
Three suspects of construction safety breach killing four by tower crane collapse detained in Omsk



The Omsk Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigation in collapse of a tower crane on a road in the town of Omsk which injured 6 people, 4 of whom died (part 3 of article 216 of the RF Penal Code - violation of safety rules during construction entailing death of two or more people by negligence).

According to investigators, on 26 October 2015, about 5 PM, tower crane collapsed at a construction site of a trade and exhibition center with a hotel in Marshal Zhukov street in the town of Omsk and fell a Toyota RAV-4 and GAZel-Sobol vehicles parked nearby. . A 30-year-old man, his 33-year-old wife and their 4-month-old baby were killed on the spot in the Toyota RAV-4. In addition their second 4-year-old child, a 53-year-old driver of the GAZel-Sobol and the 36-year-old crane driver were taken to hospital with injuries. The GAZel-Sobol driver died later at hospital. The crane driver has been operated on and now he is stable but in grave condition. The boy hospitalized with fractures

is out of danger.

According to investigators the cause of the tragedy was negligent actions of the employees of the contractor construction company while ensuring requirements of technical regulations in mounting a tower crane, which at the moment of the fall was pouring concrete to the piles of the foundation. Namely, the blocking mechanisms of the crane's undercarriage on the rail it was moving on had been set violating the technical requirements and safety rules causing the crane to leave its rail and fall on the road. The employees of the company had failed to carry out necessary daily preventive examinations and checks of the crane.

The investigators have detained under article 91 of the RF Criminal Procedure Code founder of OOO Zhilstroy and OOO Group of Companies Zhilstroy Just Fit Life and actual owner of the crane Viktor Polukarov, CEO Konstantin Semyonov and chief superintendent engineer Sergey Maslyonkin.

At present the investigators have examined the incident scene and searched offices of the construction companies, from which they have confiscated design and other technical documents relevant for the investigation. Witnesses are being questioned and other investigative operations are underway to find

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