

A Russian converted to Islam in Belgium, trained as militant in Syria and detained in Kabardino-Balkaria

HRWF (17.12.2015) - According to a news from Interfax/ Russia, a native of Nalchik (capital city of Kabardino-Balkaria Republic of Russia) who lived for several years in Belgium and converted to Islam there was detained by Federal Security Service (FSB) officers of the Republic in early December.

"A 26-year-old Russian born in Nalchik who lived for several years in Belgium, converted to Islam there and was trained to be an explosives specialist in a militant camp in Syria," a representative of the FSB department in Kabardino-Balkaria told Interfax.

The former Nalchik resident began attending mosque only in Belgium. He moved to Egypt and attended a religious school there. Afterwards he reached Syria across Turkey and was trained in a militant camp along with other natives of the North Caucasus.

"The persons he intended to meet in Kabardino-Balkaria had been either detained or killed," the FSB officer said.

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