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1. INTRODUCTION

The **Crimean Human Rights Group (CHRG)** is an organization of the Crimean human rights defenders and journalists, the purpose of which is to promote the observance and protection of human rights in Crimea by attracting widespread attention to the problems of human rights and international humanitarian law in the territory of the Crimean peninsula, as well as the search and development of mechanisms to protect the human rights in Crimea.

The **CHRG** first of all obey the rules of basic documents in the field of human rights, such as: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Helsinki Final Act, the Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on economic, social and cultural Rights and others.

The main objectives of the **CHRG**:

- 1) Collection and analysis of the information regarding the human rights situation in Crimea;
- 2) Broad awareness among governments, international organizations, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the media and other target groups through the publication and spreading of analytical and information materials on the human rights situation in Crimea;
- 3) Promote the protection of human rights and respect for international law in Crimea;
- 4) Preparation of recommendations for government authorities and international organizations in the sphere of human rights;
- 5) Providing the presence of “human rights in the Crimea topics” in the information space.

The **CHRG's** team consists of experts, human rights activists and journalists from different countries who are involved in monitoring and documenting human rights violations in Crimea, since February, 2014.

During preparation and spreading of the information the **CHRG** is guided by principles of objectivity, reliability and timeliness.



2. CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

BAN ON TORTURE

As informed by Lawyer E.Semedliayev, when **Mr Remzi Bekirov, Mr Osman Arifmemetov, and Mr Vladlen Abdulkadyrov** were detained on March 27th in Aksay Town (Rostov Region, RF) due to the 'Crimean Muslims Case', they were tortured and inhumanly treated. When detained, they were pushed down on the ground and beaten in legs. When head knocked, Mr Arifmemetov lost conscience. The detained were handcuffed and moved to the forest where their beating went on. Then they were transported for 6 hours in handcuffs locked back.¹

On April 26th MEDUZA website informed that the RF Ministry of Justice rejected recognizing that Mr Oleg Sentsov, a Ukrainian film director, had tortured when detained. The web paper refers to the RF Ministry of Justice's answer to the European Court of Human Rights that, as MEDUZA states, presented an opinion of the RF Ministry of Justice on 'alternative origin' of Sentsov's hematomas and racomas.²

RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF THE PERSON

SEARCHES AND DETENTIONS

On April 15th the RF FSB, RF MIA and RF Russian Guard³ men carried out a search at **Rustem Abilev's**, an imam of local mosque, in the village of Shturmovoje, Balaklava District, Sevastopol City, followed with his detention⁴. The RF FSB published a video of search and detention⁵ in the Russian mass media and disseminated the information that a criminal case under RF CC Article 280-1 (*Public appeals to extremist actions*) had been opened against Mr Abilev.

On April 17th 'Sevastopol City Court' imposed a pre-trial restraint for Mr Abilev as detaining in custody till June 10th 2019.⁶

On April 17th at 03:00am Mr **Raim Ayvazov**, a 'Crimean Solidarity' activist, was detained by the RF FSB at the KALANCHAK checkpoint on leaving Crimea. The relatives could not get any information from the FSB to verify his detention and the place of his being for more than 10 hours. According to the "Crimean Solidarity" information, at 02.30pm Mr Ayvazov called his sister and told that he was in the RF FSB Department in Simferopol. He was charged with RF CC Article 205.5-2 (*Membership in a terrorist organization*) and his case was included into the "Case of Crimean Muslims' detained on March 27th 2019."⁷

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/photos/a.416800078687454/817803868587071/>

² MEDUZA / MinJustice Denied Oleg Sentsov's Statement on Torturing When Detained <https://meduza.io/news/2019/04/26/minyust-otverg-zayavlenie-olega-sentsova-o-pytkah-vo-vremya-zaderzhaniya>

³ RIA KRYM / FSB Detained Leader of Radical Islamists in Sevastopol <https://crimea.ria.ru/society/20190415/1116428314.html>

⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/videos/2237824899609436/>

⁵ <https://youtu.be/GiOQA6jBsG8>

⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/photos/a.416800078687454/825286544505470/>

