

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 8 April 2016

- Umarali Nazarov* **Right to life**
On 6/4 the Investigative Committee found that the death of 5-month-old Umarali Nazarov, a Tajik baby separated from his parents by migration authorities, was not caused by St. Petersburg clinic doctors. ([The Moscow Times](#), 7/4)
- Maksim Panfilov* **Right of assembly**
On 7/4 Maksim Panfilov was arrested and charged with participation in mass riots and use of violence against a law enforcement officer in connection with the Bolotnaya Square demonstration on 6/5/12. ([RAPSI](#), 8/4)
- Planet of Hopes* **Right of association**
On 4/4 French authorities granted Russian rights defender Nadezhda Kutepova, head of the NGO Planet of Hopes, and her children political asylum in France. ([RFE/RL](#), 5/4)
- Anti-Corruption Foundation* **Right of association**
On 6/4 the Prosecutor General's Office began an investigation into Russian opposition politician Aleksei Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation. ([The Moscow Times](#), 6/4)
- Olga Li* **Freedom of expression**
On 1 /4 investigators in Kursk region [launched](#) a hate crime investigation against regional lawmaker Olga Li for her criticism of President Putin. (RFE/RL, [1 /4](#); [7/4](#))
- Nadia Savchenko* **Fair trial**
On 6/4 Ukrainian military pilot Nadia Savchenko, sentenced by a Russian court to 22 years in prison, started a 'dry' hunger strike and demanded her immediate return to Ukraine. ([RFE/RL](#), 6/4)
- Aleksei Navalny* **Fair trial**
On 8/4 Moscow City Court suspended proceedings to collect more than 16m roubles (\$237,000) from Aleksei Navalny and two other defendants, in response to a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights. ([The Moscow Times](#), 8/4)
- Mossack Fonseca* **Corruption**
On 3/4 a leak of millions of papers from the database of Mossack Fonseca revealed a network of secret offshore deals and loans worth \$2bn showing how President Putin's friends earned millions from deals that seemingly could not have been secured without his patronage. ([The Guardian](#), 3 /4)
- National Guard* **Law enforcement agencies**
On 5/4 President Putin announced Russia is creating a national guard to fight terrorism and organized crime, to be based on Interior Ministry's troops. ([RFE/RL](#), 5/4)
- Poverty* **Social rights**
On 6/4 the World Bank in a report said an estimated 3.1 million Russians have slipped below the poverty line as the country's economy struggles with low global oil prices and international sanctions. ([RFE/RL](#), 6/4)