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## **Investigating operation finished against five accused of Anna Politkovskaya murder**



As part of investigating a criminal case over Anna Politkovskaya murder Central Investigating Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has completed investigating operations against the accused: brothers Rustam, Ibragim and Dzhabrail Makhmudovs, Sergey khadzhikurbanov and Lom-Ali Gaytukayev. They are charged with a crime under paragraphs "b, g, h" of part 2 of article 105 (murder) and part 3 of article 222 of the RF Criminal Code (illegal handling of firearms).

According to investigators, Gaytukayev was an organizer of the crime. He set up in 2006 an organized criminal group consisting of other accused and a policeman Dmitry Pavlyuchenkov. The members of the group carefully planned murder of the journalist, purchased guns and reconciled their actions with each other. Sergey Khadzhikurbanov controlled all actions of the group. Having received from Pavlyuchenkov information on the victims living place, brothers Makhmudovs situated themselves on her way home on 7 October 2006. Seeing the victim driving her car, Ibragim Makhmudov informed about it his brother Dzhabrail and he in his turn to Rustam, who entered the house where Politkovskaya lived and wated for her to come in. When the journalist entered the elevator Rustam Makhmudov shot her several times. The pistol he was using was left at the murder scene. After that the accused disappeared.

Investigating group has collected enough evidence to make an indictment. According the investigation today announces end of preliminary investigation and informs about it the accused their lawyers and victims. After informing, the victims will be invited to read the materials of the criminal

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The case has been severed into a separate lawsuit. Criminal proceedings against contractor of the murder and other unknown persons are to be continued.

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