
Criminal case against one of organizers of extremist community BORN sent to court



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against one of the organizers of the gang and extremist organization Militant Organization of Russian Nationalists (BORN) Nikita Tikhonov. He is charged with crimes under part 2 of article 282.1 of the RF Penal Code (membership in an extremist community), part 1 of article 209 (banditry), paragraphs "a", "g", "h" and "i" of part 2 of article 105 (murder) and part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

According to investigators, in mid-2008 in the city of Moscow Ilya Goryachev, Nikita Tikhonov and other persons, keeping radical nationalistic views, following the motives of ideological and national hatred and enmity set up the extremist community and a stable armed group and gave them the name of Militant Organization of Russian Nationalists (BORN). The aim of the community was com and

national hatred and enmity mitting extremist crimes and attacks on citizens – committing murders motivated by ideological, encroachment on the lives of law enforcement agents to avenge for their legal activity and other crimes. Alexey Korshunov, Mikhail Volkov, Maxim Baklagin, Vyacheslav Isayev, Yuri Tikhomirov and other persons of radical extremist views took part in the gang and its crimes in different time from mid-2008 to March 2011. The gang committed tens of crimes, including the murder of judge of Moscow city court Eduard Chuvashov, Lawyer Stanislav Markelov, leaders of the so called anti-fascist movements Fyodor Filatov, Ilya Dzhaparidze and Ivan Khutorskoy, Thai boxing world champion Muslim Abdullayev, citizens Ruslan Khalilov, Soso Khachikyan, attempted murders of Ramazan Nurichuyev and police officer Gagik Benyaminyan. It was under Tikhonov's leadership that the gang killed several antifascists, including Ilya Dzhaparidze, as well as a citizen of Tajikistan and a member of Black Hawks group.

During the investigation Tikhonov entered a cooperation deal, gave detailed evidence of the crimes, therefore, the case against him has been severed to form a separate proceeding.

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

At present the investigation against another organizer of BORN Ilya Goryachev and other persons involved in the said crimes is ongoing.

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