
Investigation of Bulgaria case completed

The Central Investigative Department of the Russian Investigative Committee has finished collecting evidence in the case of sunk diesel electric ship Bulgaria.

The ship's sub-lender of Bulgaria Svetlana Inyakina and a senior expert of Kama branch of Russian river register Yakov Ivashov, chief mate Ramil Khametov, head of Kazan line department of Volga Rostransnadzor Department Irik Timergazeyev and his subordinate – chief state inspector Vladislav Semyonov are ultimately charged.

Inyakina is charged with rendering services which do not meet safety standards (article 238 of the Russian Criminal Code), violation of the rules for traffic safety and operation of water transportation system (article 263 of the RCC), violation of labor protection rules (article 143 of RCC); Ivashov - wrongful issue of an official document which certifies compliance services rendered by Inyakina with standards of safety to lives or health of consumers (article 238 of RCC), abuse of official powers out of mercenary or any other personal interests (article 285 of RCC); Khametov - violation of the rules for traffic safety and operation of water transportation system (article 263 of RCC); Timergazeyev and Semyonov - abuse of official powers out of other personal interests (article 285 of RCC).

The wrongdoings of all said persons caused Bulgaria sink on 10 July 2011 entailing death of 122 passengers and crew members and harm to health of 79 persons.

Under the motion of the investigation the court imposed on Inyakina, Ivashov, Timergazeyev and Semyonov a restraint to put them into custody. Khametov gave a written undertaking not to leave.

The investigation has collected sufficient evidence, therefore on 10 May 2012 the complainants, defendants and their legal advisors were informed about the end of investigative actions. At the moment complainants and their representatives (which are 170 people) have started to familiarize themselves with the files of the case which amounted to 80 volumes.

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