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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

RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF THE PERSON

SEARCHES AND DETENTIONS

On June 2, in the village of Kurskoye, Belogorsk district, K. Yu. Mitofanov, an investigator of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation (hereinafter the RF FSB), and the Russian Guard men searched the house of **Mrs. Sheide Asanova**. The formal reason for the search was a criminal case started against her son **Mr. Rustem Asanov**, who is in the Ukraine-controlled territory.¹ A year earlier, on May 30, 2019, Olga Gurina, a judge of 'Kievsky District Court of Simferopol', ruled that R. Asanov should be detained in absentia. He is accused of being in the "N. Celebidzhikhan Battalion".

On June 10, the FSB press office reported that 5 people had been detained in several cities of Crimea. According to the FSB, they are suspected of preparing an explosion in one of the markets of Sevastopol.² At the same time, in a video that the RF FSB distributed through the media, a FSB officer was accusing one of the detainees during the search of "*distributing materials calling for violating the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation on the VKontakte social network...*".³ In Crimea, people under such charges are usually prosecuted for statements that Crimea is the territory of Ukraine. The RF FSB informed that the detainees had contacts "*with representatives of radical Ukrainian units fighting in southeast Ukraine.*" Given the previous politically reasoned cases, this may indicate falsifying a case on explosion preparation against the local residents who do not agree with the occupation.

Lawyer S. Legostov informed the CHRNG that one of the detainees was a resident of Sevastopol, **Mr. Andrei Kuliyeovich**.

On June 12, the press office of the 'Kievsky District Court of Simferopol' announced that the "court" had imposed keeping in custody until August 10, 2020 for **Mr. Khoroshayev**, **Mr. Lagutin** and **Mr. Kuliyeovich** as pre-trial restriction. As to **Mr. Reshetnichenko**, he was put on house arrest.⁴ The case was initiated under Russian Federation Criminal Code (hereinafter RF CC) Articles 205.2-1, 280.1-1, 30-1, 205-2a, 222.1-2 (*Propaganda of terrorism, public calls for actions aimed at violating the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation, preparing for a terrorist attack and storage of explosives*).⁵ The CHRNG suggests that these are Crimeans detained on June 10.

On June 11, the RF FSB men detained **Mr. Ruslan Bekirov** in Sevastopol and brought him home, searched his house, and then he was taken to the FSB investigation department in Sevastopol. He was interrogated within the criminal case opened against him under the RF CC Article 307 (*wilful false testimony*) and had to commit not to leave the place of residence.⁶ The formal reason for the criminal case was his rejecting the testimony previously given to the investigator

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1144223482611773>

² RF FSB / Act of Terror Prevented by RF FSB <http://www.fsb.ru/fsb/press/message/single.htm%21id%3D10438585%40fsbMessage.html>

³ <https://youtu.be/NhpsHqQNgrA>

⁴ KRYMINFORM \ Court Imposed Pre-Trial Restrictions on Suspected in Preparing Act of Terror in Simferopol <http://www.c-inform.info/news/id/86550>

⁵ «Kievsky District Court of Simferopol» / kiev-simph.krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=press_dep&op=1&did=259

⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/videos/698195047632469>



during the session on the politically motivated case against Enver Seitosmanov. R. Bekirov also stated in the “court” that he had given these testimonies to the investigator under the FSB psychological pressure. After the interrogation he had to make a written pledge not to leave the place of residence.⁷ The CRIMEAN SOLIDARITY Association informs that on April 11 2019 Mr. Bekirov applied to the ‘Military Investigation Committee of the Black Sea Navy’ on a crime performed against him by the RF FSB men under RF CC Article 286 (*abuse of office*).⁸

POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

As of end of June 2020, **98 persons** were deprived of liberty within a politically motivated criminal or religious persecution. The full list is published at the CHRG website.⁹

“CASE OF MAY 3”

The “Case of May 3” was started by the Russian authorities against the residents of Crimea, who on May 3, 2014 came to the administrative border between the Kherson region and Crimea, demanding to let the leader of the Crimean Tatar people Mustafa Dzhemilev, who intended to go to Crimea, into Crimea. Within this case, in 2014-2015 more than 150 administrative fines were imposed for participating in an “unauthorized mass event” and 4 criminal sentences under RF CC Article 318 (*Use of violence against a representative of authority*) were passed.

