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Russian Investigative Committee to Form 'Court of Honor' for Officers

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Investigative Committee head Alexander Bastrykin

Russian Investigative Committee chief Alexander Bastrykin has ordered the creation of a "court for officers' honor," to strengthen his agency's "moral" standards and bolster its "prestige," the committee said in a statement Monday.

The court will be comprised of the committee's senior officers who exhibit a "high level of personal discipline" and possess an "impeccable reputation," along with retired law-enforcement veterans, the statement said.

The committee did not specify what kinds of infringements the court might deal with, but offered a vaguely worded description of the new judicial body's tasks.

The "court for officers' honor" is being created "with the goal of strengthening moral and ethical traditions, as well as strengthening on-duty discipline, ensuring that the norms of professional ethics are observed, and preventing and resolving interpersonal conflicts in everyday activities," the statement said.

The court will also be tasked with "strengthening the prestige of the Investigative Committee, [and] identifying conflicts that can harm legitimate interests of citizens, organizations, society, [or] discredit the activities of the Investigative Committee," the statement said.

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