investigation of a probe into two members of a gang led by Basaev and Khattab finished



The Main Investigative Department over the North Caucasian Federal District of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished investigation of a probe into Aslanbek Idalov and Salambek Idalov born in Chechen Republic. They are accused of committing offenses under Part 2 of Article 209 (participation in a gang), Article 279 (participation in an armed riot) and Article 317 of the Criminal Code of Russia (encroachment on servicemen and participants of law enforcement bodies).

According to the investigation, the defendants joined one of the gangs led by Basayev and Khattab in September 1999. On October 4, 1999, in the area of the village of Chervlennaya, Shelkovsky district of the Chechen Republic, gang members carried out an armed attack on servicemen of the military unit of the Russian Ministry of Defense. As a result, 15 servicemen were killed, 28 received injuries of varying severity.

The investigation gathered enough evidence; therefore, the criminal case against Idalov brothers with the approved indictment has been sent to the Southern District Military Court to be tried on the merits.

The Investigative Committee in collaboration with operational services continues to carry out operational and search activities and take investigative and other procedural measures aimed to identify all gang members involved in the attack. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

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