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## **Another two participants of an armed attack against settlements of Botlikhsky District of the Republic of Dagestan in 1999 detained**



The Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia over the North Caucasus Federal District continues the investigation into the criminal case opened on the fact of the armed attack on residential areas of the Botlikhsky district of the Republic of Dagestan in 1999. Investigators, together with members of the Federal Security Service and the Russian Interior Ministry, and with the force support of the Rosgvardia, detained two natives of the Stavropol region, Kairbek Bakiev and Ilkhan Kanmurzaev. The court remanded Bakiev in custody at the request of the investigation.

The said persons were members of an illegal armed formation led by Sh. Basaev and E. Khattab. Their actions are recognized as crimes under Part 2 of Article 209, Article 279, Article 317 of the Criminal Code of Russia (banditry, armed rebellion, encroachment on the life of military personnel and law enforcement officers).

It was established that in mid-July 1999 these persons voluntarily joined a gang under the general leadership of Basaev and Khattab and took an active part in the commission of grave and especially

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grave crimes. Thus, in the period from August 7 to 24, 1999 the fighters, armed with automatic weapons, grenades and explosive devices and with a total number of at least 1,000 men, took an active part in an armed insurgency to overthrow the constitutional order and violate the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation. They committed an encroachment on the life of servicemen of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, ensuring public safety and establishing constitutional order on the territory of the Botlikhsky District of the Republic of Dagestan. As a result of the massive targeted shelling performed by the gang members 33 persons had been killed and 34 citizens had received injuries of varying severity.

Investigative and other procedural actions aimed at establishing their roles and actions in the stable armed group were conducted with the participation of Bakiyev and Kannmurzaev.

The criminal investigation is ongoing; investigation is taking active measures to identify other gang participants involved in the attack.

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