
Member of Aslan Gagiyeu's gang detained in Greece



As a result of cooperation between investigators of the North Caucasian Federal District Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee, operatives of the Federal Security Service, Ministry of the Interior of North Ossetia – Alania and Interpol, on 25 April 2015, competent bodies of Greece detained member of Aslan Gagiyeu's gang – Artur Dzhioyev, who was Gagiyeu's right hand.

At present Dzhioyev's extradition to Russia is under question.

The criminal organization set up and led by Aslan Gagiyeu started operation in 2004 and had over 46 members. They committed over 40 murders, attempts on lives of law enforcement officials attempted murders and attempted murders in the city of Moscow, Moscow Region and North Ossetia-Alania. Among the most resonating crimes are: in August 2012, an attempt on the life of an investigator of Moscow Interregional Transport Investigations Directorate Alexander Leonov in Moscow; in 2011 –

a murder of former First Deputy CEO of OAO Financial Leasing Company and Chairman of the board of directors of shipbuilding group WADAN YARDS Andrey Burlakov and an attempted murder of his wife Anna Etkina in Moscow; in 2008 – a murder of mayor of Vladikavkaz Vitaly Karayev; an attempt on the life of head of the Department for fighting against organized crime of the Ministry of the Interior of North Ossetia-Alania Mark Matsayev; a murder of Vice Premier Minister of North Ossetia-Alania Kazbek Pagiyeu and his driver Vladimir Gasiyev; an attempt on the life of Head of Criminal Detection Department of the Russian Ministry of the Interior for North Ossetia-Alania Vitaly Cheldiyev and his son Zaurbek Cheldiyev; in 2013 – a murder of deputy prosecutor for Promyshlenny district of Vladikavkaz Oleg Oziyev. All the murders were contracted, with several of them ordered by Aslan Gagiyeu.

By the present time several of the members have been sentenced to long terms in prison and leader of one of the gangs Oleg Gagiyeu to life in prison. 16 more persons are under arrest and 13 others are on international and federal wanted lists, 4 of whom including Gagiyeu and Dzhioyev were apprehended abroad and are waiting to be extradited to Russia.

At present necessary investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances of the crimes and prosecute individuals responsible for them.

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