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## CRIMEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION REVIEW

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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 October 1, FSB officers searched on a wide scale supporters of the Jehovah's Witnesses religious organization. The "Jehovah's Witnesses in Russia" website reports at least 9 searches, that started at about 6:00 am. After the searches, 5 people were detained: **Ms.Natalya Maladyka, Mr.Vladimir Maladyka, Mr.Yevgeniy Zhukov, Mr.Igor Shmidt and Mr.Vladimir Sakada.** Ms.Natalia Maladyka was released after interrogation, the rest were taken into custody on suspicion of "membership in an extremist organization" (*for more detail, see the section "Persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses"*).<sup>1</sup>

On October 29 at 6:00am in Simferopol the RF MIA Extremism Counteracting Center (E-Center) men showed up at homes of pro-Russian opposition activists — **Mr. Sergey Akimov, Mr.Sergey Vasilyev, and Mr.Ilya Bolshedvorov.** The E center men referred to the administrative proceedings under RF CoAO Article 20.2 (*Violation of the established order to convene or hold a meeting*) for a single-man protest on September 17. They were not empowered to carry out a search and other procedure actions within the administrative case as they are allowed only for criminal cases. However, the activists' homes were searched, and then they were delivered to the police station for handing an administrative offence report. Then the activists were conveyed to the 'Tsentralny District Court of Simferopol' that fined each of Crimeans of RUR20,000.<sup>2</sup>

### POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

As of end of October 2020, **110 persons** were deprived of liberty within a politically motivated criminal or religious persecution. The full list is published at the CHRГ website.<sup>3</sup>

#### "CASE OF CRIMEAN MUSLIMS"

This case defendants are accused of membership in Muslim religious organizations<sup>4</sup> 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. Cases are considered in violation of the right to a fair trial, the main evidence for the court is the testimony of anonymous witnesses (many of whom are RF FSB men), pre-trial testimony of witnesses who later declare in court that such testimony was given under duress, and linguistic examinations of conversations of the accused Muslims. The evidence provided by the defense is usually not accepted by the judges.

In October the total number of Crimean residents deprived of liberty under the 'Case of Crimean Muslims' was **70 persons**, and **4 more people** are under the movement restriction:

<sup>1</sup> Jehovah's Witnesses in Russia / After Searches in Sevastopol 4 Peaceful Church Members Put in Pre-Trial Detention Center for min 2 Months <https://jw-russia.org/news/2020/10/1.html>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=1092669984500418&id=100012722803802](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1092669984500418&id=100012722803802)

<sup>3</sup> <https://crimeahrg.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/lisheeniya-svobody-oktyabr-2020.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> In most cases this organization is 'Hizb-ut-Takhrir'



3 are subject to supervision, and are not allowed to leave the occupied territory, and 1 is on house arrest.

On October 1, the Third General Jurisdiction Court of Appeal of Sochi City (3<sup>rd</sup> ASOYu) upheld the decision to keep **Mr.Vladlen Abdulkadyrov, Mr.Izzet Abdullayev and Mr.Rustem Seytkhalilov** in custody until December 15.<sup>5</sup> The appeal was considered by judges Olga Silina, Konstantin Safronov and Anna Noskova.<sup>6</sup>

On October 6, Igor Kriuchkov,<sup>7</sup> the judge of the “Supreme Court of the Republic of Crimea” (“SCRC”), upheld the decision to keep **Mr.Vadim Bektemirov** in custody until December 2.<sup>8</sup>

On October 9, the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASOYu (judges Anna Noskova, Yelena Udod, Yevgeniy Saltykov and Konstantin Safonov<sup>9</sup>) upheld the decision to keep **Mr.Asan Yanikov** in custody until December 15.<sup>10</sup> In total, that day, the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASOYu considered 4 appeals against the extension of the detention of Crimean Muslims, with the similar decisions made.

On October 12, judges of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASOYu Vyacheslav Slepchenko and Yevgeny Saltykov upheld the decisions to keep **Mr.Eksander Suleymanov** and **Mr.Enver Ametov** in custody.<sup>11</sup>

On October 12, Roman Saprunov, the judge of the Southern Area Military Court of the Russian Federation, extended the detention periods for **Mr.Riza Omerov, Mr.Enver Omerov and Mr.Ayder Dzhepparov** until January 15, 2021. The extension had been applied for by Prosecutor Evgeniy Kolpikov.<sup>12</sup>

On October 13, Roman Saprunov, the judge of the Southern Area Military Court of the Russian Federation, extended the detention periods for **Mr.Ruslan Nagaeyv, Mr.Ruslan Mesutov, Mr.Eldar Kantemirov and Mr.Lenur Khalilov** until January 21 2021. The extension had been applied for by Prosecutor Evgeniy Kolpikov.<sup>13</sup>

On October 14, Yekaterina Chumachenko, the judge of the ‘Kievskiy District Court of Simferopol’, ruled to place **Mr.Alexander Sizikov**, visually impaired, in the Sevastopol City Psychiatric Hospital for one month for a compulsory forensic psychiatric examination.<sup>14</sup> Before being placed in the psychiatric hospital, Mr.Sizikov had been under house arrest. His placing in the psychiatric hospital was requested by FSB investigator Alexander Lavrov.

