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## Alexander Bastrykin made speech at meeting of Federation Council of Federal Assembly



Chairman of the Russia's Investigative Committee Alexander Bastrykin has made a speech at the meeting of the Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

The subject of his speech was development of criminal politics, including criminal proceedings.

Over the period since 2011 2,487 people with special legal status have been prosecuted for acts of corruption.

Among them were 37 deputies of legislative bodies of the federal subjects, 846 deputies and elective heads of local governments, 12 judges, 65 prosecutors, 213 lawyers, 231 investigators of the Russian Ministry of Interior, 34 investigators of the Federal Drug Control Service, 1 investigator of the

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Federal Security Service.

The percentage of the murders solved has grown from 82% to 85%, acts of deliberate infliction of grievous bodily harm from 74% to 89% and rapes from 86% to 96%.

Over 9 months of current year the Investigative Committee has solved 12 thousand crimes against children (12,154), including 378 murders, 990 rapes, over 3,300 facts of other sexual abuses (3,358).

The Russia's Investigative Committee gives principled assessment to each fact of abuse of children, carry out a check immediately and restore justice. For that the Committee has set up a telephone line "A Child in Danger".

There is the advisory council on assisting to orphans and children deprived of parental care that is actively operating in the Russia's Investigative Committee.

Council's recommendations and proposals aimed at improvement of legal regulation of protection of orphans' rights and interests by in the first place providing them with comfortable dwellings and ensuring their social adaptation are generalized by the Russia's Investigative Committee and quickly sent to the Russian Government, State Duma and other state authorities.

In 2014, investigators of the Russia's Investigative Committee have opened almost 30 thousand criminal cases over economic crimes (29,594).

Almost 18 thousand cases have been finished (17,941), which is 15% more that over the same period of time last year.

14 thousand criminal cases over stealing and money laundering connected with state purchases, housing and communal services, healthcare, education and other important sectors have been sent to court (+14%).

On the initiative of the Investigative Committee the Penal Code has been supplemented with new articles allowing prosecuting raiders on the very first stage when they try to get hold of somebody's property.

The norms of criminal liability for failing to pay wages renewed on the initiative of the Investigative Committee give over three hundred criminal cases each year, which then go to court.

The amendments prepared on the initiative of the Russia's Investigative Committee that change the procedure for opening investigations in tax crimes have entered into force.

On the initiative of the Investigative Committee supported by the Russian President there is a new procedural form of preliminary investigation that is shortened inquiry in criminal cases over obvious

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crimes.

A law, prepared by the Investigative Committee, has entered into force to broaden the scope of property confiscation. Now if the defendant has not enough money, their other personal property can be confiscated to cover the damage.

On 3 March 2014, the Russia's Investigative Committee and the Chamber of Accounts signed the Agreement on cooperation and order of interaction for quickly solving the tasks for protection of the country's economy from criminal invasions in financial area.

The second stage of privatization is coming and the funds from it are planned to cover the deficit of the federal budget.

In order to stop abuses the Investigative Committee offers the following:

First. To bind candidates in privatization tender to open information about beneficiaries to know who and with whom is affiliated.

Second. To limit participation bidding of citizens of offshore states and legal entities registered in offshore states.

Third. To provide for the possibility of investigating and search operations to check authenticity of documents and studying the juridical personality of people and organizations (including beneficiaries) taking part in privatization.

Fourth. To introduce criminal liability of valuers for putting false information in the value report. Notaries and auditors have the same kind of liability.

Fifth. The Investigative Committee has prepared a bill on introduction of criminal liability of legal entities, without which it is impossible to prosecute foreign organizations that finance terrorist and destabilization of political situation and other transnational crimes committed in Russia. In addition, without this institution it is impossible to repatriate the capital obtained by means for crime and withdrawn abroad.

And one more thing. In order to protect people against different financial scams the Investigative Committee has prepared a bill introducing criminal liability for setting up and heading financial pyramids. In July 2013, a group of deputies introduced the bill to the State Duma (bill No 307935-6).

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