

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 18 May 2018

- Right of assembly**
- 20 detained* On 13/5 Moscow police detained at least 20 protesting against government attempts to curtail Internet freedom. (RFE/RL, 13/5)
- Aleksei Navalny jailed* On 15/5 a Moscow court jailed Aleksei Navalny for 30 days for repeated violations of public assembly rules and failing to comply with police instructions. (RFE/RL, 15/5)
- Freedom of conscience**
- Jehovah's Witnesses searched* On 16-17/5 police raided the homes of Jehovah's Witnesses in Orenburg and Birobidzhan. (RFE/RL, 18/5)
- Freedom of expression**
- Aleksei Malobrodsky* On 14/5 the Investigative Committee said ex-director of the Gogol Centre Theatre Aleksei Malobrodsky would be released from pretrial detention. (RFE/RL, 15/5)
- WhatsApp* On 17/5 the state media watchdog briefly blocked the WhatsApp messaging service. (The Moscow Times, 17/)
- Elena Malakhovskaya* On 17/5 Moscow police detained Elena Malakhovskaya, an anchor of Aleksei Navalny's online TV channel over the 5/5 protest. (RFE/RL, 17/5)
- Dmitry Bogatov* On 18/5 Dmitry Bogatov, administrator of a Tor node, was acquitted of terrorism charges. (The Moscow Times, 18/5)
- Freedom of movement**
- Aleksei Navalny* On 15/5 the ECtHR ruled Russia's refusal to issue Aleksei Navalny a passport had been unlawful. (RFE/RL, 15/5)
- Hajo Seppelt* On 15/5 Russia issued a visa to German journalist Hajo Seppelt following international pressure. (The Moscow Times, 15/5)
- Crimea**
- Oleh Sentsov* On 14/5 jailed Ukrainian filmmaker Oleh Sentsov began a hunger strike. (RFE/RL, 17/5)
- Volodymyr Balukh* On 15/5 a new trial of Volodymyr Balukh, an imprisoned pro-Kyiv activist on hunger strike for 55 days, began in Crimea. (RFE/RL, 15/5)
- 26 February case* On 15/5 the trial ended of five Crimean Tatars accused of involvement in a pre-annexation demonstration. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 15/5)
- Nedim Khalilov* On 15/5 Crimean Tatar Nedim Khalilov was deported to Uzbekistan. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 17/5)
- About 20 detained* On 17/5 around 20 young people were detained who gathered to mark the anniversary of the 1944 Deportation of the Crimean Tatar people. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 18/5)
- Dozens briefly detained* On 18/5 police in Simferopol briefly detained dozens of Crimean Tatars who tried to commemorate victims of the 1944 deportation. (RFE/RL, 18/5)