On June 9, the criminal case against **Mustafa Dzhemilev** who is now charged under the RF CC Articles 224, 222-1, 322-1 (*negligent keeping of arms, illegal keeping of arms, and illegal crossing of the state border*) was transferred to the “Armiansk City Court”.¹⁰ The case is being considered by “judge” Venera Isroilova, who previously passed a sentence within such a case against Eden Osmanov (1 year suspended sentence).

“CASE OF FEBRUARY 26”

Within the “Case of February 26,” 7 people were previously detained and deprived of their liberty; 8 sentences were passed against the Crimean Tatars. The defendants in the case were accused of participating in a rally on February 26, 2014 under the building of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea in Simferopol. The rally took place before the illegal establishment of Russian control over the peninsula and the actual enactment the RF jurisdiction. Such persecution is based on the retrospective application of the Russian laws. On February 26, 2014, a rally of the RUSSKOYE EDINSTVO party with pro-Russian slogans was also held under the Crimean parliament. The persecution of only pro-Ukrainian rally participants and the violation of fundamental human rights suggest that this case is politically motivated and has been initiated to persecute those who opposed the occupation of Crimea.

⁷ Crimean Solidarity / Ruslan Bekirov Released from FSB Building Against Travel Restriction Pledge <https://crimean-solidarity.org/news/2020/06/11/ruslana-bekirova-otpustili-iz-zdaniya-fsb-pod-podpisku-o-neyezde-415>

⁸ Crimean Solidarity / Crimean Tatar Ruslan Bekirov Detained by FSB Men in Balaklava District of Crimea <https://crimean-solidarity.org/news/2020/06/11/v-balaklavskom-rajone-kryma-sotrudniki-fsb-zaderzhali-krymskogo-tatarina-bekirova-ruslana-414>

⁹ https://crimeahrg.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/lisheniya-svobody-iyun_2020.pdf

¹⁰ «Armiansk City Court» / Case no 1-68/2020 https://armyanskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&name_op=case&case_id=27848612&case_uid=a093c718-2315-4c0d-9aae-8cf1122ccd82&delo_id=1540006



On June 22, the “Supreme Court of the Republic of Crimea” began to consider a criminal case against **Mr. Refat Chubarov**, Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people. Chairman of the panel of “judges” Sergei Pogrebnyak recused himself because he had participated in a court of second instance regarding another person involved in this case, Ahtem Chiygoz.¹¹

On June 26, Olga Kuznetsova, a judge of the ‘Kievsky District Court of Simferopol’, denied an appeal of lawyer **Nikolay Polozov** against the investigator’s decision not to allow him to act as lawyer for Refat Chubarov in this case.¹²

“CASE OF CRIMEAN MUSLIMS”

This case defendants are accused of membership in Muslim religious organizations or propaganda of activities of the organizations that are declared terrorist or extremist in the RF though they are not according to the Ukrainian laws.

In June the total number of Crimean residents deprived of liberty under the ‘Case of Crimean Muslims’ was **65 persons. 4 more people** are under the movement restriction: **3** are subject to supervision, and are not allowed to leave Crimea, and **1** is on house arrest.

On June 5, Alla Khinevich, judge of the ‘Supreme Court of the Republic of Crimea (“SCRC”)' extended detention period for **Mr. Eskender Suleymanov** until September 15, 2020. The extension was requested by FSB investigator Vitaly Vlasov.¹³

On June 5, 8 and 9, the judge of the Military Court of Appeal Oleg Egorov considered appeals against decisions on detention until August 13, 2020 placed by **Ernes Ametov, Marlen Asanov, Server Mustafayev, Memet Belialov, Server Zekiryayev, Timur Ibragimov, Edem Smailov and Seyran Saliev**.¹⁴ The judge upheld the detention decisions.