On October 16, Dmitry Tepluk, the judge of the Military Court of Appeal in Vlasikha City (RF), upheld the decision to keep **Mr.Eskander Abdulganiyev, Mr.Arsen Abkhairov and Mr.Rustem Emiruseinov** in custody until December 14, 2020.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>5</sup> [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1243078722726248&id=403544516679677](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1243078722726248&id=403544516679677)

<sup>6</sup> Third General Jurisdiction Court of Appeal / List of cases to be heard on 01.10.2020. Cases 55K-640/2020, 55K-641/2020, 55K-644/2020 [https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=01.10.2020](https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=01.10.2020)

<sup>7</sup> «SCRC» / List of cases to be heard on 06.10.2020 Case 22K-2912/2020 [https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=06.10.2020](https://vs--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=06.10.2020)

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1246923459008441&id=403544516679677](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1246923459008441&id=403544516679677)

<sup>9</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> ACOYu / List of cases to be heard on 09.10.2020. Cases 55K-658/2020, 55K-659/2020, 55K-660/2020, 55K-664/2020 [https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=09.10.2020](https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=09.10.2020)

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1249955475371906>

<sup>11</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> ACOYu / List of cases to be heard on 12.10.2020. Cases 55K-668/2020, 55K-669/2020 [https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=12.10.2020](https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=12.10.2020)

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1251646418536145>

<sup>13</sup> [https://facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1252354325132021&id=403544516679677](https://facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1252354325132021&id=403544516679677)

<sup>14</sup> Crimean Solidarity / Court Placed Aleksandr Sizikov, 1 Group Disabled Person, in Sevastopol Psychiatric Hospital <https://crimean-solidarity.org/news/2020/10/14/sud-na-mesyac-otpravil-invalida-i-gruppy-aleksandra-sizikova-v-psixiatricheskuyu-bolnicu-sevastopolya-641>

<sup>15</sup> Military Court of Appeal / List of cases to be heard on 16.10.2020 Case 55K-280/2020 [https://vap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=16.10.2020](https://vap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=16.10.2020) (after the court session the information was deleted from the court website)



On October 20, the Third General Jurisdiction Court of Appeal of Sochi City upheld the decision to keep **Mr. Remzi Bekirov** in custody until December 15.<sup>16</sup> The appeal was considered by judge Anna Noskova.<sup>17</sup>

On October 27, Olga Silinam the judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASOYu, upheld the decision to keep **Mr. Osman Arifmemetov** in custody until December 15.<sup>18</sup>

On October 27 Yelena Spasenova, the judge of the 'SCRC', upheld a decision to keep **Mr. Zekirya Muratov** in custody until December 2.<sup>19</sup>

### "UKRAINIAN SABOTEURS' CASE"

As of the end of October 2020, at least **15 people**, accused by the RF FSB of 'preparing subversions, storing the arms and /or spying' when detained, were in custody. In addition, one woman 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 October 13 lawyer N. Polozov informed that the Moscow City Court had extended the detention period for **Mr. Ivan Yatskin** until December 16.<sup>20</sup>

### PERSECUTION FOR CHARGING WITH BEING IN N.CHELEBIDJIKHAN BATTALION

As of the end of October, **six 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 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 October 9, lawyer A. Azamatov informed that the criminal case against **Mr. Medzhit Abliamitov** had been transferred to the "Kirovsky District Court of Crimea".<sup>21</sup> Earlier, on October 7, the detention period of Mr. Abliamitov had expired, but he was still kept in the pre-trial detention center.<sup>22</sup> On October 20, during the preliminary hearing in his case, Igor Degtiarev, the judge of the Kirovsky District Court, informed that on October 14 he had extended the pre-trial detention for Abliamitov until April 1, 2021 without the participation of the accused and his lawyer. The lawyer asked for the "judge's" recusal, but the "judge" rejected it. There is no information about the session held on October 14 in the case of Abliamitov, on the court website.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>16</sup> [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=3296724663780412&id=403544516679677](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3296724663780412&id=403544516679677)

<sup>17</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> ACOYu / List of cases to be heard on 20.10.2020. Case 55K-683/2020 [https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=20.10.2020](https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=20.10.2020)

<sup>18</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> ACOYu / List of cases to be heard on 27.10.2020. Case 55K-661/2020 [https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=27.10.2020](https://3ap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=27.10.2020)

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1265394607161326>

<sup>20</sup> [https://facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=3489726271092744&id=100001662173833](https://facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3489726271092744&id=100001662173833)

<sup>21</sup> [https://facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=4479398198800966&id=100001924915540](https://facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=4479398198800966&id=100001924915540)

<sup>22</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=4517375408336578&id=100001924915540](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=4517375408336578&id=100001924915540)

<sup>23</sup> «Kirovsky District Court», Case № 1-163/2020 [https://kirovskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&name\\_op=case&case\\_id=39158831&case\\_uid=067171e4-8aca-4d78-a1ae-6d68f550995a&delo\\_id=1540006](https://kirovskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&name_op=case&case_id=39158831&case_uid=067171e4-8aca-4d78-a1ae-6d68f550995a&delo_id=1540006)





## PERSECUTION OF “JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES”

As of the end of October **6 persons** were deprived of liberty within the persecution of ‘Jehovah’s Witnesses’.

