

Rights in Russia Week-ending 1 March 2024

- Russia's war on Ukraine The international community must take immediate action to put an end to the Russian aggression in Ukraine, and effectively investigate and hold perpetrators accountable. ([FIDH](#), 24/2/24)
- Golovinsky district court in Moscow sentenced Oleg Orlov, the co-chair of the Nobel Peace Prize winning Memorial human rights center, to 2 1/2 years in prison for "repeatedly discrediting" Russian armed forces involved in the Kremlin's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/2/24; see also [Amnesty International](#), 27/2/24; [Human Rights Watch](#))
- The Norwegian Nobel Committee has called the imprisonment of Oleg Orlov, the co-chairman of the Russian rights group Memorial, which shared the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize, "politically motivated." ([RFE/RL](#), 28/2/24)
- A Moscow court fined Sergei Sokolov, editor-in-chief of Novaya Gazeta, for breaking wartime censorship laws. ([The Moscow Times](#), 29/2/24)
- A Moscow court issued an arrest warrant for self-exiled opposition politician Dmitry Gudkov on a charge of distributing "false" information about Russian military forces. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/2/24)
- Navalny Hundreds of people with flowers lined the streets near the church in Moscow where the funeral service of Aleksei Navalny took place. ([RFE/RL](#), 1/3/24)
- Associates of Aleksei Navalny say they can't find a location in Moscow to organize a public farewell ceremony. His mother said officials were blackmailing her to hold a secret commemoration. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/2/24)
- Vasily Dubkov, a lawyer who helped Navalny's mother recover his body from prison authorities, was briefly detained. ([The Moscow Times](#), 28/2/24)
- Police in Moscow detained at least four people previously arrested at memorials to Alexei Navalny. Hundreds were arrested across Russia for laying flowers at memorials. ([The Moscow Times](#), 27/2/24)
- Alexei Navalny's allies alleged Putin had him killed in jail to sabotage a prisoner swap. ([The Guardian](#), 26/2/24)
- Yulia Navalnaya, the widow of late Russian opposition figure Alexei Navalny, urged European politicians to "investigate" Western assets of President Putin and his inner circle. ([The Moscow Times](#), 28/2/24)
- Gersh-kovich A Russian court has handed a two-year prison sentence to PR expert and activist Yaroslav Shirshikov, who was among the first to report on U.S. journalist Evan Gershkovich's arrest in March last year, local media reported Tuesday. ([The Moscow Times](#), 27/2/24)
- Sulei-manova Activists demanded Russian authorities find Seda Suleimanova who has disappeared after she was detained in St. Petersburg and sent to her native Chechnya, which she fled because of domestic violence. ([RFE/RL](#), 28/2/24)
- LGBT rights A queer bar in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk has announced that it will close following a police raid over the weekend, local media reported Monday. ([The Moscow Times](#), 26/2/24)
- 'Foreign agents' Criminal cases against "foreign agents" in Russia more than doubled last year compared to the preceding two years. ([The Moscow Times](#), 28/2/24)

