
Investigating operations with members of extremist community BORN finished

The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating operations against four members of the gang and extremist organization Militant Organization of Russian Nationalists (BORN) Vyacheslav Isayev, Maxim Baklagin, Mikhail Volkov and Yuri Tikhomirov. Depending on the role of each one, they are charged with crimes under part 2 of article 282.1 of the RF Penal Code (creation of an extremist community), part of article 209 (banditry), paragraphs "a", "g", "h" and "i" of part 2 of article 105 (attempted murder), article 295, article 317 (encroachment on the life of a law enforcement agent) and part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

According to investigators, in mid 2008 in the city of Moscow Ilya Goryachev, Nikita Tikhonov and other persons, keeping radical nationalistic views, following the motives of ideological and national hatred and enmity set up the extremist community and a stable armed group and gave them the name of Militant Organization of Russian Nationalists (BORN). The aim of the community was combat and national hatred and enmity committing extremist crimes and attacks on citizens – committing murders motivated by ideological, encroachment on the lives of law enforcement agents to avenge for their legal activity and other crimes. Alexey Korshunov, Mikhail Volkov, Maxim Baklagin, Vyacheslav Isayev, Yuri Tikhomirov and other persons of radical extremist views took part in the gang and its crimes in different time from mid 2008 to March 2011. The gang committed tens of crimes, including the murder of judge of Moscow city court Eduard Chuvashov, Lawyer Stanislav Markelov, leaders of the so called anti-fascist movements Fyodor Filatov, Ilya Dzhaparidze and Ivan Khutorskoy, Thai boxing world champion Muslim Abdullayev, citizens Ruslan Khalilov, Soso Khachikyan, attempted murders of Ramazan Nurichuyev and police officer Gagik Benyaminyan.

At present the accused and their lawyers are studying the files of the criminal case, after which it will be sent for the indictment to be approved and then to the court to be tried on the merits.

On 4 October 2011, in the city of Zaporozhye in the Republic of Ukraine, one of the organizers of the extremist community Alexey Korshunov, who was wanted, was killed by a grenade explosion. On the request of the legal assistance the Ukrainian competent bodies searched the flat Korshunov had inhabited and found Russian passport for the name of Korshunov, several Ukrainian passports with Korshunov's photos in them, two Tokarev (TT) pistols and ammunition to them, a silencer and a starting gun remade to shoot live cartridges.

At present the investigation against Ilya Goryachev extradited from Serbia and Nikita Tikhonov charged with leadership and organization of the abovementioned community and the gang and with a number of murders is ongoing.

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