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The Investigative Committee of Russia has discovered "masterminds" of Boris Nemtsov's murder abroad^{1 2}

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In response to the international community's demands to uncover a high-profile crime, the Russian authorities are trying to shift the issue.

MOSCOW - The official representative of the Investigative Committee of Russia (ICR) Vladimir Markin perceived a "second bottom" in the statement of the US State Department on the anniversary of the murder of Boris Nemtsov. According to him, the unofficial sponsors and "true masterminds" of the crime reside in a foreign country, from where they "pulled the strings". Markin said this on Tuesday, 1 March, on the official website of the ICR.

He said, in particular: "Indeed, the jeering innuendo from overseas cannot be presented as evidence for the trial, although the classic "cui bono" question, who needed to cloud the de facto anniversary of the Russian Crimea's reunification with the homeland - unequivocally points to such foreign "well-wishers "".

At the same time, Vladimir Markin called the activity of the ICR in investigating the sensational crime effective, and the case itself closed.

It should be recalled that the US State Department Press Secretary John Kirby urged the Russian authorities a day before to bring to justice all those responsible for the murder of Nemtsov.

"Honoring the memory of the life and work of Boris Nemtsov, we once again call on the Russian authorities to carry out its commitments to the Russian people and the international community to promote and protect universal human rights, including the fundamental freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly and association", - said Kirby.

The lawyer of Boris Nemtsov's family, Vadim Prokhorov, in an interview with the Russian service of "Voice of America", described Markin's statement as "very murky."

"It is incorrect from the point of view of the Russian language, and leaves the impression of being produced, as it were, in a state of intoxication, - he added. - This statement is very strange, even for Markin. "

In essence, the ICR representative has not cited any specifics, stated the lawyer. He regards the statement of Vladimir Markin "solely as a tantrum."

1 <http://m.golos-ameriki.ru/a/nemtsov-markin/3215002.html>, accessed on March 1, 2016

2 Note. The article was translated into English using Fermata Arts Foundation translation services

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"The point is that the world community's attention is now really more attached to the fact that the investigation (in the case of Boris Nemtsov's murder) proved to be absolutely incapable to identify the organizers of the crime and those who ordered it, - he explained. - Today only the performers of the act will be arrested and brought to trial. The location of the only person from among the organizers - the driver Ruslan Muhudinov - is unknown. But it is well known that he does not have any personal reasons, any reasons of his own. Hence, the investigation in this case clearly did not succeed, and the murder is not solved."

Apparently, in an attempt to somehow neutralize the situation, this press release was launched, the lawyer suggested.

"In addition, it turns out that Markin casts doubt on the results of a year's work of the investigation itself, - he continued. - I get acquainted today with all the materials of the case, and I want to emphasize that nowhere they contain any real data connecting the murder traces to somewhere abroad. But their leading to Grozny, to the inner circle of Ramzan Kadyrov, is an absolutely indisputable fact."

It seems that this strange and utterly incoherent statement was intended to try diverting the attention of the international community and to shift the responsibility from the guilty to the innocent, summed up Vadim Prokhorov.

According to a politician, the ex-deputy of the State Duma Gennady Gudkov, ICR is becoming the new NKVD.

"In our country, when the cult of personality was criticized, a phrase was in use claiming that NKVD substituted itself for the entire state - he said in comments to the "Voice of America". - This was done in order to somehow exonerate the party, which, they said, was not to blame, since these rascals and scoundrels of the NKVD went about their business at their own discretion."

In the opinion of Gennady Gudkov, something similar is occurring now.

"We have a ICR, it will itself determine who is to be classed as an external enemy, who will be considered a friend, - he continued. - On the other hand, thanks are due to Markin. He finally admitted that such a crime could not be committed without influential patrons, that the police driver Muhudinov could not, of course, organize it alone. One can agree with him. It is just that Markin believes that this involved, apparently, the Department of State, while we are convinced that it was done by Russian citizens whose names are not a mystery to the authorities."

The politician called Markin's statement unprecedented in its absurdity.

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"The statement contains a crude attempt to cover up the failure of the Investigative Committee to investigate the crime and to assign the blame to some foreign instigators, - he stressed. - I was just jarred."

At the same time, Gennady Gudkov, admitted he did not fully understand the essence of what is happening.

"It leaves the impression that the Kremlin is either losing control, or is supporting such statements, in which latter case we must admit that through Markin, Kremlin has accused the Americans, at the least, in facilitating and organizing the murder of Boris Nemtsov," - he concluded.

In his estimate, this is already beyond the boundaries of common sense.