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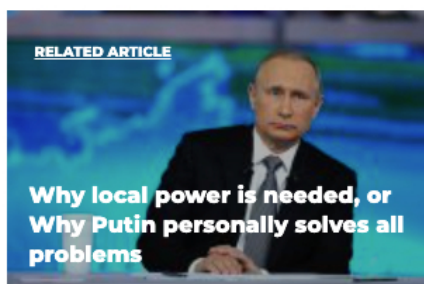
Detained on Shikotan and taken to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk

The former head of the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant, **Natalya Kashkarova**, who became famous after the Direct Line with the Russian President, has been detained by law enforcement agencies.

TASS reported this with reference to a message from the press service of the Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee for the Sakhalin Region.

Kashkarova was detained on Shikotan Island and taken to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, where in the coming hours the court is expected to decide on the choice of a preventive measure for her.

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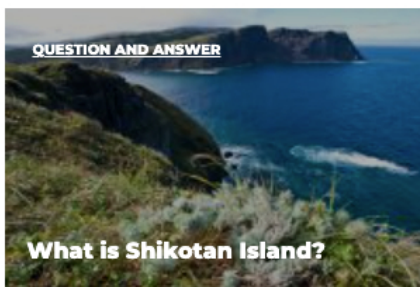
Russia learned about the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant on Shikotan on April 14, when the issue of abuses at the enterprise was raised during the Direct Line with **Russian President Vladimir Putin** .

An employee who worked at the fish processing plant in the fall of 2015 said that the company did not pay wages, the working conditions were not up to standard, and workers were recruited through recruitment agencies. On behalf of the affected workers, she asked that this problem be addressed, noting that local law enforcement agencies were unable to resolve the issue.

"I want the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation to hear this part of our conversation, look at this situation and make a decision on the suitability of the position of the Sakhalin Region Prosecutor," Putin said.

Workers get paid, managers get criminal cases

Almost immediately after this issue was raised on live television, local authorities began to address it.



Sakhalin Region Governor Oleg Kozhemyako has ordered that the problem of wage arrears for fish processing plant employees be resolved within two weeks. "The governor gave this order during a meeting of the Sakhalin Region government. The debt that the company has accumulated to 53 employees amounts to about six million rubles," the regional

government press service said in a statement.

The press service of the Sakhalin Region Prosecutor's Office reported that the Kuril Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Sakhalin Region is investigating a criminal case initiated based on the materials of the prosecutor's inspection against the general director of ZAO Rybokombinat Ostrovnoy under parts 1 and 2 of Article 145.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (non-payment of wages for more than 2 months).

In addition, in the administrative cases initiated by the prosecutor's office, ZAO Rybokombinat Ostrovnoy was brought to administrative responsibility in the form of fines in the total amount of 120 thousand rubles, and the general director was disqualified. At the same time, a representation was made to the head of this legal entity. In the interests of the employees who contacted the prosecutor's office, claims were sent to the court.

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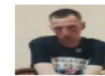
Russian Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika sent his **deputy Yuri Gulyagin** to the region . On April 15, Gulyagin, **Sakhalin Region Prosecutor Nikolai Ryabov** , and **the region's governor Oleg Kozhemyako** [flew to Shikotan Island to clarify the situation on the spot](#) .

On April 17, the Sakhalin government press service reported on the repayment of debts to hired seasonal workers. According to regional authorities, about 200 people suffered from the actions of the enterprise management. All remaining debts must be repaid within a week.



The governor placed responsibility for the situation at the fish processing plant on the regional agency for labor and employment. **The head of the**

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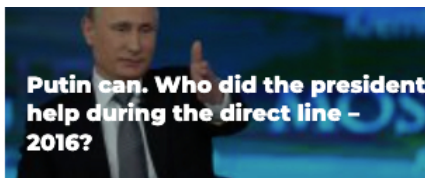
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agency, **Natalya Kovaleva**, was dismissed. **Deputy Chairman of the regional government Igor Bystrov** and **acting head of the fisheries agency Sergei Didenko** received severe reprimands.

On April 19, Deputy Prosecutor General of Russia Yuri Gulyagin announced that, based on the results of the inspection conducted on Shikotan, four criminal cases had been opened:

— about the deliberate bankruptcy of the enterprise, in which the suspects are **the plant's shareholder Vladimir Belkin** and the enterprise's director **Natalya Kashkarova**;

— about an attempt to embezzle budget funds during the reimbursement of value-added tax by a fish processing plant in the amount of more than 6 million rubles;

— on non-payment of wages to employees of Ostrovnoy Rybkombinat LLC;

— about abuse of office, which caused damage to workers and creditors of the plant.

