
Attempted murder of Tatarstan mufti qualified as terrorist attack

Investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have qualified actions of unknown persons who bombed the car injuring Tatarstan Republic mufti under paragraph "c" of part 2 of article 205 of RF Criminal Code (a terrorist attack entailing considerable damage to property).

As it was earlier reported, today at about 11 a.m. at the entrance of one of the houses on Zarya street in Kazan an unknown person shot a few times at a 64-year-old deputy mufti of Tatarstan Republic Valiulla Yakupov, who died of the wounds in his car. Tatarstan Republic investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee initiated a criminal case over a crime under article 105 of RF Criminal Code (murder).

At the same time, in other part of the city, in the courtyard of №35 on Chatayev street a Land Cruiser drove by Tatarstan Republic mufti Ildus Faizov was blasted. He was thrown out the car by the blast wave and hospitalized with numerous injuries. A criminal case was initiated over a crime under part 3 of article 30, paragraph "f" of part 2 of article 105 of RF Criminal Code (attempted murder). According to preliminary data there were three blasts of the car while it was moving. The specialists are establishing the type of explosive device and its power. In their opinion the explosive device was fastened on the bottom of the car under a front passenger seat.

The said criminal cases are combined into one proceeding.

On the instructions of the leadership of Russia's Investigative Committee experienced bomb disposal technicians and investigators-criminologists of the Central Office were sent to render practical and methodological assistance in investigation of this case in Tatarstan.

At present a search and investigation group continues working at the crime scenes. A number of necessary investigation operations are under way to establish all circumstances of the incidents and persons involved. All possible versions are being considered.

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