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## **In Vladikavkaz members of gang who committed over 25 murders and other serious crimes put under arrest**



The North Caucasian Federal District Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigating a criminal case against members of a criminal community (organization) headed by Aslan Gagiyeu.

Leninsky district court of the city of Vladikavkaz has granted a request filed by investigators and ruled to place members of the said criminal community Robert Bagayev, Ruslan Yurtov, Eric Tautiyev and Dmitry Kodoyev held a few days before in the Moscow Region in custody pending the trial. Earlier the court ruled the same restraint against Inal Zaseyev in absentia.

According to investigators, the criminal organization set up and led by Georgian national Aslan Gagiyeu started operating in 2007 with over 30 members in it and was specializing in contract murders among other crimes. Its members on 26 November 2008 in the town of Vladikavkaz killed mayor of Vladikavkaz Vitaly Karayev, in March 2008 also in Vladikavkaz they killed Chief of Organized Crime Department of the Russian Ministry of the Interior for the Republic of North

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Ossetia-Alania Mark Matsayev. At the same town in December 2008 they killed North Ossetian PM Kazbek Pagiyeu and his driver Vladimir Gasiyev. On 1 October 2008, again in Vladikavkaz they killed Head of Criminal Detection Department of the Russian Ministry of the Interior for North Ossetia-Alania Vitaly Cheldiyev and his son Zaurbek Cheldiyev, in October 2013 they killed deputy prosecutor for Promyshlenny district of Vladikavkaz Oleg Oziyev.

Most of the members were killed few years ago. Five of the members are serving in jail. Leader of one of the gangs Oleg Gagiyeu was sentenced to life in prison. A criminal case against two more members is being heard in court at present and there is an ongoing investigation against 13 more remanded in custody.

The investigators are checking if the detainees were involved in very serious crimes in the city of Moscow and Moscow Region including a conspicuous murder of head of a large finance and leasing company.

The law enforcement authorities have no doubts that the rest of the gang members, who are still at large but wanted internationally and federally, including their leader Aslan Gagiyeu, will sooner or later face justice, it's just a matter of time.

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