

Office of Public Prosecutor of Switzerland Denied Persecuting Russian Businessman in Opposition

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Office of Public Prosecutor of Switzerland did not consider it appropriate to commence investigation on demand of law machinery of the Russian Federation with respect to Mr. Makushin, President of the Company MAIR.

We carry you back to the fact that on the 7th of September, 2011, the Cyprus Court of Limassol did not find any reasons for extradition of a well-known businessman to Russia either.

The Court found the charges claimed by the Russian Federation against the Head of Industrial Group MAIR without evidential force.

Victor Makushin is widely known as a consistent oppositionist and critic of the current power in Russia. http://cjn.com.cy/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/viktor-makushin_eng.pdf

He had to leave the Russian Federation in 2009 after being deprived of his main assets by the state structures.

Victor Makushin comments,

“In his letter forwarded to my advocate the Swiss Public Persecutor Mr. Jean-Bernard Schmid said that “I can confirm that I did not consider it necessary to begin investigating regarding this case in Geneva with reference to the stated facts”. Moreover, the Swiss Office of Public Persecutor has recently released all my bank accounts in Switzerland.

So in fact the groundlessness of accusations brought against me in Russia has been actually confirmed one more time. The Russian law-enforcement bodies do not possess any real proved facts against me at all.

Therefore the groundlessness of accusations brought against me was an apparent fact for the Cyprus Judge at first and now it became evident for the Swiss Public Persecutor too.

The reason for my persecution is a desire of some high-ranking members of the ruling clan to grab my business and by doing this, firstly, take me, a disagreeable big and independent businessman with an active life and civic standing out of political and economic sphere of Russia, and, secondly, enrich themselves at the expense of captured assets that I owned.

Those people who organized a fictitious criminal case against me are very much worried about and scare the fact of my non-extradition to Russia. As long as they understand that in future (probably near) they can lose the instruments of power and influence they possess now. And then they are threatened with long-term imprisonment and loss of the loot”.