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Current Status and Problems of Interstate Searching for People who Fleeing from the Pre-Trial Investigation and Trial

The article is a comprehensive research into current state and characteristics of organization of interstate manhunt (in the member states of the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States), legal specifications of tracking fugitives and police units' cooperation issues of tracking fugitives in member states of the CIS.

Fugitives are frequently hiding from the law abroad at post-Soviet countries regarding to the easy procedure of crossing the border, the lack of proper registration of people, ease of finding a job, branched family ties across post-Soviet countries and the absence of a language barrier.

There are many political and international communication problems between post-Soviet countries. It leads to many problems in the system of interstate tracking fugitives that include, according to the CIS Charter: communications and database assistance between criminal police authorities.

The analysis of legal documents led us to conclude that *judicial* cooperation between the CIS-countries de facto doesn't work. Despite the fact that the CIS Charter includes legal mechanisms that in general are known to be effective, they don't work due to the political component in addressing such issues.

According to practice, during the last 10 years police authorities of Russian Federation don't give any information on criminal fugitives who committed crimes in Ukraine and fled from custody to Russian Federation. For example, starting from 2004 Ukraine can't get any information about 24 officials who are hiding from law enforcement in the Russian Federation: the wanted former Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Mykola Bilokon, the wanted former chief of Ukraine's state property management Ihor Bakay.

Also Ukraine wasn't able to get any information about the case of President Viktor Yushchenko's poisoning. The situation of an interstate communication has become even more problematic after events on Maidan, President Yanukovich escape to Russian Federation and the fact that Russian regular troops are fighting in eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine didn't ratify the CIS Charter. At the moment there is a bill introduced to Ukraine's parliament to denounce the ratification of CIS Charter. Also at present moment Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine stopped providing information on tracking fugitives to the database of CIS-countries. Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine intends to withdraw from the system of international wanted list in the CIS.

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