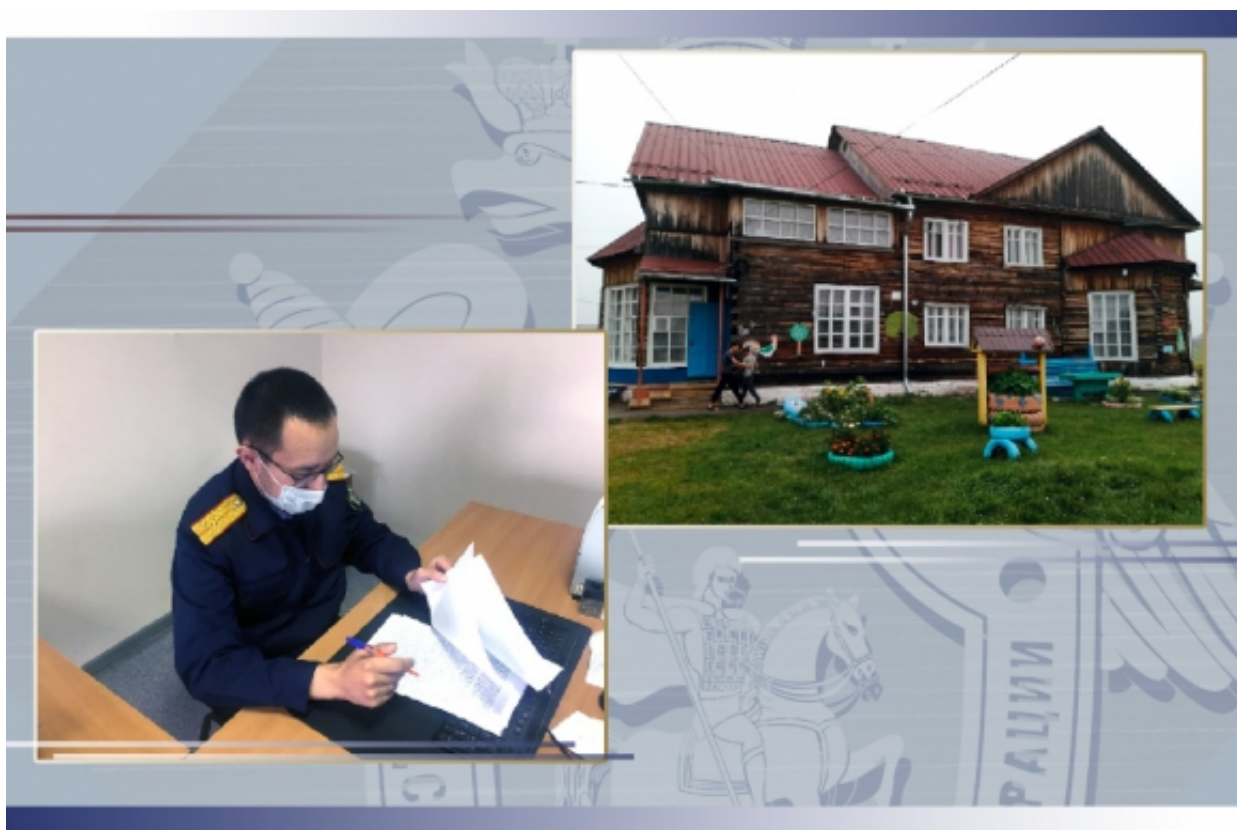


The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia requests a report on progress of investigation of a probe into violation of rights of children in a boarding school in Irkutsk Region



Alexander Bastykin demanded from the head of the Irkutsk Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia a report on investigation of a probe into violation of children's rights in a boarding school in Kvitok labor settlement. Depending on the role of each, the investigators pressed charges against deputy director for educational outreach work, two teachers and a nurse under Paragraph A of Part 3 of Article 286 (abuse of power with use of violence), Article 156 (failure to fulfill duties of upbringing a minor), Paragraph D of Part 2 of Article 117 of the Criminal Code of Russia (torture of a minor). Upon initiative of investigative authorities the said workers were suspended. Also, one more teacher was suspected of committing an offense under Article 156 of the Criminal Code of Russia.

It was established that on August 5 several inmates of Kvitok boarding school told the police that the

employees of the institution used physical force against them. According to them, the reason for this attitude was the unauthorized departure of adolescents from the boarding school. At the moment, the fact of causing bodily harm to four inmates has been established.

The Chairman of the Investigative Committee instructed the investigation to investigate the circumstances of the violation of children's rights and take measures to identify all the facts of the use of violence against the inmates of the institution. Also, the head of the Committee instructed to establish whether the boarding school was inspected by supervisory authorities. The progress and results of investigation of the probes are to be supervised by the Central Office of the Committee.

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