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Investigators petition for arrest of former director of Ostrovnoy fish processing plant

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The prosecutor's office will check the recruitment agency associated with the Ostrovnoy plant

Moscow. April 21. INTERFAX.RU - Former director of the Kuril fish processing plant "Ostrovnoy" Natalya Kashkarova will appear before the Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk City Court on Thursday afternoon, where a measure of restraint will be chosen for her.

"Natalya Kashkarova was detained yesterday in Shikotan and taken to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. The investigation will ask the court to choose a preventive measure in the form of arrest for the period of investigation of several criminal cases," the Sakhalin Region Prosecutor's Office told Interfax.

The situation at the fish processing plant became known when its workers appeared on the "direct line" with President Vladimir Putin. They complained that they were tricked into working on Shikotan, promising high wages. However, the workers were given poor housing and were not paid for several months, which is why they were unable to leave the island.

After the case became public, officials at the level of the Sakhalin Region government took up the matter. Now the former employees of "Ostrovnoy" have received all the debts.



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April 17, 2016

Former workers of the fish processing plant on Shikotan Island have had their debts paid

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As a result of their visit, four criminal cases were opened. The first is in connection with the deliberate bankruptcy of ZAO Rybokombinat Ostrovnoy against the founder and shareholder of the company Yuri Belkin and the former director of the enterprise Natalya Kashkarova (Part 1 of Article 195 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation). The second case is about an attempt to embezzle budget funds when placing the value added tax of the enterprise in the amount of over 6 million rubles (Article 159 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation).

Two more criminal cases have been opened regarding non-payment of wages to employees of Ostrovnoy Rybkombinat LLC and regarding the abuse of official powers by Belkin and Kashkarova in a commercial organization, which resulted in damage to employees and creditors of the fish processing plant (Article 145.1 and Article 201 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation).

On Tuesday, the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Sakhalin Region opened another criminal case against the current director of the Kuril LLC "Ostrovnoy Rybkombinat" Alexey Popov under Part 2 of Article 145.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (full non-payment of wages for more than two months, committed out of other personal interest by the director of the organization) for wage arrears to 8 employees of the enterprise.

The previous two directors of the fish processing plant, Evgeny Talaev and Kashkarova, were previously disqualified based on the submissions of the regional prosecutor's office.

On February 19 of this year, by the verdict of the South Kuril Court, Kashkarova was already sentenced to 2.5 years of suspended imprisonment for wage arrears to workers of the fish processing plant in the total amount of almost 2 million rubles. The court then also deprived her of the right to hold management positions for up to 3 years.

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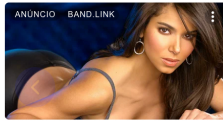
Another case has been opened against the Kuril fish processing plant "Ostrovnoy"

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Quotas of the Kuril fish processing plant that owed wages were given to other companies

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Salary arrears to workers at Kuril fish processing plant to be paid by end of next week



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The Central Bank proposed allowing "special" investors to conduct experimental transactions with cryptocurrency

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The Central Bank proposed allowing "special" investors to conduct experimental transactions with cryptocurrency

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Moscow. March 12. INTERFAX.RU - The Bank of Russia has proposed allowing a limited circle of investors to buy and sell cryptocurrencies; for this purpose, it is planned to establish a special experimental legal regime (EPR) for a period of three years, the Central Bank said in a statement.

This proposal and a number of others have been prepared in accordance with the President's instructions and sent to the government for discussion.

It is assumed that only "particularly qualified investors" will be able to make transactions with cryptocurrencies within the EPR. This is a new status that citizens are supposed to be able to obtain if their investments in securities and deposits exceed 100 million rubles or if their income for the past year was more than 50 million rubles.

It is also proposed that the participants in the experiment be companies that are qualified investors under current legislation (i.e. organizations that professionally operate in the stock market, such as banks, insurance companies, brokers and trust managers, non-state pension funds and management companies of mutual investment funds).

For financial institutions that want to invest in cryptocurrency, the Bank of Russia plans to establish regulatory requirements taking into account the level and nature of risks of such an asset.

The introduction of the EPR is aimed at increasing the transparency of the cryptocurrency market, forming standards for the provision of services, and expanding investment opportunities for experienced investors who are ready to take on increased risks, the Central Bank notes.

