
Member of gang plotting terrorist attack on Red Square convicted in Moscow



Court has recognized the evidence collected by Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict Ilyas Saidov. He was found guilty of crimes under part 2 of article 209, article 205, article 222, article 317, paragraphs "a", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Criminal Code (banditry, terrorist attack, illegal handling of firearms, encroachment on a live of a law enforcement officer, murder).

Investigation and court have found that Saidov was a member of gubdensky dzhamaat – one of the units of a criminal community which has acted in the Republic of Dagestan since 2003. The aims of this gang was forcible change of constitutional system in the Russian Federation, attacks on representatives of state authority, law enforcement officers and militants, destabilization of social and political environment in the Russian Federation. Acting as a member of the gang, Saidov took

part in plotting a terrorist attack on the Red Square on 31 December 2010. He delivered two explosive belts, which were to have been set off by Zeynap Suyunova and Zavzhat Daudova. During their transportation, Saidov was watching the two explosive devices hidden in gas-fired boilers not to draw attention of the law enforcement officers.

The tough and principled position of the investigators allowed proving Saidov's involvement in not only plotting the 31 December 2010 terrorist attack on the Red Square, but in a number of other especially serious crimes, namely in murder of Head of Anti-Extremism Center of the Dagestan Ministry of Internal Affairs, his deputy and three civilians and a number of explosions of trains. Investigation of such cases has always been under close control of the Committee's leadership and a point of honor for investigators.

During investigation Saidov has concluded a pre-trial cooperation agreement and the files of the case have been severed into a separate law suit.

At present 4 members of the gang have already been convicted and investigation against 6 others is on the final stage. Some of the gang members were killed during counterterrorist operations in the Republic of Dagestan and Stavropol Region.

The court sentenced Saidov to 15 years in prison.

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