
Three 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). Its members had degrees in most cases historical ones. Using the idea of national revival as a cover, they chose the extreme way, believing that killing people of non-Slavic appearance or those who openly express their antifascist views would help to develop a power nationalistic party. BORN members and organizers used PR techniques to explain to the public the aims and missions of the nationalistic

movement. In fact, this was a kind of an instruction of nationalists and people reckoning themselves among such.

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 dozens 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. For example they killed judge Chuvashov because he did his job and the extremists thought that the sentences he passed over Russian nationalists were too severe. They had an idea of keeping on killing representatives of authority and famous people who openly expressed their antifascist views.

The court has sentenced Isayev and Baklagin to life imprisonment, Volkov to 24 years in prison.

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 series of murders is being tried in the court.

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