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## **In Moscow charges brought against one of killers of head of Khasavyurt district, Dagestan, extradited from Germany**



The Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues inquiry into murder of head of municipal entity Khasavyurt district, Dagestan, Alimsoltan Alkhamatov, committed in Moscow on September 27, 2009 and deliberate infliction of a grave injury to his bodyguard Nadzhmutdin Mitikov.

According to investigators, on 27 September 2009, Gilani Saipov, Zaurbek Magomedov, Khabib Umakhanov, Mikhail Kadiyev and their accomplice Khabib Budaykhanov, drove a Mercedes S350 up to a house in Novocheryomushkinskaya Street in Moscow, where they knew that Alkhamatov was renting a flat while on a business trip. Having waited until head of Khasavyurt district and his bodyguard approached the entrance to the house, the killers opened fire. As a result of the attack, Alkhamatov was killed there and then and Mitikov was badly wounded. Trying to flee the murder scene the accused violated traffic safety rules and attracted attention of the traffic police officers. During the pursuit four of the killers managed to escape, but Budaykhanov, who was at the wheel, was detained.

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The court sentenced Budaykhanov to 12 years in a high-security correctional facility.

In the period between 14 and 17 August 2012, Saipov was apprehended in the territory of Dagestan during a number of investigating and search operations. Magomedov offered armed resistance and was killed.

Saipov was charged with crimes under paragraphs “f” and “g” of part 2 of article 105 (murder committed by a generally dangerous way by an organized group), paragraph “a” of part 3 of article 111 (intentional infliction of a grave injury committed by an organized group), part 3 of article 222 of the RF Criminal Code (illegal handling of firearms by an organized group). The court under the petition by the investigators ruled to put him into custody as a pretrial restraining measure.

In addition, Umakhanov and Kadiyev are charged and placed into custody in absentia. They are federally and internationally wanted. Investigators have found out that Umakhanov left the Russian Federation and could possibly be hiding in Europe. As a result of operational cooperation with German law enforcement he was detained in June 2012 in Berlin. The accused asked for a political asylum in Germany, but was refused. On November 13, 2012, Umakhanov was extradited from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Russian Federation. He was charged with crimes under paragraphs “f” and “g” of part 2 of article 105 (murder committed by a generally dangerous way by an organized group), paragraph “a” of part 3 of article 111 (intentional infliction of a grave injury committed by an organized group), part 3 of article 222 of the RF Criminal Code (illegal handling of firearms by an organized group) and was placed into custody as a pretrial restraining measure.

At present a number of search and investigating operations are under way to establish persons involved in the said crimes and to consolidate the evidence. Investigation is to be continued.

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