

## Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 22 June 2018

### **Crimea / Ukraine**

- Sushchenko, Sentsov, Karpyuk* On 18/6 reports said the Ukrainian ombudswoman was not allowed to meet Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko in a Moscow detention centre or Oleg Sentsov and Mykola Karpyuk in prison. ([Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 18/6; [RFE/RL](#), 19/6)
- Mykola Dadey* On 19/6 a court sentenced Ukrainian Mykola Dadey to 18 months in jail for supposedly 'encouraging participation in an extremist organization'. ([Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 19/6)
- Aleksandr Kolchenko* On 19/6 Mikhail Fedotov asked the prison service to ensure the well-being of Ukrainian Aleksandr Kolchenko. ([RAPSI](#), 19/6)
- 5 Crimean Tatars* On 19/6 a court in Crimea convicted five Crimean Tatar activists of taking part in "mass disturbances" in February 2014 and gave them suspended prison sentences. ([RFE/RL](#), 19/6)
- Nuri Primov* On 20/6 Raime Primova, mother of Crimean Tatar Nuri Primov jailed for terrorism, started a hunger strike. ([RFE/RL](#), 21/6)
- Oleh Sentsov* On 22/6 Oleh Sentsov's health was reported deteriorating as he continues his hunger strike. ([RFE/RL](#), 22/6)

### **Freedom of religion**

- Jehovah's Witnesses* On 21/6 the Presidential Human Rights Council questioned the legality of prosecuting Jehovah's Witnesses. ([RFE/RL](#), 21/6)

### **Freedom of expression**

- Telegram* On 18/6 Telegram filed a complaint with the ECtHR over the blocking of the messenger throughout the country. ([RAPSI](#), 18/6)
- Aleksandr Valov* On 19/6 the Committee to Protect Journalists said jailed journalist Aleksandr Valov who suffered knife wounds, should be released. ([Committee for the Protection of Journalists](#), 19/6)
- Gaspar Avakyan* On 21/6 a Rostov-on-Don court jailed blogger Gaspar Avakyan for three days for disobeying police. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 21/6)
- Timur Mutsuraev* On 21/6 three were fined in Chechnya for posting banned songs of Timur Mutsuraev. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 21/6)
- Aleksandr Sokolov* On 21/6 journalist Aleksandr Sokolov, convicted of extremism, filed an appeal against his 3.5-year sentence. ([RAPSI](#), 21/6)

### **Right of assembly**

- Sergei Mitrokhin* On 19/6 Yabloko's Sergei Mitrokhin was detained while protesting the plans to increase the pension age. ([RFE/RL](#), 19/6)
- Dmitry Kalinychev* On 20/6 Dmitry Kalinychev from Nizhny Novgorod was jailed for 25 days for holding a picket on 18/6 in defence of Ukrainian political prisoners. ([Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 20/6)
- Maryam Qashqaei Shojaei* On 20/6 Iranian activist Maryam Qashqaei Shojaei was blocked from a Kazan stadium for two hours. ([The Moscow Times](#), 21/6)
- Supreme Court* On 21/6 the Supreme Court said 'inconvenience' could no longer be good reason to ban a protest. ([The Moscow Times](#), 21/6)