

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 31 January 2014

North Caucasus

Dagestan killings

On 25/1 three suspected members of illegal armed groups were killed by security forces in Makhachkala. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 27/1)

Wild garlic ban

Residents in Chechnya and Ingushetia have been banned from picking wild garlic during the Sochi Winter Olympics so they will not be mistaken for rebels. ([BBC](#), 27/1)

Activists barred

On 31/1 rights activists Semyon Simonov and Nikolai Levshits filed a lawsuit against the Sochi Olympics organizers after being barred from attending the Games. ([The Moscow Times](#), 2/2)

Freedom of expression

Lecturer questioned

A Moscow University philosophy lecturer Vyacheslav Dmitriyev was questioned on suspicion of extremism after reposting online an article about regime change in Russia. ([RIA Novosti](#), 29/1)

Dozhd under investigation

On 30/1 prosecutors said they were examining Dozhd TV for possible extremism charges over a poll about World War II broadcast on 26/1. At least four large cable providers stopped broadcasting Dozhd since the poll. ([The Moscow Times](#), 31/1)

Human Rights Council

On 31/1 the Human Rights Council asked prosecutors to check cable and satellite companies whether they violated the law in dropping broadcasts of Dozhd TV. ([RIA Novosti](#), 31/1)

Right of assembly

Trial of Udaltsov & Razvozzhaev

On 28/1 Moscow City Court decided the trials of Sergei Udaltsov and Leonid Razvozzhaev on charges of preparing mass riots in Moscow are to start behind closed doors on 4/2. ([RFE/RL](#), 28/1)

Bail denied

On 31/1 Moscow City Court refused to release Udaltsov and Razvozzhayev. Razvozzhayev will remain in jail and Udaltsov will stay under house arrest. ([RAPSI](#), 31/1)

Magnitsky

New case

On 28/1 the mother of lawyer Sergei Magnitsky asked the Interior Ministry to close a new case against her son. ([The Moscow Times](#), 28/1)

LGBT rights

No gays

Mayor of Sochi Anatoly Pakhomov told the BBC's Panorama programme that there are no gay people in the city. ([BBC](#), 27/1)

Gay propaganda

On 31/1 reports said creator of an online support group for gay teenagers, faces a fine for "gay propaganda." ([RIA Novosti](#), 31/1)

Right of association

Memorial

Memorial marked 25 years since its founding conference on 28-29 January 1989. ([HRO.org](#), 29/1)

Military

Explosion

On 30/1 three troops were killed in a munitions explosion at a military training site in the village of Knyaze-Volkonskoye, in Khabarovsk region. ([RIA Novosti](#), 31/1)