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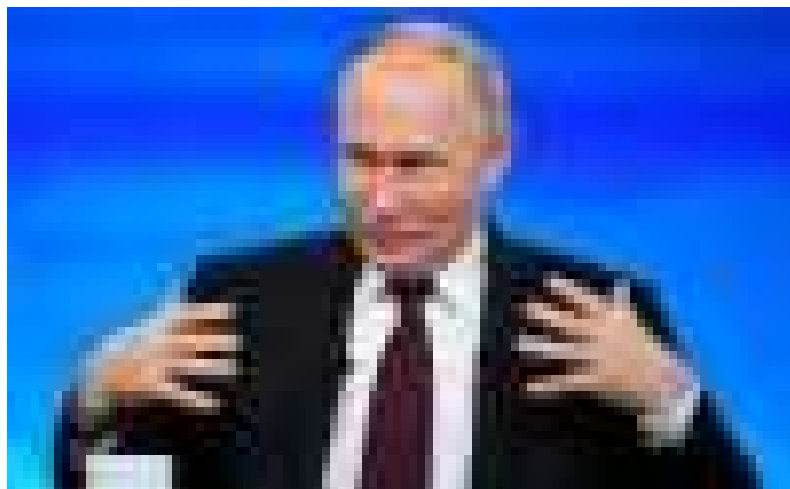
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Former Head of Fish Factory Detained After Complaining on Direct Line with Putin



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Putin's Direct Line

The former director of the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant on Shikotan Island, who was complained about to President Vladimir Putin during the Direct Line program, has been detained on suspicion of delaying salaries to employees



A workshop at the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant on Shikotan Island (Photo: Sergey Krasnoukhov/TASS)

Police have detained Natalia Kashkarova, former director of the Kuril fish processing plant Ostrovnoy, who is suspected of committing several crimes related to the delay in paying wages to plant employees. This was reported by TASS, citing the press service of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Sakhalin Region.

As the department specified, Kashkarova was detained in Shikotan and then taken to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. On Thursday, April 21, the Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk court is to choose a measure of restraint for her.

On April 19, Deputy Prosecutor General of Russia Yuri Gulyagin announced that criminal cases had been opened against the management of the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant for the deliberate bankruptcy of the enterprise against Ostrovnoy shareholder Yuri Belkin and Natalia Kashkarova.

Another case was opened on the fact of attempted theft of budget funds during the reimbursement of value-added tax by the fish processing plant in the amount of over 6 million rubles. In addition, two criminal cases were opened on the fact of non-payment of wages to workers of the fish processing plant and on the fact of abuse of their official powers by Belkin and Kashkarova.



Video: RBC TV channel

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During the program "Direct Line with Vladimir Putin" on April 14, employees of "Ostrovnoy" complained to the Russian leader that they had not been paid for months. They said that some of them were threatened after they were invited to the direct line. They added that they complained to the Sakhalin Region prosecutor's office and sent a letter to the presidential administration. In response, Putin said that he had not seen their letter and instructed Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika to investigate whether the head of the local prosecutor's office is fit for the job.

According to the press service of the Sakhalin Region government, about 200 people suffered from the actions of the fish processing plant management. Some of them have already paid off their debts. All debts, the amount of which exceeds 6 million rubles, are planned to be liquidated by the end of this week.

The situation with the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant has been under the control of the prosecutor's office since 2014, when, following the results of a prosecutor's inspection, a criminal case was opened against the former director of the enterprise, Yevgeny Talalaev, for non-payment of wages. At that time, the trial was terminated due to reconciliation of the parties in connection with the repayment of the debt.

In 2015, the prosecutor's office established the fact of repeated non-payment of wages. Based on the results of the prosecutor's inspection, a criminal case was opened against the new director of the enterprise, Natalya Kashkarova, in March 2015, under which she was sentenced to 2.5 years probation with a probationary period of two years.

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