

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 17 January 2014

North Caucasus

Cossacks

Cossacks will be patrolling Sochi for next month's Winter Olympics. ([The Moscow Times](#), 12/1)

Killings in Dagestan

On 15/1 three members of the security forces and four gunmen were killed in Dagestan. ([The Guardian](#), 15/1)

On 17/1 security forces killed seven suspected militants in Dagestan. ([BBC](#), 18/1)

High profile cases

Magnitsky

The Interior Ministry denied a new criminal case has been launched against Sergei Magnitsky. ([RAPSI](#), 13/1)

Navalny

On 13/1 Aleksei Navalny rejected an investigators' allegation he breached a court order not to leave Moscow. ([RIA Novosti](#), 13/1)

On 15/1 a Moscow court upheld the seizure of Aleksei Navalny's assets as part of an ongoing embezzlement case. ([RAPSI](#), 15/1)

Politkovskaya

On 13/1 investigators said they searched the home of Murad Musayev, a lawyer representing the suspected killers of Anna Politkovskaya. ([The Moscow Times](#), 14/1)

On 14/1 Moscow City Court appointed a new jury in the trial of the Anna Politkovskaya murder suspects. ([RFE/RL](#), 14/1)

The Moscow City Court postponed hearings into the murder of Anna Politkovskaya until 20/1. ([RFE/RL](#), 15/1)

Freedom of expression

Jehovah's Witnesses

A court in Kurgan had declared brochures produced by the Jehovah's Witnesses to be extremist. ([RIA Novosti](#), 13/1)

Satter banned

Rights organizations criticized Russia's [banning](#) of U.S. journalist David Satter from the country for five years. ([RFE/RL](#), 16/1)

No prison for killing journalist

On 16/1 a court in Irkutsk ruled a man guilty of killing a journalist should not go to prison. ([RFE/RL](#), 16/1)

LGBT rights

Nobel laureates

Some 27 Nobel laureates called on President Putin to repeal repressive homophobic legislation. ([The Independent](#), 13/1)

Migrants' rights

Uzbek murdered

Overnight on 16-17/1, an Uzbek migrant worker was found stabbed to death in Moscow. ([RFE/RL](#), 17/1)

Right of assembly

Udaltsov

On 16/1 Sergei Udaltsov received from investigators a clarified indictment over the 2012 Moscow riot case. ([RAPSI](#), 16/1)

Bolotnaya defendant

On 16/1 bolotnaya defendant Dmitry Altaichinov was freed by a Moscow court under amnesty. ([RIA Novosti](#), 16/1)

Mokhnatkin

A new criminal case has been opened against Sergei Mokhnatkin for alleged violence against a police officer. ([RIA Novosti](#), 13/1)