
In Dagestan sentence passed on participant of armed mutiny



A court has found the evidence gathered by the North Caucasus Federal Territory Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict Abdula Abdulkerimov. He was found guilty of crimes under article 279 of the RF Penal Code (armed mutiny), part 2 of article 208 (membership in an illegal armed group), part 3 of article 222 (illegal purchase, storage and carrying of firearms and ammunition committed by an organized group).

The court and investigators have established that in 1996-1999 Shamil Basayev, citizens of Jordan Khattab, Bagaudin Magomedov and other extreme Wahhabi set up illegal armed groups in the Chechen Republic, in which they involved Abdula Abdulkerimov and other individuals. On 7 August 1999, about 05:00 AM, the illegal armed groups led by Shamil Basayev and Khattab surged from the territory of Chechnya through the administrative border of Dagestan in Botlikh district to seize the power and make a single Muslim state of Chechnya and Dagestan. The same year on 8 August federal forces started massive operations to liquidate the insurgents. During the action 90 servicemen, law enforcement agents and civilians were killed, 290 people were wounded. Thousands of local people had to flee their homes.

It should be noted that Abdulkerimov hid from the investigators for a long time abroad, but was detained in 2004 in Azerbaijan and served for the crimes committed in Azerbaijan. In 2012 Abdulkerimov was extradited to the Russian Federation.

The court sentenced him to 12 years in a maximum-security penal colony.

At present over 58 people involved in armed attack at Botlikh and Tsumadi district in Dagestan are on international and Russian federal wanted lists.

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