
Members of Una-Unso to stand trial in Chechnya for series of felonies



The North Caucasus Federal District Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigation against members of a gang composed of members of nationalistic organization Ukrainian National Assembly – Ukrainian People's Defense (UNA-UNSO) – citizens of Ukraine Nikolai Karpyuk and Stanislav Klykh. They are charged with crimes under parts 1 and 2 of article 209 of the RF Penal Code (leadership of and membership in a gang), paragraphs "c", "h" and "m" of article 102 of the RSFSR Penal Code (murder of two or more people related to their duty), part 2 of article 15, paragraphs "c", "h" and "m" of article 102 of the RSFSR Penal Code (attempted murder of two or more people related to their duty).

According to investigators, military political radical right organization UNA-UNSO sticking to nationalistic ideology was set up in early 90s in Ukraine. Its aims and tasks were fighting back Russian authorities and killing Russian people. Citizens of Ukraine Nikolai Karpyuk, Stanislav Klykh, Alexander Malofeyev, Alexander Muzychko and others joined the organization at the said time.

Since 1991 stable armed groups (gangs) have been set up in the Chechen Republic intending to tear

it away from Russia and create an independent Islamic state there and then military actions started to restore constitutional order in Chechnya. In December 1994, in Ukraine, Karpyuk, Muzychko and other individuals played active role in setting up stable armed groups consisting of the most radical members of UNA-UNSO so that those groups could take part in the military conflict in Russia and fight on the side of the self-declared Chechen Republic of Ichkeria.

At the same time Karpyuk together with Dmitry Korchinsky and other members and leaders of UNA-UNSO arrived to Chechnya in order to attack and kill Russian citizens, military men and law-enforcement officers as part of an armed group consisting of UNA-UNSO members and together with members of gangs that acted in the republic and led by Aslan Maskhadov, Shamil Basayev and others. This way, following orders of gang leaders Karpyuk and Muzychko led a gang called Viking which also included UNA-UNSO members Dmitry Yarosh, Yuri Dolzhenko, Alexander Malofeyev, Stanislav Lkykh and others.

In the period of time between December 1994 and January 1995, Karpyuk, Klykh, Malofeyev and other gangsters repeatedly took part in armed conflicts with Russian soldiers in Presidential Palace, Minutka square and the railway station in the city of Grozny during which they killed at least 30 military men and wounded 13 more.

At present, there is enough evidence so the criminal case against Karpyuk and Klykh with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

The criminal case against Malofeyev was severed to form a separate law suit as he made a plea deal with investigators. His case with the approved indictment has also been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

The investigation against other members of the gang is ongoing.

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