⁷ https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/825050181195773?_tn_=-R



On April 18th 'Kievsky District Court of Simferopol' imposed a pre-trial restraint for Mr Ayvazov as detaining in custody till May 15th 2019.⁸

On April 30th at 06.00am the men of RF law enforcement agencies, armed with assault rifles, though declaring an 'examination', searched in fact the house of **Mr Rolan Osmanov**, a Crimean Tatar activist (village of Urozhaynoye, Simferopol District). As he said, he had been showed 'an examination notice' for a drugs search, though nothing was found. Mr Osmanov insisted on the presence of lawyers during the search but he was debarred to exercise this right⁹. Earlier Mr Osmanov had come on a single-man protest against the restauration works in the Khan's Palace that endangered the building preservation. He had participated also in the actions to support Ukrainian seamen captured by the RF FSB in the Kerch Strait area. Mr Osmanov determined this search as RF authorities' pressure on him for his public activities.

POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

As at April 2019, 86 persons were deprived from liberty within a politically motivated criminal persecution. The full list is published at the CHRГ website.¹⁰

«CASE OF CRIMEAN MUSLIMS»

In April, the number of people deprived of liberty under 'the Case of Crimean Muslims' totaled 56.

In April the number of deprived from liberty within the 'Case of Crimean Muslims' has totaled **57 persons**.

Among them, 55 are charged with RF CC Article 205.5 (*Organization of actions or participation in a terrorist organization*), 2 – RF CC Article 282.2 (*Organization of actions or participation in an extremist organization*) and 1 – RF CC Article 205.2 (*Public appeals to terrorist actions*).

'Hizb-ut-Tahrir' and 'Tablighi Jamaat' organizations are not forbidden in Ukraine, so persecuting Ukrainian nationals on the occupied territory of Ukraine for membership in these organizations constitutes international human law norm violations.

All defendants of this case are accused of relations with Islamic organizations or propagandizing the activities of organizations declared terrorist or extremist in the RF though this is not the case according to the Ukrainian laws.

On April 5th Eduard Belousov, Timur Slezko, Aleksey Kozyrev, and Viktor Zin'kov, judges of the 'Supreme Court of Republic of Crimea' (hereinafter SCRC) extended detention periods for **Seyran Saliyev, Timur Ibragimov, Server Zekir'yaiev, Memet Belialov, Marlen Asanov, Ernes Ametov, Edem Smailov, Server Mustafayev** till June 9th 2019. The extension had been requested by Mr Dmitriy Gramashov, a RF FSB investigator¹¹. On April 24th Alla Ovchinnikova and Galina Red'ko, 'SCRC' judges, upheld this judgement for Server Zekir'yaiev and Ernes Ametov.¹²

⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/825802234453901>

⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/nariman.dzhelyal/videos/2334869203243593/>

¹⁰ <https://crimeahrg.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Lisheniya-svobody-aprel-2019.pdf>

¹¹ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 5th 2019. Cases nos 3/2-24/2019 - 3/2-31/2019. https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=05.04.2019

¹² 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 24th 2019. Cases nos 22K-1341/2019 and 22K-1346/2019. https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=24.04.2019



On April 12th lawyers E.Kurbedinov and S.Legostov informed about a change of article **Mr Enver Seytosmanov** had been charged under, from RF CC Article 205.5-2 (*Membership in a terrorist organization*) to RF CC 205-5.1 (*Management of terrorist organization activities*).¹³

On April 10th Ms Galina Khulapova, a judge of 'Kievsky District Court', extended detention periods for **Arsen Abkhairov, Eskander Abdulganiyev, and Rustem Emirusenov** till July 13th 2019.¹⁴ The extension of detention period had been requested by Mr Ivan Romanets, a RF FSB investigator. On April 19th Mr Konstantin Karavayev, a judge of 'SCRC' upheld this judgement for Rustem Emirusenov.

