

## Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 20 July 2018

### **Human rights defenders**

*Pussy Riot* On 17/7 four members of Pussy Riot were jailed for 15 days for disrupting the World Cup final. ([BBC](#), 17/7)

*Oyub Titiev* On 17/7 Council of Europe Commissioner Dunja Mijatovic called on Russia to release Oyub Titiev and spoke in favour of transferring the trial outside Chechnya. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 17/7)

On 17/7 the main prosecution witness in the trial of Oyub Titiev appeared on Chechen TV making accusations against Titiev, whose trial began on 18/7. ([Caucasian Knot](#), [17/7](#); [18/7](#))

### **Torture**

*Aslan Yandiev* On 17/7 Aslan Yandiev, suffering from a long-term illness, was extradited to Russia and is at grave risk of torture and other ill-treatment and an unfair trial. ([Amnesty International](#), 19/7)

*Alleged torture of prisoners in Yaroslavl* On 20/7 the [Investigative Committee](#) and [Yaroslavl Prison Service](#) said they had launched probes into a video purporting to show torture by prison guards. ([RFE/RL](#), 20/7)

### **Freedom of expression**

*Moloko+* On 15/7 Krasnodar police seized the print run of the moloko+ almanac. Earlier Pavel Nikulin and Sofiko Arifdjanova, moloko+ journalists, were attacked. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 17/7)

*Ilya Davydov* On 17/7 Ilya Davydov got an 18-month suspended sentence for jokes allegedly offensive to Muslims. ([The Moscow Times](#), 17/7)

### **Right of assembly**

*Nalchik* On 17/7 authorities in Nalchik banned a rally in support of the study of native languages. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 17/7)

*St. Petersburg* On 18/7 17 demonstrators against the increase in pensionable age were arrested in St. Petersburg. ([The Moscow Times](#), 19/7)

### **ECtHR**

*Pussy Riot / Anna Politkovskaya* On 17/7 the ECtHR said Russia had violated five articles of the human rights convention in its arrest and conviction of Pussy Riot members in 2012 and violated Article 2 in its investigation into journalist Anna Politkovskaya's murder. ([BBC](#), 17/7)

### **Crimea / Ukraine**

*Roman Ternovsky* On 16/7 Roman Ternovsky was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment for involvement in his native Ukraine in Right Sector and posting material on Facebook about the organisation. ([Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 16/7)

*Pavlo Hryb* On 17/7 at a court in Rostov-on-Don the trial of Ukrainian citizen Pavlo Hryb on terrorism charges began. ([RFE/RL](#), 17/7)

*Gulsum Aliyeva* On 19/7 police searched the home of Gulsum Aliyeva, daughter of detained Crimean Tatar Muslim Aliyev charged with membership of Hizb ut-Tahrir. Aliyeva was taken away for questioning. ([RFE/RL](#), 19/7; [Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 19/7)