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## **Sentence imposed over a participant of a terrorist community operating in a penal colony in the Republic of Kalmykia**



The evidence collected by the Main Investigative Department over the North Caucasian Federal District of the Investigative Committee of Russia in cooperation with the Central Office of the Federal Security Service of Russia, Kalmykia Republican Department of the Federal Security Service of Russia, Main Directorate for Combating Extremism of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia was found by court to be sufficient to sentence resident of the Republic of Kalmykia Robert Emirgamzaev. He was found guilty of committing a crime under Part 2 of Article 205.4 of the Criminal Code of Russia (participation in a terrorist community).

Investigation established that in the middle of 2013, Shahban Gasanov, born in the Republic of Dagestan, serving a sentence for illegal traffic of firearms in the Penal Colony No. 2013 of the Kalmykia Department of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia, had created a terrorist

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community in the said colony in order to promote, justify, and support terrorism. After being released from the Federal Penal Colony No. 2015 in 2015, residing in the Republic of Dagestan, Gasanov declared himself as an amir, that is, a leader of an illegal armed formation operating in the Republic of Dagestan. He was subsequently eliminated on March 31, 2015 at encroachment on life of law enforcement officers in Khasavurt, Republic of Dagestan.

From the middle of 2013 to December 16, 2019 over 100 convicted persons from the penal colony became members of the criminal community supporting its aims and goals. In the middle of 2013 Emirgazmaev, serving a sentence in the Penal Colony No. 2 in the Republic of Kalmykia, gave his consent to participate in a terrorist community and voluntarily joined it.

Emirgazmaev was an active participant of the terrorist community, followed its general principles and rules of conduct they formed as a result of their false understanding of their religious supremacy over other members of the civil society, learnt Arabic language, received ideological training, attended lectures delivered by members of the terrorist community possessing relevant knowledge of literature found by court to be extremist materials.

The court sentenced Emirgazmaev to 5.5 years of imprisonment in a special regime correctional colony.

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