On April 19th Ms Oksana Aykasheva, a judge of 'SCRC', upheld a decision on keeping **Mr Nariman Memedeminov** in custody till May 16th 2019.¹⁵

On April 12th Mr Aleksandr Generalov, a judge of North-Caucasian Military Area Court (hereinafter NCMAC) upheld a decision on keeping **Refat Alimov, Vadim Siruk, Inver Bekirov, and Arsen Djepparov** in custody till May 18th 2019.¹⁶

On April 16th Aleksey Posledov and Timur Slezko, judges of 'SCRC', upheld a decision on keeping **Rustem Seytkhalilov, Medjit Abdurakhmanov, and Enver Ametov** in custody till May 15th 2019.¹⁷

On April 18th the FSB detained activist **Raim Ayvazov**, accused him of 'Hizb-ut-Tahrir membership, and included into the case of 'Crimean Solidarity' activists detained under the same charges on March 27th 2019.

On April 19th Konstantin Karavayev, Liudmila Kapustina, Yelena Mikhal'kova, and Tatiana Mel'nik, judges of 'SCRC', upheld a decision on keeping **Asan Yanikov, Djemil Gafarov, and Erfan Osmanov** in custody till May 15th 2019.¹⁸

On April 23rd Timur Slezko, Anatoliy Osochenko, and Yelena Spasenova, judges of 'SCRC', upheld a decision on keeping **Akim Bekirov, Server Gaziyev, Bilial Adilov, and Tofik Abdulgaziyev** in custody till May 15th 2019.¹⁹

On April 24th Viktor Zin'kov, Yelena Mikhal'kova, Yuriy Latynin, and Oleg Lebed', judges of 'SCRC', upheld a decision on keeping **Riza Izetov, Alim Karimov, Shaban Umerov, Vladlen Abdulkadyrov, Yashar Muedinov and Remzi Bekirov** in custody till May 15th 2019.²⁰

On April 25th Anatoliy Osochenko, a judge of 'SCRC, upheld a decision on keeping **Seitveli Seytabdiyev** in custody till May 15th 2019.²¹ Lawyer I.Velialiev informed that the court session had been in chamber and Seytabdiyev's mother and spouse had not been allowed to attend.²²

¹³ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/videos/2308569212798201/>

¹⁴ Kievsky District Court of Simferopol / List of cases to be heard on April 10th 2019. Cases nos 3/2-175/2019, 3/2-176/2019, 3/2-177/2019 https://kiev-simph--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=10.04.2019

¹⁵ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 10th 2019. Case no 22K-1083/2019 https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=10.04.2019

¹⁶ NCMAC / List of cases to be heard on April 12th 2019. Case no 22-151/2019 https://ovs--skav.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=12.04.2019#

¹⁷ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 16th 2019. Cases nos 22K-1210/2019 22K-1211/2019, № 22K-1215/2019 https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=16.04.2019

¹⁸ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 19th 2019. Cases nos 22K-1255/2019, 22K-1256/2019, 22K-1257/2019 https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=19.04.2019

¹⁹ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 23rd 2019. Cases nos 22K-1303/2019, 22K-1306/2019, 22K-1307/2019 и 22K-1309/2019, https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=23.04.2019

²⁰ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 24th 2019. Cases nos № 22K-1325/2019, 22K-1326/2019, 22K-1327/2019, 22K-1328/2019, 22K-1329/2019 and 22K-1330/2019, https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=24.04.2019

²¹ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 25th 2019. Case no 22K-1304/2019 https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=25.04.2019

²² <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/videos/657059214744917/>



«UKRAINIAN SABOTEURS' CASE»

In April 13 people accused on detaining with espionage or preparation of sabotage by RF FSB were in custody: **Mr Yevgeniy Panov, Mr Andrey Zakhtey, Mr Vladimir Prisich, Mr Vladimir Dudka, Mr Dmitriy Shtyblikov, Mr Aleksey Bessarabov, Mr Gleb Shabliy, Mr Aleksey Stogniy, Mr Gennadiy Limeshko, Ms Anna Sukhonosova, Mr Dmitriy Dolgoplov, Mr Konstantin Davydenko, Mr Yunus Masharipov.** Unlawful methods of investigation and torturing for securing confessions were recorded in these cases.

