## Two defendants in a criminal case of embezzlement of budgetary funds face trial



The Main Investigative Department over North Caucasian Federal District of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has completed the investigation into the criminal cases against Zagir Hasanov and Medzhid Ramazanov, residents of the Republic of Dagestan. Depending on their roles they were each charged with committing crimes under Part 2 of Article 210, Part 4 of Article 159 and Part 5 of Article 33, Part 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code (participation in a criminal association, fraud within an organized criminal group, on a particularly large scale, complicity in fraud within an organized criminal group, on a particularly large scale).

According to investigators, a criminal association led by lawyer Arslanali Abulmuslimov operated in the Republic of Dagestan between April 2011 and July 2020. It consisted of lawyers, officials from the Russian Interior Ministry, a notary and residents of the Republic of Dagestan. Members of the criminal network submitted falsified claims to the judicial authorities of the Republic of Dagestan in

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the interests of persons allegedly entitled to rehabilitation in connection with their unlawful prosecution, as well as forged documents confirming such a right. On the basis of the documents submitted, the courts granted the claims and ordered the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation to pay compensation for moral and pecuniary damage from the Treasury of the Russian Federation.

As a result of these criminal acts, the members of the criminal association stole at least 80 million roubles from the budget of the Russian Federation. During the preliminary investigation, Hasanov and Ramazanov pleaded guilty to the charges against them.

The investigation was carried out in cooperation with a subdivision of the Central Office of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia.

Criminal cases with confirmed indictments have been sent to court for consideration on the merits.

In order to compensate for the damage caused, the property of the defendants (cars, land, flats, houses and money) was seized during the investigation. The criminal cases against the remaining members of the criminal network are still being investigated.

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