

Vasiliy Shestakov – a friend of Putin?

As we all know, Vasiliy Shestakov had always unobtrusively suggested that he is quite close to Vladimir Putin – The President of Russia.

During Mr. Shestakov election as President of FIAS, we had been promised a meeting and a dialog with Mr. Putin. Some were even precious to get their suits made by the company “Tantal”.

But it has been three years now, since those promises been made, but they still remain a promises (as, indeed, virtually all the promises by Mr. Shestakov).

However, judging from the deeds, actions of Mr. Shestakov directly contrary to the principals of Vladimir Putin.

For example, February 15th 2013 during his meeting with members of the Security Council, in Kremlin, **Mr. Putin** said: “we believe that the basic principals of foreign policy of Russian Federation shall remain unchanged” – announced The President of Russian Federation. “This is, first of all openness, predictability, pragmatism, the focus on the achievement and defense of national interests, of course, **without any confrontation**, with the defining role of the United Nations **and the rule of international law**”.

And that what we have: creation of second illegal continental federations in Asia and America. For the first time in history of FIAS, there is a suit against FIAS Executives in the CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport). Combat SAMBO is excluded from prestigious SportAccord’s World Combat Games. There are multiple violations of the Charter of FIAS.

It seems, Valilij Shestakov was not listening to this speech, as indeed, and the other statements by Vladimir Putin.

It is strange that emphasizing its proximity to the president, Vasily Shestakov, conducts absolutely opposite policies in FIAS - bodies conflicts, flouting international law, not defending national interests of Russia, and boldly destroying SAMBO - national heritage of Russia.

In his letter to the president of the Ministry of Sports of Great Britain Mrs. Nichol No. 044/2 of 29.01,2013, representative of Valilij Shestakov, Mr. Andrei Moshanov, had written: “I have been selected ... appointed by the head of FIAS who was the coach and is a personal friend of Mr. Putin”.

Just recently, in the “IZVESTIJA” magazine (<http://izvestia.ru/news/544972>) I read that Vasiliy Shestakov:” Coach of Vladimir Putin”. How ashamed he must be appearing in front of Anatolij Semenovich Rahlin (the true coach of Vladimir Putin). Further, in the same article there is a quote: “- Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin had a desire to include SAMBO into program Olympic Sports”.

And how about Vasiliy Shestakov, does he have such desire?

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