
Investigative Committee continues investigation in death of Russia Today photojournalist Andrey Stenin



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigation in murder of a special photojournalist of the International News Agency Russia Today Andrey Stenin killed in August 2014.

According to investigators, Andrey Stening together with journalists Sergey Korenchenkov and Andrey Vyachelo were in a Renault car in a convoy of refugees moving on Snezhnoye – Dmitrovka road in the self-proclaimed republic of Donetsk. On its way the convoy was shelled by Ukrainian army destroying over 10 vehicles carrying civilians. Later representatives of the self-proclaimed republic of Donetsk gave Russian investigators parts of the burned vehicles and the remains of the victims. Forensic tests showed that they belonged to Andrey Stenin and other journalists killed in the shelling.

There is a witness who confirms that on 6 August last year Stenin was travelling in the said convoy carrying civilians. According to the witness the convoy was shelled by the 79th airmobile brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces using heavy weaponry.

The Investigative Committee asked competent bodies of Ukraine to help them with the investigation and got the answer that law-enforcement bodies of Ukraine were carrying out investigation in killings of journalists, but no further information was given. This way, the Ukrainian side is deliberately hiding information about shelling of the convoy and about individuals involved in the crime.

At the same time, our investigators have information that there are other witnesses who might know something about the circumstances of the crime and presently investigative and search operations are continued to find out their whereabouts and interview them. The investigation is ongoing.

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