
In Sverdlovsk region criminal case over attack on Village of Sagra sent to court

The Urals Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has completed investigation of a criminal case over the attack on the village of Sagra in the Sverdlovsk region in the summer of 2011. Depending of their roles in the crime 23 participants of this crime were charged with crimes under articles 209, 212, 327, 119 of the RF Criminal Code (banditry, organization and participation in mass riots, forgery, threats of murder).

According to investigators, Ivan Lebedev and Kakhaver Chichua, serving their time in prison, set up a gang of 8 people in 2011. Besides them the gang included Shota Katamadze, Artyom Rabadanov, Magomed Bekov, Vitaly Slatimov, Kardash Fatakhov and Faig Musayev. In summer 2011, two residents of Sagra village Valentina and Vyacheslav Lebedevs after the quarrel with the local people, called to the prison to their relative Ivan Lebedev and for 30 thousand rubles asked to organize mass disturbances in the village. On the instructions from Ivan Lebedev, Shota Katamadze together with other members of the gang worked out a plan of attack on the village. Then gang members in a minimum time called to their acquaintances and gathered no less than 30 people. Armed with a sawn-off double barrel gun, traumatic weapons, baseball bats, wooden sticks, metallic bars and other objects, they arrived at the village on 13 cars and organized mass unrest. Showing their guns, the accused made threats to kill their victims and made several shots. Only after being informed that a team of policemen were on their way the attackers left.

Within the framework of the investigation, investigators have carried out 83 expertise, more than 200 people have been questioned, more than 100 objects and documents relevant for the case and making up 77 volumes have been examined. The officers of the Urals Federal District Main Directorate of the Russia's Interior Ministry provided field support to the investigators.

Investigators have collected enough evidence therefore the case with the approved indictment is sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

The officers of the Sverdlovsk region Main Directorate of the Russia's Interior Ministry who had let the conflict to happen are prosecuted under part 1 of article 293 of the RF Criminal Code (negligence) by the Sverdlovsk region investigations directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee. At present their case is already being tried on the merits by the Verkhnyaya Pishma city court of the Sverdlovsk region.

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