

Taganrog court decision: suspended sentences to prison terms for four Jehovah's Witnesses

HRWF (02.12.2015) - A court in Rostov province issued a guilty verdict against 16 Jehovah's Witnesses in Taganrog.

The court sentenced three organizers to five and a half years suspended sentences and a fourth organizer to a suspended sentence for a term of five years and three months. The rest of the members of the religious organization were sentenced to a fine from which they were released because of the lapse of time.

Officially, the Jehovah's Witnesses were banned from Taganrog in 2009 for inciting religious hatred by "propagating the exclusivity and supremacy" of their own religion, a charge that their defense lawyers say every major religion is guilty of.

For several years now, Russian authorities have been wrongly applying the law "On combating extremist activity", enacted in 2002 under President Vladimir Putin and then extended to nonviolent groups in 2007, for restricting the peaceful activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. This is especially evident in the example of the trial of sixteen Jehovah's Witnesses in Taganrog (Rostov province).

The prosecutor accused these believers of extremist activity, specifically of inflaming hatred but the Witnesses are not accused of calling for violence or for hatred. They wound up in court only because they met for general discussion of the Bible, as Jehovah's Witnesses do throughout the world.

Taganrog City Court of Rostov Oblast announces sentence against 16 members of Taganrog religious organization of Jehovah's Witnesses

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On 30 November 2015, the Taganrog city court of Rostov province issued a verdict against 16 members of the Taganrog religious organizations of Jehovah's Witnesses in accordance with which:

Bakushin, Yury Alexandrovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF [CCRF] and he is sentenced to a fine of 100 (one hundred) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

The same is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 4 of article 150 of CCRF for an incident of enticing P., and he is sentenced to 5 years incarceration.

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In accordance with part 3, article 69, of CCRF, by partial combination of sentences Yury Alexandrovich Bakushin's sentence is determined to be 5 years, 6 months incarceration, and in accordance with part 73 of the CCRF said sentence is considered to be conditional for a probationary period of 5 years.

Koptev, Aleksei Alekseevich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 100 (one hundred) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

The same is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 4 of article 150 of CCRF for an incident of enticing P., and he is sentenced to 5 years incarceration.

The same is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 4 of article 150 of CCRF for an incident of enticing K., and he is sentenced to 5 years incarceration.

In accordance with part 3, article 69, of CCRF, by partial combination of sentences Aleksei Alekseevich Koptev's sentence is determined to be 5 years, 3 months incarceration, and in accordance with part 73 of the CCRF said sentence is considered to be conditional for a probationary period of 5 years.

Skvortsov, Alexander Viktorovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 100 (one hundred) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

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The same is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 4 of article 150 of CCRF for an incident of enticing K., and he is sentenced to 5 years incarceration.

In accordance with part 3, article 69, of CCRF, by partial combination of sentences Alexander Viktorovich Skvortsov's sentence is determined to be 5 years, 6 months incarceration, and in accordance with part 73 of the CCRF said sentence is considered to be conditional for a probationary period of 5 years.

Trotsiuk, Nikolai Vladimirovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 100 (one hundred) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

The same is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 4 of article 150 of CCRF for an incident of enticing P., and he is sentenced to 5 years incarceration.

The same is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 4 of article 150 of CCRF for an incident of enticing K., and he is sentenced to 5 years incarceration.

In accordance with part 3, article 69, of CCRF, by partial combination of sentences Nikolai Vladimirovich Trotsiuk's sentence is determined to be 5 years, 6 months incarceration, and in accordance with part 73 of the CCRF said sentence is considered to be conditional for a probationary period of 5 years.

Trotsiuk, Nikolai Vladimirovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 70 (seventy) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the

crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Voloshchuk, Roman Vladimirovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 60 (sixty) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Goncharov, Andrei Viktorovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 60 (sixty) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Goncharova, Oksana Nikolaevna is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and she is sentenced to a fine of 60 (sixty) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, she is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Shchekalev, Viacheslav Valerievich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 60 (sixty) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Minasian, Karen Yurievich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 70 (seventy) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Chetverikov, Kirill Igorevich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 70 (seventy) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Kozhukhov, Vladimir Viktorovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 60 (sixty) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Kruglikov, Vladislav Vitalievich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and, with the application of part 2 of article 88 of the CCRF, he is sentenced to a fine of 20 (twenty) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Kravchenko, Tatiana Vladimirovna is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and she is sentenced to a fine of 70 (seventy) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, she is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Moiseenko, Vladimir Pavlovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 70 (seventy) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

Kravchenko, Kirill Mikhailovich is found guilty of committing the crime provided by part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the RF and he is sentenced to a fine of 70 (seventy) thousand rubles. By virtue of point a of part 1 of article 78 of the CCRF, he is released from the punishment because of the lapse of the term of limitation on the crime, on the basis of point 3, part 1, article 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the RF.

At the present time, the sentence has not taken legal effect.