

## Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 27 July 2018

### **Human rights defenders / activists**

- Irina Biryukova* On 23/7 lawyer [Irina Biryukova](#) was said to have left Russia for fear of her safety. ([RFE/RL](#), [Amnesty International](#); 23/7)
- Mikhail Savostin* On 23/7 Memorial [said](#) activist Mikhail Savostin charged with illegal drug possession, is a political prisoner. ([RFE/RL](#), 24/7)
- Pussy Riot* On 25/7 a Moscow court fined the four jailed members of Pussy Riot for their protest at the World Cup final. ([RFE/RL](#), 25/7)
- Oyub Titiev* On 27/7 the Supreme Court of Chechnya refused to transfer Oyub Titiev to house arrest. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 27/7)
- Torture**
- Evgeny Makarov* On 23/7 six prison officers were [arrested](#) and at least 17 fired at a Yaroslavl prison regarding the torture of Evgeny Makarov. ([The Moscow Times](#), 23/7; [RAPSI](#), [26/7](#); [27/7](#))
- Bryansk* On 24/7 a prison guard in Bryansk region was detained on suspicion of suffocating an inmate to death. ([RFE/RL](#), 24/7)
- Ingushetia & Siberia* On 27/7 seven police officers were jailed Ingushetia and two in Siberia for torturing suspects. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/7; [RAPSI](#), 27/7)
- Aslan Yandiev* On 26/7 Aslan Yandiev, [at risk of torture](#) following [extradition from Slovakia](#), was charged. ([RAPSI](#), [Caucasian Knot](#); 26/7)
- Freedom of religion**
- Hizb ut-Tahrir* On 26/7 Leningrad Military Court jailed eight members of Hizb ut-Tahrir for taking part in a terrorist organisation. ([RAPSI](#), 26/7)
- Freedom of expression**
- Prison wins libel suit* On 23/7 a Moscow court granted in part a libel lawsuit filed by a Nizhny Novgorod prison against Sobesednik newspaper and Pussy Riot member Maria Alekhina. ([RAPSI](#), 23/7)
- Maria Motuznaya* On 23/7 Maria Motuznaya said she faces prison on extremism charges for posts satirizing religion. ([The Moscow Times](#), 25/7)
- Denis Suvorov* On 23/7 television anchor and journalist Denis Suvorov was killed in Nizhny Novgorod. ([The Moscow Times](#), 24/7)
- Lidiya Bainova* On 24/7 Lidiya Bainova, a Khakasia ethnic minority activist, was charged with extremism for an Internet post. ([RFE/RL](#), 24/7)
- Vladimir Egorov* On 24/7 the [two-year suspended sentence](#) given to Vladimir Egorov, from Tver region, for an online post critical of President Putin, was upheld on [appeal](#). ([Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 25/7)
- Crimea / Ukraine**
- Pavlo Hryb* On 23/7 a court sent the case against Ukrainian Pavlo Hryba back for further investigation. ([RFE/RL](#), 23/7)
- Hennady Lymeshko* On 24/7 a Crimea court [upheld](#) an 8-year sentence imposed on Ukrainian Hennady Lymeshko for sabotage. His mother believes he may have been tortured. ([Human Rights in Ukraine](#), 25/7)
- Oleh Sentsov* On 27/7 a lawyer for jailed Ukrainian director Oleh Sentsov said Sentsov's hunger strike threatened his health. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/7)