
Enlarged meeting of the Investigative Committee Board summing up performance in the first half of 2012 took place in Saint-Petersburg

An enlarged meeting of the Investigative Committee Board took place today in Saint-Petersburg. The meeting was held to sum up performance in the first half of 2012 and discuss battling corruption crimes in the area of budget and finance activity committed by the people with special legal status. The meeting was attended by heads and officials of the Investigative Committee, Governor of Saint-Petersburg Georgy Poltavchenko and Governor of the Leningrad Region Alexander Drozdenko, Chairman of Legislative Assembly of Saint-Petersburg Vyacheslav Makarov, Head of State Service and Staff Department of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Kikot, Advisor of State-Legal Department of the President of the Russian Federation Mikhail Paleev, and Deputy of State Duma Mikhail Starshinov.

It was noted during the meeting that over 5 months of this year the investigators have been investigating almost 105 thousand criminal cases (104,543), which is by 17 thousand cases more than the same period last year. About 42 thousand cases have been completed (41,520). Almost all of them (90%) have been forwarded to the court. It was also noted that the officials have had to work in difficult conditions due to considerable increase in the amount of work. A lot of effort and time has been spent to reveal criminal activity of Tsapok gang in the Krasnodar Region; to expose savage parents as killers of their own 9-month-old daughter Anya Shkaptsova in Bryansk; to suppress outrages of policemen in Kazan and other crimes drawing close public attention.

Special attention is still paid to corruption crimes. Over the reporting period almost 10 thousand such cases have been opened. This year the Investigative Committee have been actively implementing the state anti-corruption policy – the decisions of criminal proceedings have been made against 343 persons with a special legal status. Among them are 260 deputies and heads of local authorities, 6 deputies of law-making bodies of Russian subjects, 9 prosecutors, 26 lawyers, 29 investigators of different departments, 1 judge and 4 members of election commission.

In addition, the meeting pointed out the problem of corruption among law enforcement officials who are persons whose first duty is to combat against it. Criminal cases against 544 law enforcement officials have been sent to the court, including 28 officials of the Federal Migration Service; 129 employees of Federal Penitentiary Service and 93 employees of Federal Bailiff Service; 37 officials of Federal Drug Control Service and the same number of EMERCOM employees; 36 officials of customs and 22 employees of the Federation Taxation Service.

At the end of the meeting it was decided to activate measures to suppress stealing of budget funds, to modernize the country's economy, to protect rights of minors, to suppress any forms of extremism.

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