

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 8 June 2018

- Right of assembly**
- Amnesty International* On 6/6 Amnesty International called on the authorities to end the crackdown on freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and to respect, promote and fulfil the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly for all. ([Amnesty International](#), 6/6)
- Dmitry Borisov* On 7/6 Dmitry Borisov, sentenced to one year in prison for using force against a police officer during a rally in Moscow on 26/3/17, was released after serving his term. ([RAPSI](#), 7/6)
- Dmitry Krepkin* On 8/6 the lawyer acting for Dmitry Krepkin, jailed for 18 months for allegedly assaulting a police officer at a Moscow rally on 26/3/17, has filed an application to the ECtHR. ([RAPSI](#), 8/6)
- Freedom of expression**
- Vladimir Egorov* On 6/6 reports said 51-year-old Vladimir Egorov was given a two-year suspended sentence for 'extremism' for online posts critical of President Putin. ([The Moscow Times](#), 6/6)
- Access to information / Historical memory**
- Gulag History Museum* On 8/6 the Gulag History Museum said a researcher had discovered a secret Moscow directive in 2014 ordering the destruction of some of the last remaining documents on Soviet-era prisoners - a move it described as "catastrophic" for historians. ([RFE/RL](#), 8/6)
- Activists**
- Aidar Kudirmekov* On 3/6 opposition activist Aidar Kudirmekov from Altai Krai said he has fled the country in fear for his safety. ([RFE/RL](#), 4/6)
- Minority languages**
- Yakutsk* On 7/6 dozens of activists protested in Yakutsk against a plan by federal authorities to abolish mandatory Yakut language lessons at schools. ([RFE/RL](#), 7/6)
- North Caucasus**
- Ingushetia* On 8/6 two alleged militants were killed in a counterterrorism operation in Nazran, Ingushetia. ([RFE/RL](#), [Caucasian Knot](#), 8/6)
- Ukraine**
- Roman Sushchenko* On 4/6 a court sentenced Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko to 12 years in prison for espionage. ([RFE/RL](#), 4/6)
- Oleh Sentsov* On 7/6 Amnesty International called for the immediate release of Oleh Sentsov, on hunger strike. ([Amnesty International](#), 7/6)
- Oleksandr Kolchenko* On 7/6 Ukrainian activist Oleksandr Kolchenko, sentenced to 10 years in jail, ended his hunger strike. ([The Moscow Times](#), 7/8)
- Oleksandr Shumkov* On 8/6 reports said the Investigative Committee has completed its investigation into charges of alleged involvement in Right Sector against Ukrainian Oleksandr Shumkov whom rights defenders believe was abducted and taken to Russia by force. ([Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 8/6)