

## **Rights in Russia** **Week-ending 28 June 2024**

### **Russia's War against Ukraine**

The ICC issued arrest warrants for ex-defence minister Sergei Shoigu and chief of the general staff Valery Gerasimov for alleged war crimes in Ukraine. ([The Guardian](#), 25/6/24)

The [ECtHR](#) ruled Russia committed rights violations in Crimea. ([RFE/RL](#), 25/6/24)

A military court [sentenced](#) Ukrainian citizen Kristina Lyubashenko to 12 years in prison for releasing blue-white-blue balloons over Moscow last year. ([The Moscow Times](#), 22/6/24)

A military court in St. Petersburg [sentenced](#) Elena Komaricheva to 10 years in prison for throwing a molotov cocktail at a military recruitment office. ([The Moscow Times](#), 21/6/24)

A court in St. Petersburg rejected an appeal by Soviet-era dissident Aleksandr Skobov against his pretrial arrest on a charge of justifying of terrorism. ([RFE/RL](#), 26/6/24)

The FSB falsified evidence against 15-year-old schoolboy Arseniy Turbin jailed last week on terrorism charges, [Mediazona reported](#). ([The Moscow Times](#), 27/6/24)

A military court sentenced ex-Justice Ministry official Maria Mamedova who condemned Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine to 14 years in prison in absentia. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/6/24)

A court issued an arrest warrant for journalist Farida Kurbangaleyeva on charges of justifying terrorism and the distribution of fake news about Russia's military. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/6/24)

### **Other cases**

Russia's authorities are systematically denying arbitrarily imprisoned government critics contact with their families. ([Amnesty International](#), 26/6/24)

The Prosecutor-General's Office has demanded the Investigative Committee open criminal cases against three women on the "foreign agent" register. ([RFE/RL](#), 22/6/24)

Konstantin Starchukov was given four years in prison for throwing a Molotov cocktail at Lenin's Mausoleum. ([RFE/RL](#), 24/6/24)

Fayil Alysnyov was beaten while serving a prison sentence. ([The Moscow Times](#), 24/6/24)

An arrest warrant was [issued](#) for Akhmed Zakayev on terrorism charges. ([RFE/RL](#), 25/6/24)

Yulia Alyoshina, Russia's first transgender politician, says she was threatened with being confined to a psychiatric clinic if she continued to be a woman. ([RFE/RL](#), 25/6/24)

Afghan journalist and feminist activist Kobra Hassani returned to Afghanistan. Her asylum request was [rejected](#). ([The Moscow Times](#), 26/6/24)

A closed-door trial of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich on spying charges has begun. ([The Guardian](#), 26/6/24; [Human Rights Watch](#), 25/6/24))

Rosfinmonitoring added journalist Artyom Kriger, [arrested](#) on charges related to Alexei Navalny, to its list of "terrorists and extremists." ([The Moscow Times](#), 27/6/24)

Media freedom groups called on President Biden to press for the recognition of [RFE/RL](#) journalist Alsu Kurmasheva as a "wrongfully detained" person. ([RFE/RL](#), 27/6/24)

U.S. citizen Robert Gilman, jailed for kicking a police officer, is facing new charges of allegedly punching prison guards and an investigator. ([The Moscow Times](#), 28/6/24)

### **North Caucasus**

At least 20 people were killed in attacks by gunmen in Daghestan. ([RFE/RL](#), 24/6/24)

Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov said law enforcement and security officials should kill the family members of suspected Islamic militants. ([The Moscow Times](#), 27/6/24)

