

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 25 May 2018

Aleksei Navalny

Petr Istomin

On 23/5 reports said Petr Istomin, a staff member of Aleksei Navalny's office in Stavropol, was expelled from university for taking part in opposition rallies. (Caucasian Knot, 23/5)

*Ruslan
Shaveddinov, Sergei
Boiko*

On 23/5 host of Aleksei Navalny's YouTube channel Ruslan Shaveddinov and Navalny campaign regional coordinator Sergei Boiko were both jailed for 30 days for tweets supporting anti-government protests. (The Moscow Times; RFE/RL , 23/5)

Kira Yarmysh

On 23/5 a Moscow court jailed Kira Yarmysh, the press secretary of Aleksei Navalny, for 25 days over nationwide protests against President Putin. (RFE/RL, 23/5)

Ivan Zhdanov

On 24/5 police detained Ivan Zhdanov, lawyer of Aleksei Navalny's Anticorruption Centre. (RFE/RL, 24/5)

Nikolai Lyaskin

On 25/5 Nikolai Lyaskin, head of Navalny's Moscow office, was jailed for 15 days for using Twitter to urge Navalny supporters to join nationwide anti-Putin protests. (RFE/RL, 25/5)

Torture

Dmitry Pchelintsev

On 22/5 anti-fascist activist Dmitry Pchelintsev said that he was tortured in custody by security forces who demanded he retract previous torture allegations. The Moscow Times, 22/5)

Telegram

ECtHR

On 21/5 the ECtHR registered an application lodged by Telegram Messenger LLP against Russia, challenging the requirement to provide access to encryption to the FSB. (RAPSI, 21/5)

Moscow City Court

On 22/5 Moscow City Court upheld on appeal a ruling dismissing a class action lawsuit filed by Telegram users against the FSB. (RAPSI, 22/5)

Elections

Mayoral elections

On 22/5 Ekaterinburg Mayor Yevgeny Roizman announced his resignation, in protest at the abolition of direct elections for the city's mayoral office. (RFE/RL , 22/5)

Chechnya

Seven killed

On 19/5 police shot dead four gunmen who attacked a Russian Orthodox church in Chechnya. Two police officers and one churchgoer were killed. (RFE/RL, 19/5)

LGBT rights

On 19/5 rights defenders dismissed as meaningless the statement by Minister of Justice Aleksandr Kononov there were no gay men in Chechnya. (Caucasian Knot, 19/5)

Ukraine / Crimea

*Server Mustafaev,
Edem Smailov*

On 21/5 Crimea Solidarity activists Server Mustafaev and Edem Smailov were arrested. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 22/5)

Asam Egiz

On 23/5 Crimean Tatar activist Asan Egiz was abducted by men in police uniform and beaten. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 24/5)