

## Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 11 May 2018

- Right of assembly**
- He's Not Our Tsar* On 5/5 police arrested an estimated 1,600 protesters in 27 Russian cities during “He’s Not Our Tsar” rallies, including over 200 in St. Petersburg, 35 in Krasnoyarsk and 32 in Krasnodar (The Moscow Times, 7/5; RFE/RL, 5/5; Caucasian Knot, 5/5)
- Cossacks* On 5/5 pro-Kremlin Cossack fighters used leather whips to attack protesters at the Moscow rally. (The Guardian, 6/5)
- Arrests* On 5/5 Aleksei Navalny was detained at a rally in Moscow. On 6/5 he was released from custody pending trial on charges of repeated violations of public assembly regulations and refusing to comply with police orders. On 6/5 in Rostov-on-Don protester Vladimir Khripun was jailed for seven days. In Astrakhan a court jailed protester Abudin Mustafaev for five days. (RFE/RL, 6/5; RFE/RL, 11/5; Caucasian Knot, 6/5; Caucasian Knot, 6/5)
- Journalists* On 5/5 almost two dozen journalists were beaten or detained during anti-government protests across Russia. Among those detained were Current Time TV correspondent Aleksei Aleksandrov and a reporter for RFE/RL's Russian Service. (RFE/RL, 5/5; The Moscow Times, 7/5)
- Left Bloc* On 9/5 police in Moscow arrested 23 Left Bloc activists during a military parade. (The Moscow Times, 9/5)
- Internet freedom**
- Telegram* On 8/5 Telegram appealed the Supreme Court’s refusal to cancel the FSB’s decree regarding user data. (RAPSI, 8/5)
- The arts**
- Kirill Serebrennikov* On 9/5 President Putin rejected calls for the release of detained filmmaker Kirill Serebrennikov to allow him to travel to the Cannes Film Festival. (RFE/RL, 11/5)
- Aleksei Malobrodsky* On 10/5 a Moscow court rejected a request by investigators to transfer to house arrest Aleksei Malobrodsky, a former director of Moscow’s Gogol Centre theatre. (RFE/RL, 10/5)
- Crimea**
- Hennady Lymeshko* On 10/5 Ukrainian Hennady Lymeshko was convicted of ‘sabotage’ charges in Crimea and sentenced to eight years in prison. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 11/5)
- Crimea Human Rights Group* On 10/5 Roskomnadzor informed the owner of the site used by Crimean Human Rights Group that material from the Group has been banned and must be removed, or the Group’s webpage will be blocked. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 11/5)
- The Hague* On 11/5 the Justice Ministry restated its rejection of the jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague which ordered Russia to compensate Ukrainian companies for losses after the annexation of Crimea. (The Moscow Times, 11/5)