Outside of the experimental regime, it is planned to allow all qualified investors to invest in settlement derivatives, securities and digital financial assets that do not provide for the delivery of



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settlement derivatives, securities and digital financial assets that do not provide for the delivery of cryptocurrency to investors, but the return on which is tied to its value.

At the same time, the Central Bank still does not consider cryptocurrency as a means of payment, therefore it proposes to simultaneously introduce a ban on settlements between residents on transactions with cryptocurrency outside the EPR, as well as establish liability for violating the ban, the regulator's statement says.

The Central Bank also reminded again that private cryptocurrency is not issued or guaranteed by any jurisdiction, is based on mathematical algorithms and is subject to increased volatility, so investors, when deciding to invest in cryptocurrencies, should be aware that they are taking on the risks of potential loss of their funds.

Earlier, Alexey Yakovlev, Director of the Finance Ministry's Department of Financial Policy, reported that the Finance Ministry and the Central Bank were discussing the launch of organized trading in digital currency within Russia within the framework of the EPR, in which participants from the category of "super-qualified" investors would be able to participate . "Speaking about trading in digital currencies, this is not just an idea, this is a task that is being undertaken. We hope that it will be implemented in the near future, most likely in the format of an experimental legal regime," Yakovlev said.

Currently, citizens in Russia have the right to buy and own cryptocurrency, but using it for payments within the country is prohibited. Due to the lack of a Russian centralized exchange, digital currency can only be purchased on foreign exchange platforms.

Since September 1 last year, the Central Bank has launched an experiment that allows participants in foreign economic activity to make payments in cryptocurrency. A special law was adopted for this purpose. As part of this experiment, the Central Bank can establish rules for trading digital currency and create an operator for settlements in cryptocurrency based on the National Payment System.

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Deputies agree to experimental exchange trading of cryptocurrency under the control of the Central Bank

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The Ministry of Finance supports exchange trading of cryptocurrency within the framework of the EPR

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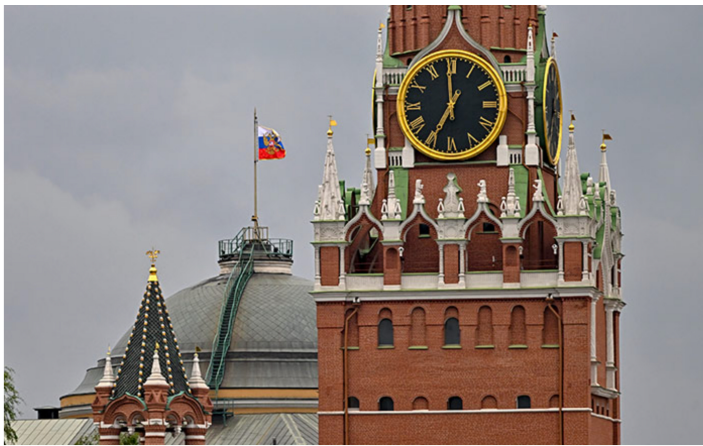
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Kremlin awaits details on 30-day truce proposal put forward in Jeddah

Peskov did not rule out the possibility of a telephone conversation between the presidents of Russia and the United States

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Kremlin awaits details on 30-day truce proposal put forward in Jeddah

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Moscow, March 12. INTERFAX.RU - The Kremlin is not commenting on the proposal to introduce a 30-day ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine until it receives detailed information from the United States about the essence of the American-Ukrainian talks that took place in Jeddah, said Russian presidential press secretary Dmitry Peskov.

"You are getting a little ahead of yourself. We don't want to do that. Yesterday, when speaking to the press, both [US Secretary of State Marco] Rubio and [US National Security Advisor Mike] Waltz said that they would pass on to us detailed information about the essence of the conversation that took place in Jeddah through various channels," Peskov said.

"We must first obtain this information," he added.

"We also have contacts planned with the Americans these days, during which we expect to receive complete information," Peskov said.

"We also do not rule out that the topic of a telephone conversation at the highest level may arise. If such a need arises, it will be organized very quickly. The existing channels of dialogue with the Americans make it possible to do this in a fairly short time," Peskov added.

He specified that there are no agreements on such a telephone conversation yet, nor any request from Washington. "You understand correctly," Peskov said, answering a corresponding question.

