

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 13 July 2018

Human rights defenders

*Oleg Orlov,
Svetlana
Gannushkina* On 9/7 rights activists Svetlana Gannushkina and Oleg Orlov were detained and charged for protesting against the detention of Oyub Titiev. (The Moscow Times, 10/7)

Oyub Titiev On 9/7 Shali City Court in Chechnya extended the pre-trial detention of Oyub Titiev until 22/12. (Caucasian Knot, 9/7)

ECtHR On 11/7 reports said Oyub Titiev has filed a complaint to the ECtHR against violation of his pre-trial detention and politically-motivate prosecution. (Caucasian Knot, 11/7)

Anna Politkovskaya On 13/7 a garden created in honor of slain Russian investigative reporter Anna Politkovskaya has opened near the offices of *Novaya gazeta*. (RFE/RL, 13/7)

Right of assembly

Maria Alekhina On 11/7 Maria Alekhina was fined 400,000 roubles for evading community service imposed for participating in an unauthorized protest against a ban on Telegram. (RFE/RL, 11/7)

Freedom of expression

Nikolai Bondarenko On 11/7 reports said Nikolai Bondarenko, a deputy in Saratov, faces a hate speech investigation for criticizing government plans to raise the retirement age. (The Moscow Times, 12/7)

Internet censorship On 11/7 Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev said his ministry seeks volunteers as censors to weed out banned information from the internet. (The Moscow Times, 11/7)

Right of association

Foreign NGOs On 12/7 the State Duma adopted in final reading a bill regulating the activity of branches of foreign NGOs. (RAPSI, 12/7)

Crimea / Ukraine

Oleg [Oleh] Sentsov On 7/7 Ukrainian actress Rimma Zyubnina posted on FB a letter she had received from jailed Ukrainian director Oleg Sentsov, written on the 51st day of his hunger strike. (RFE/RL, 9/7)

On 13/7 Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov, on hunger strike, marked his birthday in prison. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 13/7)

On 13/7 the mother of Oleh Sentsov asked Russian President Vladimir Putin to pardon her son. (RFE/RL, 13/7)

Akhten Mustafeyev On 10/7 Akhtem Mustafayev, a driver for the wife of veteran Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Dzhemilev says he was tortured by FSB officers in Crimea. (RFE/RL, 10/7)

Emir-Usein Kuku On 11/7 Ukrainian political prisoner Emir-Usein Kuku “was returned” to the remand prison in Rostov, from where he disappeared on 10/7. (Human Rights in Ukraine, 11/7)

Yevhen Panov On 13/7 a Crimea court sentenced Ukrainian Yevhen Panov to eight years in prison on sabotage charges. (RFE/RL, 13/7)