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## **The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia holds a briefing session in Genichesk, Kherson Oblast**



Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Bastrykin, Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia held a briefing session of the Headquarters for the investigation of crimes committed by Ukrainian formations against the civilian population and Russian Military Personnel in the city of Genichesk, Kherson Oblast. It was attended by Mr. Eduard Valerievich Kaburneev, First Deputy Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia; Mr. Konstantin Evgenievich Korpusov, Deputy Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia - Head of the Main Military Investigative Directorate; Mr. Anatoly Ivanovich Sazonov, Head of Main Forensic Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia; Mr. Mikhail Anatolyevich Ignashkin, Deputy Director of the Forensic Expert Center of the Investigative Committee; Senior Officers, Officers of Divisions of the Main Directorate, including the Main Investigative Directorate and Military Investigative Bodies of the Russian Investigative Committee.

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The Head of the Department was informed about the latest results of criminal investigations on crimes, committed by the Kiev Regime against civilian population and Russian Military personnel.

Since the previous report, 10 criminal cases have been finalized for being submitted to the Prosecutor's Office and a total of 126 criminal cases have been finalized.

The investigation of the criminal case on the participation of foreign mercenaries in hostilities on the side of Ukraine continues. It was found that the Employees of Ukrainian Embassies are involved in the process of selecting mercenaries abroad. Various Foreign State Bodies and Public Organizations are also involved into this. Some of the mercenaries have been attracted to the Donbas Armed Conflict since 2014, many of them have combat experience of participating in war conflicts in the countries of the Middle East. As a result of the work done, the participation of about a thousand mercenaries from 54 countries of the world was documented. At the same time, the most active countries in terms of supplying manpower to Ukraine are the UK, the USA, Canada, Israel, France, Sweden, Georgia, Finland, Poland and Lithuania.

Back in 2016, President of Ukraine Poroshenko legalized the Decree on the admission of expatriates and stateless persons to military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The adoption of such measures may indicate that the Political and Military Leadership of Ukraine planned an attack on the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics in advance.

Also, in the structure of the Military Forces of Ukraine, the "International Legion of Territorial Defense of Ukraine" was established, where foreign mercenaries from different countries may enter the service. By signing a contract with the Armed Forces of Ukraine, expatriates receive a salary, they are invited to apply for citizenship of Ukraine in a simplified manner. These measures were taken for increasing the number of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and legalizing mercenarism. Such actions demonstrate the desire of the Kiev Regime to avoid responsibility prescribed in International Law.

Also, during the investigation, the facts of the provision of military assistance to Ukraine by the collective West by training of personnel of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in accordance to NATO standards are documented. Representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Georgia, Romania, Poland, Lithuania and others were among foreign military specialists who instructed in the handling of foreign weapons, combat coordination, and combat in various conditions. In addition, during the interrogation of prisoners, information was obtained about the presence of citizens of Great Britain and Sweden in the Armed Formations of Ukraine; they taught military personnel the first aid provision.

During the investigation, the facts of the weapons supply to Ukraine by Western continues were documented. At least 25 states are involved in this process, 21 of them are the NATO members. Among the delivered weapons and ammunition are: 122-mm shells for MLRS, 125-mm shells for tanks, 120-mm and 60-mm mortar ammunition, howitzers and shells for them, grenade launchers,

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UAVs, helicopters, tanks, NLAW anti-tank guided missiles, Javelin: missile systems and other equipment.

The Investigative Committee of Russia is carrying out large-scale work to document the consequences of crimes committed and assess the damage caused. Thus, the total cost of restoration work is about two billion rubles, according to the conclusions of experts on the examined objects in the cities of Stakhanov, Shchastia, Krasny Luch and Kirovsk. At present, appraisal construction and technical expertise has also been appointed for the inspected objects of the residential compounds and infrastructure of the Luganskaya village, Stanichnoye-Lugansky raion and the Alchevsk city of the LPR.

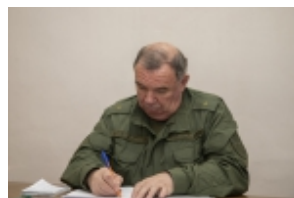
Investigators of the Russian Investigative Committee continue to document and investigate the facts of transferring the coordinates of civilian infrastructure facilities to the Military Personnel of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

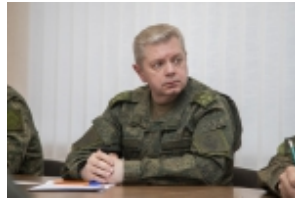
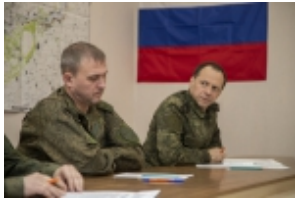
To date, the investigation has a database of dead civilians at its disposal, which allows to identify their relatives quickly for subsequent recognition as victims.

Forensic Specialists of the Main Forensic Directorate (Forensic Center) of the Investigative Committee of Russia continue to provide practical assistance to the investigation in establishing the facts of the criminal activities committed by Ukrainian nationalists, in particular members of the "Aidar" and "Tornado" battalions (organizations banned on the territory of the Russian Federation). In cooperation with experts, witnesses and victims of their atrocities, as well as new defendants from among the participants of mentioned above formations were identified.

Following the session, Mr. A.I. Bastrykin gave a number of instructions and outlined the deadlines for their implementation.

## **Изображения**





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