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## **The number of criminal cases over corruption has increased**

The Russia's investigative Committee investigates vast majority of corruption crimes and the work in the area of fighting corruption is considered one of the priorities in its activity.

Over 9 months of 2012 investigators of the Investigative Committee have investigated 20,697 criminal cases over corruption, which is almost seven thousand more than last year. The investigation of 5,037 cases has been finished. In finished cases the investigators have revealed and solved during inquiry 5,085 corruption crimes, which weren't registered before (2011 – 2,542).

4,365 cases over corruption have been forwarded to court. Among them 22 criminal cases were opened against organized groups (2011 - 29) and 4 – against criminal communities (criminal associations), who committed corruption crimes (2011 - 1).

The number of corruption crimes in the cases forwarded to court, committed by officials amounts to 16,603 (2011 – 11,137).

Investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee this year have also prosecuted for corruption persons with special legal status: deputies of legislative (representative) bodies of the subjects of the Russian Federation – 13 (2011 - 10); deputies of elective bodies of local governments – 210 (2011 - 200); elective officials of bodies of local governments (heads of municipalities) – 261 (2011 - 208); judges – 2 (2011 - 4); members of electoral commissions – 19 (2011 - 12); prosecutors (their deputies) and assistant prosecutors – 19 (2011 - 16); officials of the Investigative Committee – 13 (2011 - 9); senior officials (their deputies) and investigators of bodies of preliminary investigation in the system of Ministry of Internal Affairs – 56 (2011 - 59); investigators of the investigating bodies of the Federal Service for Control of Drugs – 7 (2011 - 8); lawyers – 39 (2011 - 49).

Over 9 months of 2012 investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have received 33,595 messages about corruption crimes (over the same period last year – 26,649) which represents an increase by 21%, in 16,654 cases the decisions were made to open criminal cases (56.1%) – (in 2011 – 10,061 or 42.4%). The Investigative Committee investigates a lot of cases against high-rank officials.

The Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has at present completed investigating operations over a criminal case against ex-governor of Tula Region

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Vyacheslav Dudka charged with taking a many-million bribe. Penza Region court has convicted former vice prime minister of the region Marat Faizov, who received more than 30 million rubles of bribes from a businessman for assisting in concluding agreements a factory-farm enterprise. Vologda court is considering a case against former first deputy governor of Vologda Region Valentina Gorobtsev and his deputy - head of housing and communal service office of the regional administration viktor Kudryashov charged with exceeding official powers, who allowed violations during conclusion of state contract on purchasing 37 flats in two houses under construction in the town of Veliky Ustyug worth more than 35 million rubles.

During the period of 2012 under analysis, investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee before forwarding the case to court have worked on compensating the damages inflicted by corruption crimes to state, citizens and legal entities. The amount of damages amounts to 7.9 billion rubles, 1.3 billion rubles was compensated. The property worth 1.2 billion rubles has been arrested.

Activity of the Investigative Committee is not investigating only corruption crimes, but improvement current laws in this area.

The Russia's Investigative Committee is an active participant of working groups for implementing by the Russian Federation a number of international anticorruption conventions, including the UN Convention against corruption, the European Council Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, Convention on combating bribery of foreign public officials in international business transactions.

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