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## Members of BORN extremist community jailed



The jury have recognized the evidence collected by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict members of Combat Organization of Russian Nationalists extremist organization and gang (hereinafter BORN) Vyacheslav Isayev, Maxim Baklagin and Mikhail Volkov. Depending on the role of each one they were found guilty of crimes under part 2 of article 282.1 of the RF Penal Code (membership in an extremist group), part 2 of article 209 (banditry), paragraphs "a", "g", "h" and "k" of part 2 of article 105 (murder), part 3 of article 30, paragraphs "a", "g", "h" and "k" of part 2 of article 105 (attempted murder), article 295 (attempt on the life of a person executing justice), article 317 (attempt on the life of a law enforcement official) and part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

The court and investigators have revealed that 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,

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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.

The jury found the accused guilty of the said crimes, however by court decision the criminal case against Isayev and Baklagin in a crime under par r2 of article 282.1 (membership in an extremist group) was dismissed due to expiration of the statute of limitations that is under non-rehabilitating conditions.

The court will announce the sentence based on the verdict of the jury.

Earlier the organizer of the gang Nikita Tikhonov was sentence to life in prison. In addition, the case against Ilya Goryachev accused of leadership and organization of the said gang and a number of murders is being tried in the court. The investigation is ongoing.

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