

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 3 January 2014

Volgograd bombings

Train station

On 29/12 an apparent suicide bomber detonated explosives in Volgograd train station killing at least 17. ([RFE/RL](#), 29/12)

Trolleybus

On 30/12 at least 14 people were killed in the bombing of a trolleybus in Volgograd. ([The Guardian](#), 30/12)

34 dead

On 31/12 the death toll from two suicide bombings in Volgograd climbed to 34. ([RIA Novosti](#), 31/12)

700 detained

On 2/1 police in Volgograd detained more than 700 people in a security sweep. ([The Moscow Times](#), 3/1)

North Caucasus

Pyatigorsk

On the evening of 27/12, an explosion near a police building in Pyatigorsk killed three people. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 28/12)

Suspect killed

On 28/12 Islam Atiev, a suspected member of an illegal armed group, was killed in Khasavyurt, Dagestan. ([RFE/RL](#), 28/12)

Two killed

Overnight on 29-30/12, two armed men were killed in Khasavyurt after they fired on police. ([RFE/RL](#), 30/12)

One killed

On 30/12 one person was killed and two injured in a roadside bombing targeting a police car in Dagestan. ([RIA Novosti](#), 30/12)

Official killed

On 31/12 Rasul Gasanov, a local prosecutor's aide, was killed in a targeted bombing in Buinaksk, Dagestan. ([RFE/RL](#), 31/1)

Right of assembly

Strategy 31

On 31/1 28 people were detained in central Moscow during a rally in support of free assembly. ([RIA Novosti](#), 31/12)

Mokhnatkin charged

On 1/1 Sergei Mokhnatkin, detained at the 31/12 rally, was charged with assault of a police officer. ([Russkaya Planeta](#), 2/1)

...and denied bail

On 2/1, Tverskoi district court in Moscow ruled Mokhnatkin should remain in custody until March 1. ([RIA Novosti](#), 2/1)

Freedom of expression

Separatist views banned

On 30/12 President Putin signed a law to make spreading separatist views a criminal offence punishable by up to five years in jail. ([RIA Novosti](#), 30/12)

Kurayev fired

On 31/12, Andrei Kurayev, an Orthodox senior deacon and well-known blogger, was fired from the Moscow Theological Academy's faculty. ([RIA Novosti](#), 31/12)

Film banned

On 28/12 director of Moscow's Gogol Theatre Kirill Serebrennikov said he had been banned from holding the premiere of a film about Pussy Riot. ([Facebook](#), 30/12)

Ilya Farber

Farber paroled

On 31/12 Tver Region Court granted parole to Ilya Farber, a Muscovite who moved to rural Tver region controversially convicted of bribery in 2012. ([RIA Novosti](#), 31/12)