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## **The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia requests to clarify the situation with non-returning of cultural valuables of the Republic of Crimea**



In connection with the removal of objects of cultural heritage belonging to the museums of the Republic of Crimea and the subsequent decision of the Court of Appeal in Amsterdam on the transfer of the collection of Scythian gold to Ukraine, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia instructed the head of the Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia in the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol V.N. Terentyev to organize an investigation into the fact of non-returning of cultural valuables belonging to the Republic of Crimea.

Alexander Bastrykin also instructed the Department of Legal Support and International Cooperation of the Investigative Committee of Russia, in cooperation with the Russian Foreign Ministry, to assist in carrying out verification measures and to thoroughly investigate the situation.

Reportedly, a collection of Scythian gold from four Crimean museums, about 2 thousand artifacts, was taken to Amsterdam, where on February 6, 2014 the exhibition "Crimea - Gold and Secrets of

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the Black Sea" was opened. Despite the fact that representatives of the Russian Federation and Crimean museums have repeatedly noted the need to return the museum objects to Crimea, where they were discovered and stored for decades, the Netherlands made the decision to please the political situation. Investigative bodies of the Investigative Committee of Russia will give a proper assessment of the violation of the interests of the Russian Federation within the legal framework.

Official spokesperson for the Investigative Committee of Russia S. Petrenko

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