
Criminal proceedings launched into swindling with state property of the Defense Ministry of the Russian Federation

Main Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee have initiated five criminal cases over swindling in selling real estates, land plots and stocks owned by OAO Oboronservis (OJSC) controlled by the Russian Ministry of Defense.

According to investigators, officials of the Defense Ministry chose from the property of the company Oboronservis the most liquid and prestigious objects, land plots and stocks, including those in Moscow. Then as a rule they invested huge amounts of budget money in those real estates and then the property was sold at considerably underrated prices to commercial structures affiliated to the Oboronservis. Moreover, many of the real estate objects were bought for the money stolen from Oboronservis.

This way, in Temryuksky district of the Krasnodar Territory officials of Property Relations Department headed by Yelena Vasilyeva, at first illegally seized from federal property and transferred to a subordinate enterprise for rent a more than 3 ha land plot. Later on this plot they built a country cottage complex worth 300 million rubles using funds of the Defense Ministry. Then the plot was sold for just 92 million rubles. The state project institute consisting of a complex of buildings in the center of Moscow was sold for a price which was by 282 million rubles lower than the market price. The institute designed objects in the interests of defense potential of our country. Another three buildings in the center of Moscow and land underneath them were sold for a bit more than 700 million rubles which is by 200 million rubles in the least cheaper than market price. A well-known hotel Soyuz and its land in Universitetsky Prospekt in Moscow was sold for mere 600 million rubles which is by half cheaper than market price. The preliminary damage caused by selling of only 8 objects amounts to more than 3 billion rubles.

Today investigators are searching and seizing documents in the company Oboronservis and interrogate the officials. Other urgent investigating operations are underway.

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