On June 9 ‘SCRC’ judges: Alexey Kozyrev, Viktor Vasilyev and Viktor Zinko, — extended the detention periods until September 15, 2020 for **Yashar Muedinov, Servet Gaziyevev, Dzhemil Gafarov, Osman Arifmemetov, Ruslan Suleymanov, Shaban Umerov, Rustem Seythalilov, Vladlen Abdulkadyrov and Raim Aivazov**.¹⁵

On June 10, ‘SCRC’ judges: Sergey Pogrebniak, Viktor Zinkov and Alla Khinevich extended detention periods for **Medzhit Abdurakhmanov, Tofik Abdulgaziyevev, Bilial Adilov, Remzi Bekirova and Enver Ametov**.¹⁶ On June 11, judge Sergei Pogrebniak passed a similar verdict for **Seyran Saliyev**.¹⁷

On June 10, in Rostov-na-Donu, within the regular case hearing, judge Roman Plisko extended detention periods until September 14, 2020 for **Arsen Abkhairov, Rustem Emiruseinov and Eskender Abdulganiyev**.¹⁸ The lawyer informed that the only argument for extending the period

¹¹ CHRG/ Chairman of ‘Judge’ Panel in Crimea Recused At Session on ‘Refat Chubarov’s Case’ <https://crimeahrg.org/ru/predsedatel-kollegii-sudej-v-krymu-na-zasedanii-po-delu-refata-chubarova-zayavil-samootvod/>

¹² <https://www.facebook.com/crimeahrg/photos/a.1677121552573479/2640450279573930/>

¹³ Crimean Solidarity / Pre-Trial Restriction Extended till September 15 for Political Prisoner Eskender Suleymanov under Arrest <https://crimean-solidarity.org/news/2020/06/05/pod-arestom-politzaklyuchennomu-eskenderu-sulejmanovu-prodili-meru-presecheniya-do-sentyabrya-403>

¹⁴ Military Court of Appeal / List of cases to be head on 05 June 2020. Case 55K-136/2020 https://vap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&sv_num=1&H_date=05.06.2020

¹⁵ https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1150030585364396?_tn_=K-R

¹⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1151046498596138>

¹⁷ «SCRC» / List of cases to be head on 11 June 2020. Case 3/2-58/2020 https://vs-krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&sv_num=1&H_date=11.06.2020

¹⁸ Southern Area Military Court / List of cases to be head on 10 June 2020. Case 1-25/2020 (1-137/2019;) <https://yovs->



of detention was the severity of the article of the Russian Federation Criminal Code that the defendants were charged with.¹⁹

On June 11, Boris Grigorov, a judge of the Rostov Regional Court, extended the detention period until September 14, 2020, for **Seytveli Seytabdiyev** and **Akim Bekirov**. The extension was requested by FSB investigator Sergey Makhnev.²⁰

According to the lawyer, since June 3, **Mr.Nariman Memedeminov** has been in the penal settlement No. 8 in the village of Sadkovsky, Rostov Region (RF).²¹

On June 25, Oleg Egorov, judge of the Military Court of Appeal of the city of Vlasikha (RF), upheld the verdicts against the Yalta group of detainees within the “Case of Crimean Muslims”: **Muslim Aliyev, Refat Alimov, Inver Bekirov, Arsen Dzhapparov, Emir-Usein Kuku and Vadim Siruk**.²² On November 11, 2019, the Southern Area Military Court sentenced them to 7 to 19 years in the maximum security penal colony.

“UKRAINIAN SABOTEURS’ CASE”

As of the end of June 2020, **15 people** accused by the RF FSB of ‘preparing subversions, storing the arms and /or spying’ when detained, were in custody. In addition, one Crimean resident is on house arrest. These cases feature recorded facts of unlawful investigation methods, torturing to get confessions, violation of presumption of innocence, dissemination of ‘confession’ videos by the RF FSB via the Russian mass media.

