
One of accomplices in 2002 Dubrovka terrorist attack starts reading files



The Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigation against one of the accomplices of hostage taking in the theater in Dubrovka on 23 October 2002 Khasan Zakayev, 41. He is charged with crimes under part 2 of article 210, parts 1 and 3 of article 30 and part 3 of article 205, part 5 of article 33, part 3 of article 206, part 3 of article 222, paragraphs "h" and "g" of part 2 of article 105, part 2 of article 167 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a criminal community, plotting a terrorist attack, complicity in hostage-taking, attempted murder of two and more people, illegal storage of firearms, deliberate destruction of another's property).

According to investigators, Zakayev was a member of an organized criminal community led by Shamil Basayev and assisted in plotting the terrorist attack and hostage taking in the theater. In 2002, he organized transportation of firearms and improvised explosive devices in Moscow, which were then used by the terrorists.

Earlier 6 of the terrorists were sentenced to long terms in prison, 40 terrorists were killed during a special operation, only one terrorist, Gerikhan Dudayev, is wanted.

The investigation is a hard one, because of a large number of investigative and procedural operations and forensic tests.

At the present time, the accused and his lawyer have started reading the records of the case following article 217 of the Russian Penal Procedure Code. After they are finished the case will be forwarded for the indictment to be approved and then will be sent to a court to be tried on the merits.

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