
UNA-UNSO member Alexander Malofeyev found guilty in felonies and jailed in Chechnya



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the North Caucasian Federal District Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict member of the gang consisting of the members of nationalistic organization Ukrainian National Assembly – Ukrainian People's Defense (UNA-UNSO) – citizen of Ukraine Alexander Malofeyev. He was found guilty of crimes under 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), article 317 of the RF Penal Code (attempt on the life of a military man).

The court and investigators have revealed that the 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.

During the said conflicts the UNA-UNSO members took some of the soldiers prisoners and tortured. Malofeyev took part in those tortures together with other Ukrainian nationalists. He pulled out fingernails of a soldier using pliers and then cut his throat with a knife.

IN addition, in February 2000, Malofeyev as member of an armed gang led by Basayev and Khattab took part in a battle against military of the 6th company of the 104th regiment of the 76th Pskov divisions of Air Forces that took place in the forst near the village of Ulus-Kert, Shatoy District, Chechnya. They attacked from three sides. Malofeyev took a position and shot at the said military from an SVD sniper rifle and Kalashnikov gun. 84 military men were killed in the battle and 4 more were wounded.

During a preliminary investigation the criminal case opened against Malofeyev over a crime under part 2 of article 209 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a gang) was closed due to the limitation statute, as on 15.03.2000, when he had returned to Ukraine, he was detained by the Ukrainian police for another crime and so his criminal activity was shut down.

The court has sentenced Malofeyev to 24.5 years in prison to be served in a maximum-security penal colony.

The investigation against other members of the gang is ongoing.

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