When asked whether there was any clarity on the date and place of possible negotiations between Putin and Trump, he answered in the negative.

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The Kremlin said there was no certainty regarding the date and location of the meeting between Putin and Trump

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Trump plans to talk to Putin this week

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US Secretary of State expressed hope that Russia will agree to a ceasefire in Ukraine

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US Decides to Resume Military Aid and Intelligence Sharing to Ukraine

March 11, 12:47

Meeting of US and Ukrainian delegations begins in Jeddah

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Kremlin expects US to report on results of talks with Ukraine in Jeddah

RKN reported repelling a two-day DDoS attack on Kursk region media

Moscow. March 12. INTERFAX.RU - Roskomnadzor (RKN) reported repelling a DDoS attack on the media of the Kursk region, which lasted more than two days

"DDoS attacks on Kursk region media have been repelled. The attack began on March 10 at 10:55 and lasted for more than 49 hours. Due to the DDoS attack, a number of Kursk media outlets did not open or opened with delays," the RKN press service said in a statement received by Interfax on Wednesday.

According to the agency, "specialists from the Center for Monitoring and Control of the Public Communications Network (CMU CCCN) applied additional protection using the National System for Countering DDoS Attacks created by Roskomnadzor, which made it possible to quickly restore the availability of all attacked resources for Russian users."

"The work was carried out in cooperation with information security companies," the department's press service noted.

On March 10, the press service of RKN [reported](#) that some websites of Kursk media were unavailable or access to them was difficult due to a DDoS attack, the agency recommended that resource owners switch to domestic hosting. According to media reports, this concerns "Kurskaya Pravda", "Kurskie Izvestiya", "46TV Kurskoye Internet Television".

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ВТБ запустил оплату покупок по QR-коду в Турции

Moscow. March 12. INTERFAX.RU - [VTB](#) has launched payment for purchases in Turkey using a QR code since March 12, the bank said in a statement.

You can pay for purchases at points of sale throughout the country by pointing your camera via VTB Online at the QR code on the receipt or terminal.

Payments are made in rubles with subsequent conversion into Turkish lira. There is no commission for making a payment, and the limit for one transaction is from 10 rubles to 350 thousand rubles, the bank notes.

The technology and service are already operating in neighboring countries, including Tajikistan. This year, VTB will continue to expand payment solutions for its users in other areas, the bank said in a statement.

Earlier on Wednesday, [Sberbank](#) announced that it was testing QR code [payment for purchases in Turkey through its SberBank Online mobile app](#). The full launch of the service for all clients is [scheduled for the end of March](#).

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Gazprom prepares bonds in yuan, placement planned for March 14



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Currently in circulation are five issues of Gazprom exchange bonds for a total of 70 billion rubles, 31 issues of Gazprom Capital exchange bonds for a total of 825 billion rubles, six issues of classic bonds, including perpetual bonds, for 544.2 billion rubles, as well as issues of replacement bonds in various currencies.

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IN RUSSIA 15:09, 12 march 2025

Volodin supported the Investigative Committee's initiative to regulate the use of under consideration by the State Duma. It is necessary to ensure the safety of all road users: pedestrians, drivers, and the users of electric scooters themselves. It would be right for the relevant committees of the State Duma to study the proposals of the Investigative Committee and introduce legislative initiatives for their implementation," the press service quoted Volodin as saying on Wednesday.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, Alexander Bastrykin, asked Volodin to consider the possibility of taking measures to resolve problems related to the use of SIM.

According to the head of the Russian Investigative Committee, the number of accidents involving personal mobility vehicles has increased significantly, and the number of fatalities and injuries has increased, including children. In the first half of 2024 alone, three children died and 354 were injured.

In all cases, the SIM drivers violated the traffic rules. At the same time, most of the personal mobility vehicles met the characteristics of mechanical vehicles, but are not classified as such. No conditions are provided for their admission to participation in road traffic. This prevents the drivers of such vehicles from being held administratively or criminally liable for an accident in which people were injured or killed.

The Investigative Committee called active cooperation with the State Duma important for resolving this issue, the press service of the chamber of the Russian parliament noted.

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Cabinet of Ministers to consider age restrictions for electric scooter riders

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