
Man from Moscow charged with extremist crimes detained in Minsk



Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has earlier reported on elimination of an extremist group whose members committed crimes motivated by racial and national intolerance. The defendants were Grigory Timofeyev, who had set up the group, and 11 young people aged between 17 and 24 years, who between 2009 and 2010, with the purpose to incite racial or national enmity or hatred, had committed scores of serious and very serious crimes including murders, blasting of a bus stop, arson to a temple. They had shot their doings on video to distribute it. All the members of the criminal group were sentenced to long prison terms. During the probe the investigators identified Alexey Antonovich, 27, who was then charged with incitement of hatred or enmity committed by a group of persons (paragraph "c" or part 2 of article 282 of the RF Penal Code).

According to investigators, in December 2009, Antonovich aware of the crimes committed by the

group posted a video on the Internet where the members of the group addressed the public using extremist expressions and showing how they killed a person near a house on Prospekt Veteranov. This way Antonovich distributed the video among an unlimited circle of people. After the charges had been pressed, Antonovich escaped from investigators and then was put on an international wanted list.

On 12 August 2014, Antonovich was held in the city of Minsk, Belorussia, and now is pending extradition to the Russian Federation.

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