

Rights in Russia Week-ending 23 February 2024

Russia's war on Ukraine	<p>Russian authorities prosecuted more than 116,000 activists during President Putin's latest term in office, Proekt <u>reported</u>. (<u>The Moscow Times</u>, 23/2/24)</p> <p>Amnesty International <u>says</u> the Russian authorities increasingly use false, politically motivated terrorism-related charges for dissent. (AI, 19/2/24)</p> <p>Amnesty International called for full accountability for Russia for all crimes committed in Ukraine since 2014. (<u>AI</u>, 22/2/24; see also <u>AI</u>, 23/2/24)</p> <p>A Russian helicopter pilot who <u>defected to Ukraine last year in a secret operation</u> has been found dead in Spain. (<u>The Guardian</u>, 19/2/24)</p> <p>Russian courts have convicted more than 4,600 soldiers for desertion and other offenses, Proekt <u>reports</u>. (<u>The Moscow Times</u>, 22/2/24)</p>
Aleksei Navalny	<p>Despite repeated requests, Navalny's family was denied access to his body. (<u>RFE/RL</u>, 19/2/24)</p> <p>Alexei Navalny's mother has said she has been shown the body of her son but that the authorities were "blackmailing" her into burying him in a secret. (<u>The Guardian</u>, 22/2/24)</p> <p>At least four journalists were briefly detained while reporting on <u>gatherings</u> to mourn Navalny's <u>sudden death</u> in prison. (<u>CPJ</u>, 21/2/24)</p> <p>Russian authorities have begun a campaign of persecution against those paying respects to <u>Navalny</u>, Amnesty International said. (<u>AI</u>, 19/2/24)</p> <p>Russian courts have sentenced dozens detained for commemorating Navalny to short jail sentences. (<u>The Moscow Times</u>, 19/2/24)</p> <p>Yulia Navalnaya published a video address in which she vowed to continue her late husband's political work. (<u>The Guardian</u>, 19/2/24)</p> <p>Jailed activist Ilya Yashin says he fears for his life; the authorities brought new charges against Navalny's brother Oleg. (<u>The Guardian</u>, 20/2/24)</p> <p>President Putin promoted the Deputy Director of Russia's Federal Penitentiary Service (FSIN), Valery Boyarinev, to the rank of colonel general just three days after Navalny's death. (<u>RFE/RL</u>, 20/2/24)</p> <p>Senior U.S. diplomat Victoria Nuland said the United States will impose "a crushing new package of sanctions" over Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the death of Aleksei Navalny. (<u>RFE/RL</u>, 23/2/24)</p>
Other cases	<p>Russia announced it had arrested Ksenia Khavana, a dual US-Russian citizen, on treason charges. (<u>The Guardian</u>, 21/2/24)</p> <p>Moscow City Court rejected an appeal by US journalist Evan Gershkovich over his pretrial detention on espionage charges. (<u>RFE/RL</u>, 20/2/24)</p> <p>A Moscow court issued arrest warrants for self-exiled economist Konstantin Sonin and politician Leonid Gozman on charges of knowingly spreading false information about the Russian army. (<u>RFE/RL</u>, 20/2/24)</p>
YUKOS	<p>The Amsterdam Court of Appeals rejected Russia's appeal against a 2014 order to pay \$50 billion to shareholders of the now defunct Yukos oil company. (<u>RFE/RL</u>, 20/2/24)</p>
'Undesirables'	<p>Russia <u>has labeled</u> Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty as an "undesirable organization." Last week Russia labeled Article 19 an 'undesirable' organisation. (<u>RFE/RL</u>, 20/2/24, <u>CPJ</u>, 21/2/24, <u>CPJ</u>, 16/2/24))</p>

