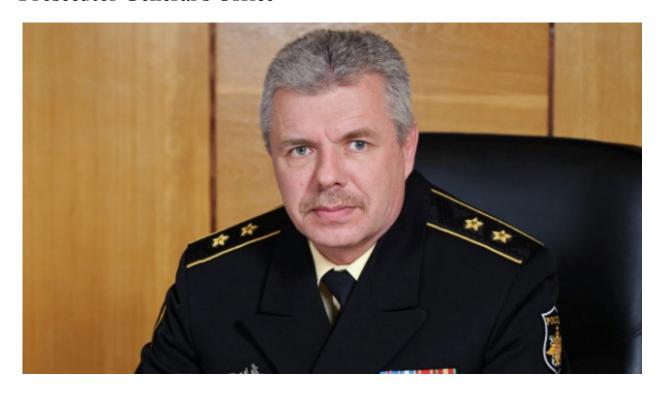
## Criminal investigation launched over illegal decision of Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Office



Due to the fact that the Ukraine's Prosecutor's General Office has started a criminal case against Commander-in-Chief of the Black Sea Fleet Vice-Admiral Alexander Vitko, the Russia's Investigative Committee has opened a case against officials of the Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Office.

According to Russia's investigators the initiation of the case against Alexander Vitko has the aim to destabilize the situation in Crimea. Moreover, the Commander-in-Chief of the Black Sea Fleet, citizen of Russia and officer of Russian Armed Forces, has been acting and is acting strictly under the Russian-Ukrainian Agreement on bases of Russian Fleet in Ukraine. The charges brought against him by the Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Office are ill-grounded as Mr. Vitko acted strictly in line with the norms of Russian and international law, as well as regulatory documents of the Russian Defense Ministry.

In connection with all these facts, investigators are now identifying all officials of the Ukraine's

Prosecutor General's Office, who made an illegal decision and will be prosecuted under the Russian and international laws.
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