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## **An accusation charge is brought on illegal migration organization**



The Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia has charged Mr. Vyacheslav Fokin, Deputy Head of the Directorate of Internal Affairs of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Moscow, and Mr. Dmitry Takhtaulov, former Deputy Head of Moscow Directorate for Migration, as well as two Entrepreneurs: Mr. Andrei Shkolnikov and Mr. Vitaly Abramov. They are accused of committing a crime prescribed in Part 2, Article 322.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (organization of illegal migration).

The investigation found that in 2021, Officers of the Capital's Migration Directorate have received applications from a Commercial Company controlled by Entrepreneurs for permission to enter foreign citizens; the information provided confirmed that the Company did not carry out any economic activity but the false information was provided in relation to the purpose of entry of the expatriates. On the basis of the Entrepreneurs' petitions, the Officials of the Directorate of Internal Affairs of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Moscow, using their Official position, organized the illegal issuance of invitations for the entry of foreign citizens into the

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Russian Federation.

The Officials and Entrepreneurs were detained and charged. In order to confirm their criminal activity, searches were carried out at the accused, during which cash and documents confirming their illegal activities were seized.

The Investigators petition the court to impose a restraint as custody to the detainees.

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