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## **The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia holds a video-conference briefing**



The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia Alexander Ivanovich Bastrykin held an operational meeting in the form of a video-conference dedicated to the observance of procedural deadlines by territorial investigative agencies. The event was attended by the First Deputy and deputies of the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia, heads of the Central Office departments, regional investigations departments and educational institutions.

Alexander Bastrykin noted that in 2021 systemic measures were taken aimed at protecting the rights of participants in criminal proceedings. As a result, the number of crime reports that were processed within more than 10 days decreased by 21%, while the bulk of the reports were processed within three days. The work of investigative departments in the Komi Republic, the Chechen Republic, and the Nizhny Novgorod Region was positively noted in this respect, where up to 90% of all crime reports received were examined within three days.

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In the investigative units of the Investigative Committee of Russia, there is a positive trend of reducing the time frame for preliminary investigation, and the number of criminal cases investigated within a period of up to two months has increased.

At the same time, the investigation of certain crimes takes a long time. In this context, the investigative departments of the Kostroma, Orenburg, and Volgograd Regions were noted from the negative side.

The head of the agency indicated an alarming trend related to the growing number of criminal cases terminated due to the expiration of the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution.

In some units, more than half of all criminal cases are investigated within more than two months. These include investigative departments in the Republic of Tyva, Irkutsk, Pskov and Tver Regions. A number of territorial investigative agencies have recorded long delays in the investigation of criminal cases into offenses of small and medium gravity. The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia stressed that this indicates insufficient control of managers over the work of subordinate investigators.

The meeting separately heard the heads of departments whose work has shortcomings in ensuring compliance with procedural deadlines. Among them are K. Levit, Head of the Voronezh Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia, D. Vastyanov, Acting Head of the Irkutsk Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia, and V. Ignatenko, Acting Head of the Investigative Committee of Russia in the Republic of Karelia.

Following the discussion of the agenda, Alexander Ivanovich instructed to take specific managerial measures to increase the intensity of work, especially on dangerous and difficult to prove criminal acts. "We need to severely curb sluggishness that leads to the termination of criminal cases due to expiration of the statute of limitations, to understand the reasons for delaying the investigation," said the head of the department. Heads of investigative units were instructed to personally monitor the timing of procedural decisions on materials of inspections and criminal cases that are difficult to investigate. Particular attention should be paid to mentoring young investigators.

As part of the meeting, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia was separately reported on the further implementation of measures aimed at providing employees of the department with service housing. To date, procedures have already begun for the purchase of apartments for 100 million rubles. At the same time, the Government of the Russian Federation supported the issue of redistribution of another 100 million rubles, withdrawn from the internal reserves of the Investigative Committee of Russia, for the purchase of housing.

Based on the results of the event, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee gave the necessary instructions.

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## Изображения



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