On April 4th Mr Danil Zemliukov, a judge of "Sevastopol City Court", sentenced **Mr Vladimir Dudka and Mr Aleksey Bessarabov** to 14 years in the maximum security penal colony, and penalties (RUR350,000 for Mr Dudka and RUR300,000 for Mr Bessarabov).²³

Vladimir Dudka, Aleksey Bessarabov and Dmitriy Shtyblikov were detained on November 9th 2016 in Sevastopol and charged with preparing acts of sabotage by an organized group and possessing the arms (RF CC Articles 222-3, 222.1-3, 30-1, 281-2 (a)). Mr Dudka and Mr Bessarabov deny their guilt absolutely and have stated that they were subject to torturing, thus human rights and international organizations classify the case to be politically motivated.

The 'SCRC' has started considering the case of **Konstantin Davydenko**, a Ukrainian national, accused by the RF authorities of spying for Ukraine, on the merits. The first court session was to have been held on April 22nd 2019, but the accused had not been delivered to the 'court'.²⁴

VOLODYMYR BALUKH'S CASE

On April 4th **Mr Volodymyr Balukh** was placed in the penalty cell of Colony no 4 (Torzhok, RF).²⁵ A formal reason for this punishment, as stated by the colony administration, was improperly tied uniform. In addition, the activist was punished also in this way for sitting on the table. He had to sit on the table because there had been extremely cold in the cell, and he just could not bear sitting on the concrete floor or an iron bed. The Ukrainian was to have been released from the punishment cell on April 19th, but once his punishment period expired he was placed there again that was confirmed to his relatives.²⁶

On April 24th Mr Igor Radionov, a 'SCRC judge', decided not to account the period spent by Volodymyr Balukh in the Detention Center and the Temporary Detention Facility as day for day and a half as established by the RF laws. This judgement conflicts with RF CC Article 72-3 as well as contradicts the prosecutor's office demand that requested this only for a period of house arrest and not for the time in the detention center. Should this decision come in force, the time for Volodymyr Balukh's serving the unlawful sentence would increase by 9 months.²⁷

²³ CHRГ / 'Ukrainian Commandos' Dudka and Bessarabov Sentenced to 14 Years in Colony and Penalties <https://crimeahrg.org/ukrainskih-diversantov-dudku-i-bessarabova-v-sevastopole-prigovorili-k-14-godam-kolonii-i-shtrafam/?fbclid=IwAR3QDaNaQjrlYzJdbXNKeHRL0np30aJRp5RcZeaPxcSJyulyPG1egrR6E>

²⁴ CHRГ / Court Hearings of 'Ukrainian Spy' Davydenko Case Started in Crimea <https://crimeahrg.org/v-krymu-nachalos-sudebnoe-rassmotrenie-po-delu-ukrainskogo-shpiona-davydenko/>

²⁵ CHRГ / Volodymyr Balukh in Punishment Cell of Russian Penal Colony in Torzhok <https://crimeahrg.org/vladimir-baluh-nahoditsya-v-shizo-rossijskoj-kolonii-v-torzhke/>

²⁶ CHRГ / Ukrainian Activist Volodymyr Balukh Still In Punishment Cell of Russian Penal Colony <https://crimeahrg.org/ukrainskogo-aktivista-baluha-prodolzhayut-derzhat-v-shtrafnom-izolyatore-kolonii-rossii/>

²⁷ CHRГ / Crimean 'Court' Extended Unlawfully Service Time for Balukh in RF Colony <https://crimeahrg.org/krymskij-sud-nezakonno-uvelichil-vremya-nahozhdeniya-baluha-v-kolonii-rf/>



VEDJIE KASHKA'S CASE

Mr Bekir Degermendji, Mr Asan Chapukh, Mr Kiazim Ametov and Mr Ruslan Trubach were detained on 23 November 2017 due to a fake charge of extorting the money from a citizen of Turkey. During the detention Mrs Vedjie Kashka, a Crimean Tatar movement veteran, whom, as the detained said, the citizen of Turkey was to return the borrowed money, died.