On June 10, Margarita Kotova, judge of the Lefortovo District Court of Moscow, extended the detention period for Ukrainian national and Crimean resident **Mr.Ivan Yatskin**, until August 16, 2020.^{23, 24}

On June 25, Konstantin Karavayev, a ‘SCRS judge’, having considered the appeal against the verdict, upheld the decision to place **Mr.Yunus Masharipov** into a mental hospital for inpatient treatment intensive care.²⁵

“PERSECUTION FOR CHARGING WITH BEING IN N. CHELEBIDJIKHAN BATALLION”

As of the end of June, **five people** were deprived of liberty under a charge of being in N.Chelebidjikhhan battalion. The official reason for persecuting the accused in Crimea under RF CC Article 208-2 is that they failed to come voluntarily to the RF law enforcement bodies and

ros.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=10.06.2020

¹⁹ Crimean Solidarity / Arrest for Krasnogvardeysk Hizb-ot-Takhrir Case Political Prisoners Extended Again. Until September 14 <https://crimean-solidarity.org/news/2020/06/10/politzaklyuchennym-krasnogvardejskogo-dela-xizb-uttaxrir-snova-prodlili-arest-do--sentyabrya-411>

²⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1151487538552034>

²¹ Krym.Realii / Civil Journalist Memedeminov Transported to Colony in Rostov Region — Lawyer <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-krym-memedeminov-etap/30686695.html>

²² Military Court of Appeal / List of cases to be head on 25 June 2020. Case 55-120/2020 https://vap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=25.06.2020

²³ https://www.facebook.com/nikolay.polofov/posts/3125667337498641?_tn_ =H-R

²⁴ Lefortovo District Court / Information on Case no 3/2-0319/2020 <https://www.mos-gorsud.ru/rs/lefortovskij/services/cases/criminal-materials/details/9c675bf4-d132-43ee-b49d-accd1377f546>

²⁵ CHRG / «Supreme Court» of Crimea Ceased Criminal Case Against Masharipov on Producing Explosives But Upheld Verdict on Placing in Mental Hospital <https://crimeahrg.org/ru/verhovnyj-sud-kryma-prekratil-ugolovnoe-delo-protiv-yunusa-masharipova-v-chasti-izgotovleniya-vzrychatki-no-ostavil-v-sile-reshenie-o-pomeshenii-ego-v-psihbolniczu>



declare their participation in the Crimean Tatar Noman Chelebidjikhhan Volunteer Battalion. The evidence of the battalion actions against the RF interests declared by the investigation is the information of mass media that the purpose of the battalion establishment was to de-occupy Crimea.

On June 2 the house of **Mr. Rustem Asanov's** mother was searched by the RF FSB and Russian Guard men (*for more details see section 'Searches and Detentions'*).

PERSECUTION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

At the end of June, as a result of the criminal persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses in Crimea, Mr. Sergey Filatov and Mr. Artem Gerasimov were deprived of their liberty; Mr. Viktor Stashevsky, a resident of Sevastopol, was imposed a recognizance not to leave as pre-trial restriction.

On June 4, Aleksey Posledov, a 'SCRC judge', supported the prosecutor's request and changed the sentence for **Mr. Artiom Gerasimov**, namely, he replaced the fine with imprisonment for 6 years in the general security penal colony.²⁶

On June 8, **Sergey Filatov** was moved from the Simferopol pre-trial detention center to the pre-trial detention center No. 5 of Rostov-na-Donu (RF).

CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS IN CUSTODIAL SETTING

On June 5, during a hearing on the "Case of Crimean Muslims," 8 people were kept for several hours in the pre-trial detention center No. 1 of Rostov-na-Donu in the closed, non-ventilated room of 3 sq m area. The lawyer said that Marlen Asanov had to be provided medical care due to staying in such conditions.²⁷

On June 15, the lawyer informed that due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the pre-trial detention center No. 5 of Rostov-na-Donu (RF), the court hearing on the "Case of Crimean Muslims" was postponed.²⁸ At that time, defendants of the 'Case of Crimean Muslims: **Eskender Abdulganiyev** and **Arsen Abkhairov**, as well as **Sergey Filatov**, a 'Jehovah's Witnesses Case' defendant from Crimea, were kept in the pre-trial detention center. As said by the persons kept in this pre-trial detention center, they are not provided with necessary personal protection means.