A little later, it became known that a fifth criminal case had been initiated, related to the events around the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant. The current **general director of Ostrovnoy Fish Processing Plant LLC, Aleksey Popov**, is suspected of committing a crime under Part 2 of Article 145.1 ("Full non-payment of wages for more than two months, committed out of other personal interest by the head of the organization") of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation.

According to the investigation, the head of the company, in violation of the requirements of the Labor Law, "did not pay eight employees wages from September 2015 to January 2016 in the total amount of at least 20 thousand rubles out of personal interest, expressed in maintaining the ongoing activities of the organization." According to the investigative bodies, the company had every opportunity to pay off the wage arrears.

The detained headmistress already has a suspended sentence

As it turns out now, violations at the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant have been taking place since 2014, and the situation has already come to the attention of law enforcement agencies. In 2014, there was a question of criminal prosecution of the company's managers, but the proceedings were terminated due to reconciliation of the parties and repayment of debt to employees.

In 2015, the situation repeated itself, and this time a criminal case was opened against Natalia Kashkarova, which ended with a guilty verdict - 2.5 years probation with a probationary period of two years.

Given the background of the issue, the former head of the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant has every chance of ending up in places not so remote this time.

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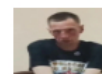
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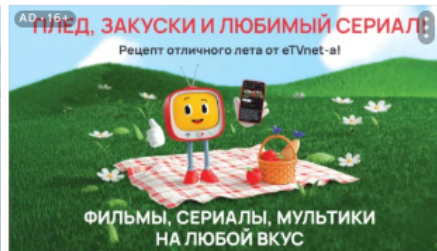


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The US military is reportedly planning to purchase 3,376 units instead of 13,773, spending more than \$1.3 billion on these purposes in the new fiscal year, which begins on October 1.

The publication notes that demand for Patriot missiles is increasing due to the fact that the United States and its allies have set the task of strengthening air defense and missile defense systems. In addition, the missiles are in demand in Ukraine, the agency noted.

Sources cited by the Guardian newspaper said the United States [has](#) only a quarter of the number of Patriot interceptor missiles required by the Pentagon's war plans.

Earlier, US President Donald Trump said that Washington [would consider](#) Kiev's request to supply an additional Patriot air defense system.

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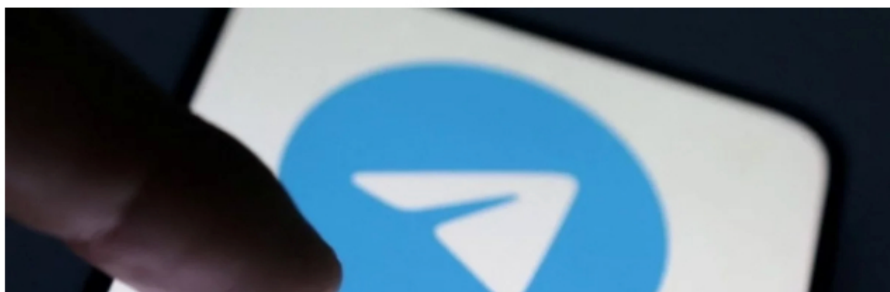
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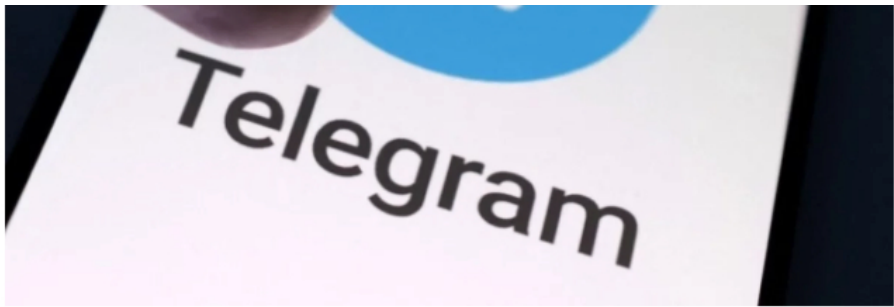
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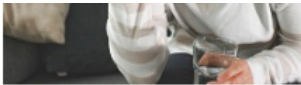
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