
Investigative Committee takes all-around measures to protect rights of minors



Investigating crimes committed against minors is one of the priorities of the Russia's Investigative Committee and its head, Alexander Bastrykin, set a task to respond quickly and check and investigate all facts of violating children's rights most carefully.

On the Chairman's orders the Committee's officials have joined investigation of the situation around the Waterville aqua park in the city of Saint-Petersburg, a home to tragic accidents with children. They have resumed and sent to court a criminal case against Valentina Urazaliyeva, former director of Raznochinovka nursing home for mentally retarded children in the Astrakhan Region, who, according to investigators, concealed the fact that one of the inmates had been raped. A criminal case over the murder of 5-year-old Bogdan Prakhov in the Vladimir Region committed in unobvious circumstances has been solved and forwarded to court. The inmates of a children's home in the

Amur Region, who tortured small children, have been prosecuted. In all, in 2013, the investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have solved over 17 thousand crimes committed against minors. From January to March 2014, over 3,700 crimes against minors were investigated, 3,745 children were recognized victims to them. Most of them were sex crimes. 1,112 such crimes have been solved over 4 months of the current year alone.

It should be noted that the Investigative Committee does not limit oneself to only prosecuting the perpetrators of such crimes. The special attention is paid to protection of rights of victims and their moral and psychological rehabilitation. There is work with problem families underway and if necessary process is initiated to strip parents, abusing their children, of custody. The Investigative Committee has joined in working out improvements to the legislation regulating protection of rights and interests of orphans and children left without parental care.

Activities aimed at prevention of crimes committee both against minors and by minors are active.

Namely, the Investigative Committee works actively to revive cadetship in Russia. The Committee has cadet classes in Saint-Petersburg, Murmansk, Stabropol Territory and Khimki under its patronage, and there is a cadet school in Moscow. Such educational facilities help balanced and all-around education of children of law enforcement officials, who have been killed in the line of duty, orphans and children left without parental care, children of single parents and those from poor families or where there are many children.

At the same time the Investigative Committee provides sponsor help to 186 children's facilities raising over 13 thousand children. The investigators help in repairs in healthcare facilities, where children from poor or socially vulnerable families are treated, raise money for the children suffering oncological diseases and small-aged victims of crimes and help families with a lot of children.

The Investigative Committee expresses its gratitude to media representatives who bring the problems of minors to our attention.

Further on the Investigative Committee is going to improve mechanisms of protecting minors from crimes and be engaged in prevention in this field.

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