

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 6 June 2014

- Ministry of Justice** **Right of Association**
On 4/6 President Putin signed a law allowing the [Justice Ministry](#) to register NGOs as ‘foreign agents’ without their consent. ([The Moscow Times](#), 4/6)
- Agora**
On 4/6, prosecutors in Tatarstan demanded that Agora Human Rights Association register as a ‘[foreign agent](#)’. Agora said ‘the prosecutors are disseminating false information.’ ([HRO.org](#), 4/6)
- Internet** **Freedom of expression**
On 3/6 reports said Russia's media watchdog and the FSB have drafted regulations requiring [Internet companies](#) to reveal their users' details at the request of law enforcement agencies. ([The Moscow Times](#), 3/6)
- Dozhd TV**
On 4/6 a Moscow district court consolidated defamation lawsuits filed by two seniors demanding 51m roubles (\$1.5 million) from TV channel [Dozhd](#) over a poll asking whether Leningrad should have surrendered to the Nazis to avert casualties. ([RAPSI](#), 4/6)
- Anna Sharogradskaya**
On 5/6 [Anna Sharogradskaya](#), director of the St. Petersburg-based Regional Press Institute, was briefly detained by the FSB ahead of a trip to the U.S. Her computer and USB drives were confiscated. ([The Moscow Times](#), 5/6)
- Foreign-funded media**
On 5/6 [Human Rights Watch](#) called on the [State Duma](#) to drop proposed amendments to the media law requiring foreign-funded media outlets that cover “political activities” to register as “foreign agents.” ([Human Rights Watch](#), 5/6)
- Amnesty International** **Right of assembly**
On 3/6 [Amnesty International](#) published a report condemning violations of right of assembly. ([Amnesty International](#), 3/6)
- Detentions** **Migrants**
On 5/6 police and forces from the [Federal Migration Service](#) detained 400 suspected illegal migrants in Moscow at a major construction site. Most of those detained are citizens of Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. ([RFE/RL](#), 6/6)
- Dagestan** **North Caucasus**
One suspected militant was [killed](#) and a police officer wounded in a counterterrorist operation in Dagestan on 4/6. ([RFE/RL](#), 4/6)
- Elections** **Public Chamber**
On 1/6 the first elections held for seats in the [Public Chamber](#) ended in a scandal as all opposition candidates were weeded out amid vote rigging allegations. ([The Moscow Times](#), 1/6)
- Siberia** **Flooding emergency**
On 1/6 Russia’s Emergency Situations Ministry, said its rescue workers had evacuated more than [10,000 people](#) from residential buildings in Siberia as a result of flooding. ([RFE/RL](#), 1/6)