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## **In Dagestan banker to stand trial on charges of membership in criminal society and large-scale fraud**



The investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee for the Republic of Dagestan have finished investigating a criminal case against acting director of Vitas Bank branch in Makhachkala. He is charged with crimes under part 2 of article 210 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a criminal society) and part 4 of article 159 (fraud – 8 counts).

According to investigators, in 2011 the accused joined a criminal community led by a deputy of people's assembly of Dagestan. The community had a strict hierarchy, the members worked out plans of their crimes directed on getting illegal profit, misappropriation of property and money of citizens and legal persons, who were clients of Vitas-Bank.

In accordance with his role, the accused, being the acting director of Vitas-Bank branch in Makhachkala, used his position to fraudulently obtain ownership right on property and funds of the bank, signed fictitious sales agreements and acceptance certificates, under which the assets of the bank were illegally alienated.

In the period between 2011 and May 2013 by deceit obtained ownership of over 40-million rubles worth property of citizens and businessmen.

After the said bank was recognized bankrupt the members of the criminal community by fraud misappropriated over 100 million rubles falsifying documents on giving the money to be accounted for by one of the bank employees.

The investigators have gathered enough evidence, therefore, the criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

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It should be said that the Dagestani investigating bodies continue investigating a criminal case against other members of the criminal community.

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