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Spanish Justice commands capture of senior members of the Government of Putin

For involvement in the Russian mafia

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish Justice has issued an international arrest warrant against several Russian citizens allegedly linked with two organized crime groups, some of them close to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The order is a result of investigations initiated in 2008 as part of 'Operation Troika', on the activities of mafia groups Tambovskaya and Malishevskaya, led respectively by Gennadios Petrov and Alexander Malyshev, arrested by the Spanish Police. Now, a judge of the National Court, the court responsible for investigating organized crime, has issued an international arrest warrant against Russian citizens Vladislav Matusovich Reznik, former chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Credit Institutions and Financial Markets of the Duma; his wife Diana Gindin; General Nikolas Nikolaevich Aulov; your link, Leonid Khristoforov, and former Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sobolevsky.

The judge's order details the activities that each of them carries within the mafia structure Tambovskaya and Malishevskaya. Reznik, who is also a member of the National Council of Banking in Russia, the judge said that "performs all the necessary activities, legal or illegal, to the highest levels in Russia in favor of the interests of Petrov and the organization to him subordinate." According to the judge, "the relationship between Petrov and Reznik is economic, both in Spain and in Russia."

General Aulov is head of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Interior of Russia in the Central Federal District. It says the judge who "uses his power and have people they trust to carry out acts of intimidation or threats to certain people who try to harm Petrov." Of wiretaps authorized by the judge it follows that Aulov obtained "regarding the investigation secret information" that takes place. Finally, Igor Sobolevsky, former Deputy Prime Minister in the Russian prosecutors, the arrest warrant states that "maintains communication and exchange of favors with Petrov."

According to the judge, "the criminal organization subordinate to Petrov has gained a clear insight into the branches of Government" of Russia. In this sense, Sobolevsky informed Petrov "about the actions that the Security Forces conducted against organized crime." This high member of the Russian Prosecutor's Office "knows the political circle of friends with whom Petrov relates. Mediates or uses his influence to get certain people holding positions in which they are interested. Petrov offers sensitive information related to Security Forces."

The investigated mafia organizations are accused in Spain of murders, arms trafficking, extortion, fraud, forgery, influence peddling, bribery, prohibited negotiations, smuggling, drug trafficking, crimes against the Treasury, fraudulent capitalization of companies, beatings custom and threats. The investigation remains open and no new arrest warrants against other members of the Russian mafia is discarded.

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