

Rights in Russia
Week-ending 15 March 2024

Russia's
war on
Ukraine

In Ukraine as a result of Russia's invasion, a total of 535 children have been killed and 1,255 sustained injuries. ([Ukrinform](#), 14/3/24)

Russia's Supreme Court rejected an appeal by Ukrainian human rights defender Maksym Butkevych against a 13-year prison term. ([RFE/RL](#), 13/3/24)

Russian authorities have pressed criminal charges against journalist Mikhail Zygar for "fake news" about the military. ([The Moscow Times](#), 13/3/24)

The Moscow City Court on March 11 canceled the verdict and eight-and-a-half-year sentence of Pyotr Verzilov, former publisher of Mediazona currently serving in the Ukrainian armed forces, citing procedural violations, and sent the case back for retrial. ([RFE/RL](#), 11/3/24)

Aleksei Gorinov, serving a seven-year prison term for opposing Russia's aggression against Ukraine, said he is being tortured. Amnesty International called for his immediate release. ([RFE/RL](#), 14/3/24; [AI](#), 13/3/24)

Imprisoned human rights defender Oleg Orlov was offered exoneration if he agreed to join Russia's war effort in Ukraine. ([RFE/RL](#), 15/3/24)

Ukraine won its first Oscar for best documentary with "20 Days in Mariupol," directed by Mstyslav Chernov. ([The Moscow Times](#), 11/3/24)

The international Red Cross movement is under pressure to take action against the Russian Red Cross (RRC) over close links between the group and the Kremlin's war and propaganda machine. ([The Guardian](#), 12/3/24)

Police detained Crimean Tatar activist Edem Dudakov on unspecified charges after searching his house on March 13. ([RFE/RL](#), 13/3/24)

Aleksei
Navalny

Lithuania blamed Moscow for the bloody hammer attack on a longtime aide to the late [Alexei Navalny](#) outside his home in Vilnius. ([The Guardian](#), 13/3/24; [The Moscow Times](#), 14/3/24; [RFE/RL](#), 14/3/24)

Alina Olekhovich, 21, and Ivan Trofimov, 22, members of Aleksei Navalny's team, were both sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison on extremism charges. ([RFE/RL](#), 14/3/24)

'Foreign
agents'

President Putin on Monday signed into law a bill that bans advertisers from working with "foreign agents." ([The Moscow Times](#), 11/3/24)

'Elec-
tions'

Managers at the Astrakhan Natural-Gas-Processing Plant have handed workers instructions on how to vote. ([RFE/RL](#), 11/3/24)

A court in Vladivostok sentenced three volunteers of Nadezhdin's election campaign to several days in jail. ([RFE/RL](#), 15/3/24)

Moscow authorities have threatened to criminally prosecute those who take part in election-day rallies aimed at expressing opposition to President Vladimir Putin. ([The Moscow Times](#), 14/3/24)

Vladimir Kara-Murza said Putin's rule is based "exclusively on fear and apathy" and will collapse in the "foreseeable future." ([RFE/RL](#), 11/3/24)