²⁶ CHRГ / Supreme Court of Crimea Sentenced a Jehovah's Witnesses' Supporter to Six Years in Colony <https://crimeahrg.org/ru/verhovnyj-sud-kryma-prigovoril-storonnika-svidetelej-iegovyh-k-shesti-godam-kolonii/>

²⁷ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i0vqCOjXB0

²⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1154685234898931>



FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

In June, Aleksandr Oleynikov, a 'judge of peace' of town of Belogorsk, passed two judgements on fines in the amount of RUR5,000 each under Russian Federation Code of Administrative Offences (RF CoAO) Article 5.26-4 (*Illegal missionary activity*): the first decision judgement issued on June 1 regarding **Mr.S. Mukhtarov**, the second on June 18 regarding **Mr.D. Osmanov**.²⁹

On June 10, Svetlana Vlasova, a 'judge of peace', fined Imam **Yusuf Ashirov** for RUR5,000 rubles under RF CoAO Article 5.26-4³⁰ for the Friday prayer.

In June, three new administrative proceedings were opened against local religious organizations (LROs) of the "**Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists**" in Dzhankoy, Yalta and Yevpatoriya.³¹

On June 2, Georgsy Tsertvadze, 'judge of Kirovsky District Court', upheld the RUR30,000 fine judgement for **Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists** LRO in village of **Sinitsyno** under RF CoAO Article 5.36-3. The case was opened because a sign with the name of the organization had been torn off by the wind from the building where the church is located.³²

To sum up, at the end of June, the CHRG recorded 91 administrative proceedings under Art. 5.36 in Crimea in relation to religious organizations and their members. Within these proceedings, at least 73 judgements were passed on exacting fines to the total amount of **RUR 1,075,500** rubles.

²⁹ «Courts of Peace of Republic of Crimea» / Cases 05-0201/30/2020 and 05-0208/32/2020 <http://mirsud82.rk.gov.ru/>

³⁰ Krym.Realii / Court in Crimea Fined Imam for 'Illegal Missionary Actions' — Lawyer <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-sud-v-krymu-oshtrafoval-imama-za-nezakonnuyu-deyatelnost/30665191.html>

³¹ «Courts of Peace of Republic of Crimea» / Cases 05-0287/30/2020, 05-0264/32/2020 and 05-0199/32/2020 <http://mirsud82.rk.gov.ru/>

³² «Kirovsky District Court» / List of cases to be heard on 02 June 2020. Case 12-51/2020 https://kirovskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=02.06.2020



FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

In June, the CHRG carried out a regular monitoring of FM radio station broadcasting in the north of Crimea. The signal of Ukrainian FM radio stations is heard only in 5 out of 19 settlements. Compared to March, the number of Ukrainian radio stations that are reachable in Crimea has declined. The Russian authorities block Ukrainian radio stations in Crimea by broadcasting their stations on the same wavelength. More information on the outcomes of radio station monitoring can be found on the CHRG website.³³

In June, the CHRG also monitored access to sites in Crimea, and found out that in Crimea, 8 providers in 7 settlements completely blocked 30 Ukrainian information sites and 2 social networks. The same providers are blocking the sites of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people, Hizb ut-Tahrir, Jehovah's Witnesses and the Ministry of Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine. In addition, at least 4 Ukrainian information sites are only partially accessible through these providers. More detail on the monitoring results can be found on the CHRG website.³⁴

On June 25, Artem Cherkashin, 'judge of the peace' of the Bakhchisaray district, fined **Mrs Aisha Asanova**, the wife of Marlen Asanov, a 'Case of Crimean Muslims' defendant, for 500 rubles³⁵ for a note with the words "I need you like air" she had showed the husband in the courtroom. This occurred during the hearing on his case at the Southern Area Military Court in Rostov-na-Donu (RF).³⁶

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

On June 8, the Russian police men handed an administrative offense report to activist **Sergei Akimov** for holding a single man protest in Simferopol near the Crimean "parliament" building. The protest was held in support of the Russian politician Nikolay Platoshkin placed under house arrest.³⁷

On June 23, the "prosecutor's office" of the Simferopol district handed **Mr. Rolan Osmanov**, a Crimean Tatar activist, a warning notice about responsibility for participating in unauthorized mass events.³⁸

Despite the removal of many restrictions previously introduced to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Crimea, the ban on holding peaceful assemblies is kept in effect.