On April 11th 'Simferopol District Court' sustained the claim of lawyer M.Mambetov and decided on enforcing Mr Yusuf Aytan, a Turkish national, to return the money he had borrowed from Ms Vedjie Kashka and rejected to repay. This judgement supports the position of defence in the 'CASE OF VEDJIE KASHKA' that the defendants had not extorted the money from Mr Aytan but insisted on returning the debt.²⁸

On April 17th Mr Mikhail Belousov, a judge of 'Kievsky District Court of Simferopol', passed judgements within this case. Mr Bekir Degermendji, Mr Kazim Ametov, and Mr Ruslan Trubach were sentenced to 3 years' suspended imprisonment, and Mr Asan Chapukh was sentenced to 3 years and 6 months suspended imprisonment.²⁹

On April 26th lawyer A.Azamatov informed that the defence had appealed against the 'court' judgement for Asan Chapukh.³⁰

YEVGENII KARAKASHEV'S CASE

On April 19th the NCMAC sentenced **Mr Yevgeniy Karakashev**, a Crimean anarchist, to six years in the general regime penal colony under RF CC Article 205.2-2 (*Public appeals to terrorist actions, justification of terrorism in public or propaganda of terrorism*). He was convicted for publishing two posts in VKontakte social network from the video included by the RF authorities into the extremist list.³¹

EDEM BEKIROV'S CASE

On April 10th Ms Galina Khulapova, a judge of 'Kievsky District Court', extended a detention period for **Mr Edem Bekirov** till June 12th 2019. The extension of the detention period had been requested by Ivan Romanets, RF FSB investigator.³²

On April 26th Mr Timur Slezko, a 'SCRC' judge, rejected the appeal of the defence and upheld a decision on keeping Mr Bekirov in custody.³³

²⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeaarg/photos/a.1677121552573479/2281556925463269>

²⁹ Krym. Realii / Court in Simferopol Issued Judgements to Case of Vedjie Kashka defendants <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-sud-v-krymu-vanes-prigovor-figurantam-dela-vedzhye-kashka/29886242.html>

³⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2663178420422962>

³¹ OVD INFO / Anarchist Yevgeniy Karakashev Sentenced to Six Years in Colony <https://ovdinfo.org/express-news/2019/04/19/anarhista-evgeniya-karakasheva-prigovorili-k-shesti-godam-kolonii>

³² Kievsky District Court of Simferopol / List of cases to be heard on April 10th 2019. Case no № 3/2-174/2019 https://kiev-simp--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=10.04.2019

³³ 'SCRC' / List of cases to be heard on April 26th 2019. Case no 22K-1375/2019 https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=26.04.2019



MAKSYM SOKURENKO'S CASE

On April 15th KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA website, referring to the 'prosecutor', informed that a detention period for Mr Maksim Sokurenko had been extended and he was still in the Simferopol Detention Center.³⁴ He is in custody because he has splashed the monument to 'Little Green Men' (Russian Military participated in the Crimean occupation in 2014) in Simferopol with paint.

CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS IN DETENTION FACILITIES

On April 9th lawyer M.Dubrovina reported that the state of health of **Mr Teymur Abdullayev**, a 'Case of Crimean Muslims' defendant who was in the Detention Center No 1 of Rostov /n/Donu, had deteriorated. According to her words, the cold the prisoner had got caused otitis that the local administration had rejected treating. As a result a facial nerve inflamed followed with hearing loss in the right ear and constant acute headache.³⁵

On April 12th **Mr Arsen Djepparov**, a defendant of "Crimean Muslims Case", reported inhuman conditions he was being kept in Detention Center no 1 of Rostov/n/Donu, to the NCMAC. According to his words, water and excrements flew from the ceiling in the cell. HIV, TB, AIDS and other diseases sick people were kept in one cell 4x6 m in size.³⁶

On April 12th Ms Eleonora Bekirova, Edem Bekirov's daughter, informed that **Mr Bekirov** had started feeling pain in his left chest, he was constantly suffering due to stomach, indigestion, coughing, respiratory embarrassment, high sugar level. He slept sitting, the lips had become swollen and open ulcers appeared³⁷. Mr Bekirov is a disabled man who should not be kept in custody due to his health condition. On April 29th lawyer I.Veliliyev informed that Mr Bekirov had not been given medicines sent to him by the relatives for three days while the Detention Center medical provided him with nothing.³⁸

