

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 20 June 2014

- Bolotnaya appeals**
On 17/6 Amnesty International said all eight of the Bolotnaya protesters whose appeals were to be heard by Moscow City Court on 19/6 were victims of a politically motivated trial and should be released. ([Amnesty International](#), 17/6)
On 20/6 Moscow City Court heard an appeal filed by eight Bolotnaya protesters and slightly reduced sentences in respect of two of them (Sergey Kryvov and Yaroslav Belousov) in what Human Rights Watch called a “serious miscarriage of justice” ([Human Rights Watch](#), 20/6)
- Journalist found dead**
On 15/6 Russia's Investigative Committee said the body of journalist Galina Koshcheyeva missing since 10/6 had been found on 14/6 in a forest near the town of Suny in Kirov region. Her body carried traces of violence. ([RFE/RL](#), 16/6)
- Increased use of anonymisers**
On 18/6 the number of Russia-based users of anonymous web surfing software Tor, which allows users to anonymously visit websites blocked in their country, was almost 200,000 compared with with 80,000 on 1/6. ([The Moscow Times](#), 19/6)
- Apartment searched**
On 20/6 investigators in Moscow conducted a 4am search of Aleksei Navalny's apartment in connection with a case in which he is alleged to have defrauded an opposition party in 2007. A Navalny spokeswoman said several items were confiscated. ([RFE/RL](#), 20/6)
- New charges**
On 20/6 Russia's Investigative Committee announced they had found an allegedly stolen picture during a search of Aleksei Navalny's apartment. ([RFE/RL](#), 21/6)
- Zamir Taibov**
Law enforcement agencies
On 16/6 officials say the body of Zamir Taibov, an ex-police officer in Stavropol region, was found on 14/6 with gunshot wounds and traces of torture, a day after he had been summoned for questioning by the local branch of the FSB. ([RFE/RL](#), 16/6)
- Dalny convictions**
On 16/6 eight former police officers in Tatarstan were given prison terms ranging from two to 15 years for torturing suspects at the Dalny detention facility in Kazan, including one case in March 2012 in which the victim died. ([The Moscow Times](#), 16/6)
- Boris Kolesnikov**
On 17/6 a lawyer for General Boris Kolesnikov, a former top anticorruption official who died after falling from the sixth floor of the Investigative Committee's HQ in Moscow, said his client had been forced to commit suicide. ([RFE/RL](#), 17/6)
- Perm-36 Museum**
Stalinism
On 17/6 a petition was launched to save the Perm-36 GULAG Memorial Museum. ([HRO.org](#), 17/6)