
Member of extremist organization Right Sector Alexander Razumov jailed in Moscow



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict Alexander Razumov. He was found guilty of crimes under part 1 of article 282 of the RF Penal Code (incitement of hatred or hostility and disparagement) and part 1 of article 359 (mercenary activities).

The court and investigators found that, from March to May 2014, Razumov, driven by the ideas of Nazism, went to Ukraine, where he underwent military and ideological training in the ranks of the banned in the territory of the Russian Federation extremist organization Right Sector, after which he returned to Russia, where he recruited people for the said extremist organization. On August 29, 2014, Razumov, while being in Zelenograd and acting in conspiracy with persons belonging to the Right Sector leadership, met with two of his acquaintances, police officers having the necessary fighting skills. During a dialogue, Razumov recruited the police officers for Right Sector for participation as mercenaries in armed conflicts in the south-east of Ukraine promising that they would get good wages. The police officers passed the information on to their colleagues in the Russia's Investigative Committee immediately and Razumov was detained right away.

This way, covering up with nationalistic views and ideas, the accused did not use them to recruit officers, but just promised fees. Apparently he overestimated his persuasiveness, but underestimated moral qualities of Russian police officers, being so naïve to think that they could have agreed to fight against civilians, all the more under the banners of the Right Sector.

In addition, Razumov was posting information aimed at inciting hatred and hostility, and disparagement of a group of persons on the grounds of nationality on his page in the social network "Vkontakte".

The court has sentenced Razumov to 7 years in prison to be served in a minimum-security penal colony.

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