³⁴ KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA / Vandal Who Splashed the Monument to Polite Men with Paint Changed Testimony 'I Just Was Drunk. Thought Would Be Fined' - <https://www.crimea.kp.ru/daily/26966.7/4020830/>

³⁵ Krym. Realii. / Lawyer Reported Health Condition of Hizb-ut-Tahrir Case Defendant Deterioration <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-advokat-soobshila-ob-uhudshebii-zdoroviya-figuranta-simferopolskogo-dela-hizb-ut-tahrir/29871238.html>

³⁶ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2631598776914260&id=100001924915540

³⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2279479372295282>

³⁸ Crimea SOS / Every Day Counts: Edem Bekirov Not Receiving Medicines for More than a Week, Sugar Coma Threat Becomes Higher <http://krymsos.com/news/vidlik-pishov-na-dni-edem-bekirov-ponad-tizhden-ne-otrimuye-medikamentiv-zrostaye-nebezpeka--tsukrovoyi-komi-/>



FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

In April the RF Federation Council approved bill no 608767-7 'On amending Federal Law 'On Communication' and Federal Law 'On Information, Information Technologies and Information Protection'.³⁹ The document envisages creating a local internet on the RF territory and tools for the internet traffic overall control till November 2019. With this bill adopted, the RF authorities would be able to limit significantly the access of the RF and the occupied Crimea residents to the information.

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

On April 8th **Mrs Zarema Mamutova**, mother of Enver Mamutov, a 'Case of Crimean Muslims' defendant, went on a single-person protest with a poster 'My Son Is Not A Terrorist. 17 Years For What?'. The RF policemen came to the place of protest and demanded **Mrs Aliye Mamutova**, Enver Mamutov's spouse, to leave the place of protest. Then both women were convoyed to the police station. The reason for this was that Aliye was standing next to her husband's mother and recording the single-person protest. The police classified this as an unauthorized public event.⁴⁰ A detention report was made on the women in the police station.⁴¹

On April 22nd the 'SCRC' upheld a decision on administrative penalty of RUR500 for **Mr Emil Ziyadinov**. He was fined for presence at the building in Simferopol that was one of searched on March 27th 2019. The decision was grounded by charge under RF CoAO Article 19.3 (Failure to follow a policeman's demand).⁴²

³⁹ <http://sozd.duma.gov.ru/bill/608767-7>

⁴⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/videos/2325633611051346/?t=0>

⁴¹ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/819792548388203>

⁴² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-3jClkAOhM>



FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

On April 15th the RF FSB men detained **Mr Rustem Abilev**, an imam of mosque in the village of Shturmovoje. He was accused under RF CC Article 280-1 (*Public appeals to extremist actions*) for preaching in the mosque with the banned literature used.

On April 22nd INTERFAX ROSSIA News Agency informed that 'Department of RF Ministry of Justice for Crimea' dejected registering a religious organization against an application of **Father Clement, Arch Bishop of Orthodox Church of Ukraine**.⁴³ Commenting, Archbishop Clement said that he had been suggested to amend the charter to register a Ukrainian Orthodox Parish on the peninsula.⁴⁴

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

On April 4th Mr Aleksandr Oleynikov, 'a judge of peace of Belogorsk District', sentenced **Mr Abduraman Abduveliyev**, aged 16, to 6 months of freedom restriction. He was accused under RF CC Article 329 (*Desecration of State Coat-of-Arms or State Flag of the RF*) because he had burnt three Russian flags in the village of Kurskoye on May 21st 2018. According to the sentence, he was imposed a ban to leave the territory of the village of Kurskoye for half a year if not agreed with the supervision body. To receive confessions, 'investigators' threatened the teenager and his parents.⁴⁵

⁴³ Interfax ROSSIA / Representatives of Ukrainian Church Failed to Register a Religious Organization in Crimea <http://www.interfax-russia.ru/Crimea/news.asp?id=1024994&sec=1668>

⁴⁴ Krym. Realii / Archbishop Clement: Documents for Registering a Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Crimea Returned for Improvement <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-v-minuste-rossii-po-krumu-porosili-ispravil-statut/29898714.html>

