

## Rights in Russia

*Week-ending Friday 7 June 2013*

- “Bolotnoye” case** On 6/6 the trial began in Moscow of 12 people charged with violence against police and alleged mass riot in the “Bolotnoye case.” The court extended by 6 months pre-trial detention for 10 of the 12 accused. ([RFE/RL](#), 6/6; [The Moscow Times](#), 7/6)
- Muslims detained** On 7/6 Russian police rounded up 300 people at a Muslim prayer room in Moscow. ([Reuters](#), 7/6)
- Grounds for inspections** On 4/6 the Ministry of Justice said a draft amendment giving authorities additional grounds for unscheduled inspections of NGOs had been approved. ([The Moscow Times](#), [HRO.org](#); 4/6)
- LGBT group fined** On 6/6 the St Petersburg-based LGBT film festival “Side by Side” was fined over USD 15,500. ([Amnesty International](#), 6/6)
- UN experts concerned** On 6/6 UN experts expressed concern Russian authorities had charged two that provided information to the UN Committee Against Torture, under the foreign agents law. ([RFE/RL](#), 6/6)
- Activists**
- Maria Alekhina** On 1/6 Pussy Riot member Maria Alekhina ended her hunger strike. ([HRO.org](#), 3/6)
- Vadim Korovin** On 4/6 a Moscow region court decided against sanctioning the arrest of Vadim Korovin, an activist with the Russian Federation of Car Owners, accused of hitting a policeman with his car. ([The Moscow Times](#), 4/6)
- Aleksei Kozlov** On 5/6 Aleksei Kozlov, the jailed husband of prominent Russian pro-reform activist Olga Romanova, in prison since 2008 and sentenced to five years for fraud, was released. ([RFE/RL](#), 5/6)
- HIV activist fined** On 5/6 a Russian court fined the organizer of a recent handout of condoms to promote HIV awareness near a World War II monument. ([The Moscow Times](#), 6/6)
- Mikhail Savva** On 5/6 Krasnodar region court extended the pre-trial detention of Mikhail Savva until 11/8 at a closed hearing in the absence of the defendant’s lawyer. ([HRO.org](#), 6/6)
- Minority rights** On 7/6 the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers invited Russia to present an action plan regarding a ECtHR judgment on right of assembly for LGBT minorities. ([RAPSI](#), 7/6)
- Jehovah’s Witnesses** On 6/6 the European Court of Human Rights held the rights of two Jehovah’s Witnesses had been violated when medical records were disclosed to prosecutors. ([RAPSI](#), 6/7)
- North Caucasus**
- Threats against lawyers** Two lawyers in Dagestan, Sapiyat Magomedova and Musa Suslanov, have received death threats in connection with a criminal case they are working on. ([Amnesty International](#), 4/6)