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## **Criminal proceedings launched against former chairman of Kabardino-Balkaria Government**



The Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have initiated a criminal case against former Chairman of the Government of Kabardino-Balkaria Ivan Gerter. He is suspected of a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (swindling on an especially large scale).

According to investigators, in 2009, Gerter being Head of Administration of Prokhladnensky municipal district of Kabardino-Balkaria was illegally registered as a person in need of improved housing conditions. After that he was provided with a four-room flat in the town of Prokhladny as an employer-rented housing. Later, in May 2010, the local administration represented by First Deputy Head and Gerter, without the latter submitting an application about purchasing housing as a property, a certificate from previous place of residence on his not using the right on privatization, concluded

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an agreement on transferring the property to his ownership. In August 2010, he received a certificate on state registration of right to this property. In March 2011, he illegally sold the privatized flat to a woman from the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria. As a result Gerter got illegal profit of 2.5 million rubles.

The Gerter's illegal actions substantially violated the rights and legal interests of two participants of elimination of accident in Chernobyl, who had been in the line for flats since 2011, and inflicted damage of 2 million 585 thousand rubles to Prokhladnensky municipal district of Kabardino-Balkaria.

The criminal case was initiated based on the materials provided by the Republican Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Investigating actions are underway to establish all the circumstances of the incident. Investigation is to be continued.

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