⁴⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=438786863593842>



3. VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

GENEVA CONVENTION (III) RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR

«CASE OF UKRAINIAN SAILORS»

On November 25th 2018 the Russian military, with arms, seized three Ukrainian Navy ships: NIKOPOL and BERDIANSK small artillery ships and YANA KAPU harbor tug. At the moment of seizure 24 Ukrainian nationals – 22 Navy men and 2 SBU men were on board. They all were deprived from liberty and are now in custody in Moscow. 3 Ukrainian nationals were wounded during the Ukrainian Navy ships seizure.

The RF authorities denied treating them as prisoners of war, launched a criminal case under RF CC Article 322-2 (*Unlawful crossing of the RF State Border by Group of People on Collusion*) against them and placed them in the unfreedom places as civilians that violates the Convention (III).

On April 17th Albina Galimova, Yelena Kaneva, and Sergey Riabtsev, judges of Lefortovo District Court, Moscow, extended detention periods for 24 prisoners of war under the charge of violating RF CC Article 322-3. According to the information of lawyer N.Polozov, detention periods for Vasiliy Soroka, Andrey Eider and Andrey Artemenko (wounded seamen) were extended till July 26th 2019, and those for the others – till July 24th 2019.⁴⁶

On April 23rd lawyer N.Polozov informed that the Ukrainian sailors had been allowed to call their relatives for the first time for five months since depriving from liberty.⁴⁷

GENEVA CONVENTION (IV) RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN PERSONS IN TIME OF WAR

CONSCRIPTION OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY INTO ARMED FORCES OF OCCUPYING POWER AND PROPAGANDA OF JOINING VOLUNTARILY THE ARMED FORCES

On April 1st the RF authorities launched the 9th RF Army Conscription Campaign for peninsula residents in Crimea.

On April 5th a festival concert titled 'Day of Draftee' was held in the Kerch Town Cultural Center, with the service in the RF Armed Forces propagandized. Draft age young men as well as the Kerch State Sea Technology University were invited as audience.⁴⁸

On April 4th Mr Valentin Shukalsky, a judge of 'Krasnogvardeysk District Court', sentenced Mr Sh.Kadyrov, a district resident, to a fine of RUR 20,000 for evading the military service in the RF Armed Forces.⁴⁹

⁴⁶ https://www.facebook.com/groups/1668609776573219/permalink/1829728750461320/?_tn_ =H-R

⁴⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1668609776573219/permalink/1838081516292710>

⁴⁸ CHRГ/ Day of Draftee Held in Kerch <https://crimeahrg.org/v-kerchi-proveli-den-prizyvnik/>

⁴⁹ Krasnogvardeysk District Court» / List of cases to be heard on April 4th, 2019. Case no 1-53/2019 https://krasnogvardeiskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=04.04.2019



On April 16th Roman Bykov, a representative of 'Military Commissariat' of Republic of Crimea' informed that the RF authorities were planning to draft about 2,800 Crimean residents to the RF army (excluding conscription in Sevastopol). About 400 of them would remain on the territory of Crimea, others would be sent to the military detachments on the RF territory.⁵⁰

On April 18th Aleksey Astakhov, 'Military Commissar for Sevastopol', stated that about 600 Sevastopolers were planned to be drafted during Spring 2019 Conscription Campaign. He informed that some of them would be moved to the military detachments on the RF territory, namely, Rostov, Nizhni Novgorod, Moscow and Tambov regions.⁵¹

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⁵⁰ CHRГ/ Most Crimean Draftees to Be Moved from the Peninsula Territory to Serve in the RF Regions <https://crimeahrg.org/bolshinstvo-krymskih-prizyvnikov-vyvezut-s-territorii-okkupirovannogo-poluostrova-sluzhit-v-regiony-rf/>

⁵¹ Vesti Sevastopol / 600 Sevastopolers Join the RF Armed Forces during Spring Conscription <https://vesti92.ru/news/novosti/600-sevastopoltsev-popolnyat-ryady-vooruzhyonnykh-/>