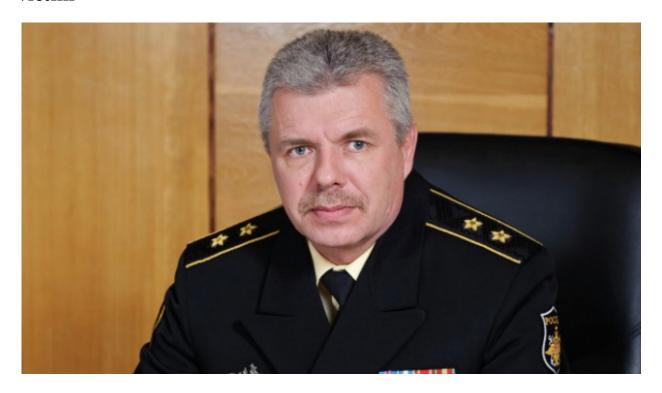
## Black Sea Fleet Commander-in-Chief Alexande Vitko recognized victim



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigating a criminal case under articles 299 and 318 of the RF Penal Code (prosecution of a knowingly innocent person aggravated by charges of serious or especially serious crime; threat of using force against a representative of the authority due to discharge of official duty) against unidentified officials of the Ukraine's Prosecutor-General's Office, who have prosecuted Commander-in-Chief of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation Alexander Vitko, who is innocent.

At present Alexander Vitko has been recognized a victim, and a number of investigating operations aimed at identifying the guilty ones have been organized in the Russian Federation and in Ukraine.

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.

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