

Rights in Russia Week-ending 16 February 2024

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| Russia's war on Ukraine | Human Rights Watch, Truth Hounds , and SITU Research published a new report on the Russian military assault on the Ukrainian city of Mariupol between February and May 2022. (Human Rights Watch , 8/2/24) |
| Aleksei Navalny | The Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny has died in jail, the country's prison service has said. (The Guardian , 16/2/24) Aleksei Navalny was again <u>placed in a punishment cell</u> for unspecified reasons three days after he served a previous 10-day term. (RFE/RL , 14/2/24) |
| Lawyers | A court issued arrest warrants for two of Navalny's lawyers, Olga Mikhailova and Aleksandr Fedulov, on extremism charges. (RFE/RL , 15/2/24) Russian authorities issued an arrest warrant for Russian lawyer and outspoken Kremlin critic Ilya Novikov, who resides in Ukraine. (RFE/RL , 15/2/24) |
| Media | A Moscow court sentenced Kirill Sukhanov, commercial director of the Ostorozhno Media media holding, to 7 1/2 years in prison on extortion charges and two journalist co-defendants (Arian Romanovsky and Tamerlan Bigayev), received seven years in prison on the same charge. (RFE/RL , 12/2/24) RSF says more than a hundred journalists have been victims of violence in the past two years; including 11 reporters killed. (RSF , 12/2/24) |
| HRDs | Human rights defender Bakhrom Khamroev has been placed in a punishment cell for five days in Vladimir Central Prison. (Front Line Defenders , 16/2/24) |
| Psychiatry | A Russian court again refused to transfer Yakut shaman Aleksandr Gabyshev to a less restrictive psychiatric clinic, known for his attempts to march to Moscow to drive President Putin out of the Kremlin. (RFE/RL , 12/2/24) |
| Other cases | A court sentenced activist Maksim Ivankin, already serving a lengthy prison term in the "Set" (Network) case, to an additional 24 years on a <u>double murder conviction</u> he first confessed to under torture. (RFE/RL , 12/2/24) A court of appeal sentenced prominent anti-war sociologist Boris Kagarlitsky to five years in prison. Amnesty International condemned the move. (The Moscow Times , Amnesty International , 13/2/24) Russian authorities detained Siberian activist Sergei Piskunov at a checkpoint along the Russian-Kazakh border and charged him with organizing an extremist group. (RFE/RL , 12/2/24) Police detained a former member of the Yabloko opposition party, Mikhail Sharygin, on extremism charges in Nizhny Novgorod. (RFE/RL , 14/2/24) Moscow placed Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas on <u>Russia's wanted list</u> for "destroying monuments to Soviet soldiers." (RFE/RL , 13/2/24) |
| 'Undesirable' | Lawmakers <u>introduced</u> a bill extending the classification "undesirable" organizations to state-sponsored entities. (The Moscow Times , 12/2/24) |
| 'Elections' | Russia's Supreme Court on February 15 rejected an appeal filed by anti-war presidential hopeful Boris Nadezhdin against a decision by election officials not to register him for next month's election. (RFE/RL , 15/2/24) |