³³ CHRG / Blocking Ukrainian FM Radio Signal Increased in Crimea a <https://crimeahrg.org/ru/v-krymu-usillilos-blokirovanie-ukrainskogo-fm-radiosignala/>

³⁴ CHRG / 8 Providers in Crimea Blocked Completely 3 Websites <https://crimeahrg.org/ru/v-krymu-8-provayderov-polnostyu-blokiruyut-30-sajtov/>

³⁵ «Court of Peace of Republic of Crimea» <http://mirsud82.rk.gov.ru/office/decisionas/?pn=1&id=6336084&year=2020>

³⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1162692787431509>

³⁷ Krym.Realii / Ataman Akimov Scared of Ban on Public Actions in Crimea <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-krym-akimov-opasaetsa-zapreta-na-obshchestvtnnuu-deyatelnost/30662653.html>

³⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=965590193872551&set=a.422204998211076>



3. VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

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 June 24, a military parade dedicated to the “75th anniversary of the parade of victory over Germany in 1945”, was held in Simferopol, Sevastopol and Kerch. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic in Crimea, a ban on mass events is in force. However, the so-called “Head of the Crimea” Sergei Aksionov issued a special edict authorizing the holding of this parade.³⁹

In Sevastopol, during this parade, the T-34 tank of WWII times, which led the column of military equipment, started fuming, became uncontrollable and drove towards the spectators. It stopped a couple of meters before the fence, behind which the people were. However, the information support department of the RF Southern Military Area press office stated that this incident had been of no threat to people’s safety.⁴⁰

The CHRГ in June recorded **12 new criminal cases** against Crimea residents under RF CC Art. 328 (evading the military service in the Russian Federation Armed Forces): 5 — in the ‘Tsentralny District Court of Simferopol’,⁴¹ 4 — in the ‘Leninsky District Court of Sevastopol’,⁴² 2 — in the ‘Kievsky District Court of Simferopol’,⁴³ and 1 — in the ‘Kerch City Court’.⁴⁴ This June 4 new verdicts were issued under RF CC Article 328: 2 in the ‘Leninsky District Court of Sevastopol’ (‘judge’) Anatoliy Vavilyev⁴⁵) and 2 in the ‘Tsentralny District Court of Simferopol’ (‘judges’ Viktor Mozheliansky and Aleksandr Voronoy⁴⁶). Totally, as of the end of June 2020 the CHRГ documented **117** criminal cases initiated for evading the RF Army military service, that were sent to the Crimean ‘courts’ for considering, with verdicts delivered for **104** of them and **13** being still under consideration.

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³⁹ «Government of Republic of Crimea» edict No 203-У <https://rk.gov.ru/ru/document/show/22120>

⁴⁰ <https://www.rbc.ru/rbcfreenews/5ef3515d9a79474684fb9434?from=newsfeed>

⁴¹ «Tsentralny District Court of Simferopol» / Cases 1-165/2020, 1-173/2020, 185/2020, 1-189/2020, 1-192/2020 <http://centr-simph.krm.sudrf.ru/>

⁴² «Leninsky District Court of Sevastopol» / Cases 1-221/2020, 1-233/2020, 1-236/2020, 1-242/2020 <https://leninskiy-sev.sudrf.ru>

⁴³ «Kievsky District Court of Simferopol» / Cases 1-184/2020, 1-260/2020 <http://kiev-simph.krm.sudrf.ru/>

⁴⁴ «Kerch City Court» / Case 1-292/2020 <http://kerch.krm.sudrf.ru/>

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