

Federal Customs Service Raided

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Moscow police have raided the Federal Customs Service's offices where a number of officials are suspected of corruption, Interfax reported Thursday.

In 2012, the head of one of the departments of the FCS organized illegal registration and insurance documents for third parties, prohibiting officials from inspecting their vehicles and the goods in them, the Interior Ministry said.

"Information is being verified about the violator possibly obtaining illegal monetary compensation for the provision of the given services," a ministry spokesperson said.

Documents granting exemptions from customs checks are usually issued solely to the security services, but in this case they were given to private individuals who are not connected to law enforcement, the source added.

The collected materials have been transferred to the investigative authorities for further action, Interfax reported.

