

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 24 January 2014

North Caucasus

Dagestan killings

On 18/1 Russian security forces killed seven people suspected of an attack on a restaurant in Dagestan. ([BBC](#), 18/1)

On 20/1 three militants were killed during a special operation of security forces in the capital of Dagestan, Russia's National Anti-terrorism Committee. ([RIA Novosti](#), 20/1)

On 21/1 Eldar Magatov, a suspected militant leader, was shot dead by police in Dagestan. ([RIA Novosti](#), 21/1)

Evgeny Vitishko

On 22/1 leading human rights groups called for release of jailed environmentalist Evgeny Vitishko. ([The Moscow Times](#), 23/1)

Yukos

Mikhail Khodorkovsky

On 23/1 the Russian Supreme Court upheld an earlier judgment obliging Mikhail Khodorkovsky to pay 17 bn rubles in back taxes. ([RAPSI](#), 23/1)

Platon Lebedev

On 24/1 Platon Lebedev, business partner of former Russian oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, was freed from a prison after a court ruled to reduce his sentence to time served. ([RFE/RL](#), 24/1)

Aleksei Navalny

Party denied registration

On 21/1 the Justice Ministry denied registration to Aleksei Navalny's People's Alliance political party, citing existence of other organization with same name. ([The Moscow Times](#), 22/1)

Investigations

On 23/1 Aleksei Navalny announced that when he visited the Investigative Committee to read materials on one criminal case, he was subpoenaed to give testimony on another. ([RAPSI](#), 21/1)

Freedom of expression

Mass media 'foreign agents' bill

On 21/1 the Duma decided the bill on mass media foreign agents would be resubmitted after having tougher restrictions added to it. ([RAPSI](#), 21/1)

Right of assembly

Baburova & Markelov

On 19/1 about 400 demonstrators took part in a Moscow march to honour journalist Anastasia Baburova and lawyer Stanislav Markelov, shot dead on 19/1/09. ([The Moscow Times](#), 20/1)

Bolotnaya trial

On 22/1 the Moscow prosecutor demanded prison terms of between five and six years for eight Bolotnaya defendants. The hearings were adjourned until January 27. ([RFE/RL](#), 22/1)

Extremism

Penalty

On 22/1 the Duma passed a bill increasing the maximum penalty for extremism from two to four years in prison. ([RFE/RL](#), 23/1)

Ombuds office

Ella Pamfilova

On 23/1 President Putin approved the nomination of Ella Pamfilova for the post of Human Rights Ombudsman to replace Vladimir Lukin, whose term expires on 18/2. ([RAPSI](#), 23/1)