On October 1, after wide-scaled searches in Sevastopol, FSB men detained 4 people: **Mr.Vladimir Maladyka, Mr.Yevgeniy Zhukov, Mr.Igor Shmidt and Mr.Vladimir Sakada**. They were charged under RF Criminal Code Art. 282.2. (*Participation and organization of extremist organization activities*). On October 2, the “Leninsky District Court of Sevastopol” remanded them in custody : Igor Shmidt — until November 23, the rest — until November 30, 2020.<sup>24</sup> The site of the “court” did not publish any information about the sessions held.

On October 16, Danil Zemliukov<sup>25</sup>, “judge of the Sevastopol City Court”, and on October 22, “judges” Anatoly Dubovtsev and Vasily Avkhimov<sup>26</sup> upheld the decision to keep the religious organization members detained on October 1, in custody.

## OLEH PRIKHODKO’S CASE

On October 15, Aleksandr Mordovin, the judge of the Military Court of Appeal in Vlasikha City (RF), upheld the decision to keep Mr. **Oleh Prykhod’ko** in custody until December 15.<sup>27</sup>

## CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS IN CUSTODIAL SETTING

On October 8, lawyer S. Shabanova reported that **Mr.Asan Yanikov**, the defendant in the “case of the Crimean Muslims”, had been kept “in quarantine” for 2 months in the Simferopol Pre-Trial Detention Center no 1. He is kept in a damp basement, that negatively affects his health condition.<sup>28</sup>

On October 15, **Mr.Alexander Sizikov**, the visually impaired (100% blind), was placed in the Sevastopol City Psychiatric Hospital for a compulsory examination. He told the lawyer that he could not control the actions of the hospital staff and could not understand when they sampled him for testing, and when they injected him with medicines.<sup>29</sup>

On October 29 lawyer N.Sheykhmambetov informed that Ukrainian activist Oleh Prykhod’ko was kept in the Rostov-na-Donu Pre-Trial Detention Center no 1 in the cell where rats were.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Jehovah’s Witnesses in Russia / After Searches in Sevastopol 4 Peaceful Church Members Put in Pre-Trial Detention Center for min 2 Months <https://jw-russia.org/news/2020/10/1.html>

<sup>25</sup> «Sevastopol City Court» / List of cases to be heard on 16.10.2020 Cases 22K-770/2020 и 22K-771/2020 [https://gs--sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=16.10.2020](https://gs--sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=16.10.2020)

<sup>26</sup> «Sevastopol City Court» / List of cases to be heard on 22.10.2020 Cases 22K-781/2020 и 22K-788/2020 [https://gs--sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=22.10.2020](https://gs--sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=22.10.2020)

<sup>27</sup> Military Court of Appeal / List of cases to be heard on 15.10.2020 Case 55K-279/2020 [https://vap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=15.10.2020](https://vap.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=15.10.2020)

<sup>28</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1248445348856252&id=403544516679677](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1248445348856252&id=403544516679677)

<sup>29</sup> Krym. Realii / Crimean Sizikov Complaining About Sanitary Conditions in Psychiatric Hospital — Lawyer <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-sizikov-sanitarnye-usloviya-psihbolnitsa/30897193.html>

<sup>30</sup> Krym. Realii \ «Placed in Cell with Rats». Lawyer Described Confinement Conditions of Pro-Ukrainian Activist Prykhod’ko <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-advokat-sud-po-delu-prihodko-usloviya-sizo/30919472.html>



## FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

In October, the “justice’s courts” of Crimea received at least 2 new administrative trials against members of religious organizations under Art. 5.26-4 (*Illegal missionary activity*).<sup>31</sup> One of them is against Imam **Abliakim Galiyev** for holding Friday prayers (juma namaz).

On October 14, “judge of justice” Peter Kireyev imposed fine of RUR30,000 to **the Catholic Church of the Byzantine Rite — a parish of transferring the relics of Nicholas the Wonderworker** (Yalta) under RF CoAO Art.5.26-3 for “acting as a religious organization without the official full name indicated”.

In total, at the end of October, the CHRG recorded 101 administrative trials in Crimea against religious organizations and their members under Art. 5.26 of the Code of Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation. Within the framework of these proceedings, imposed fines totaled to at least RUR 1,340,500.

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

On October 26, the ‘Nakhimovsky District Court of Sevastopol’ (judge Tatiana Diadia<sup>32</sup>) sentenced leftist activist **Mr.Valeriy Bolshakov** to 2 years and 6 months of suspended imprisonment under Art. 280 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (*Public appeals to carry out extremist activities*) for social network publications with negative statements about the Russian authorities, and “calls for establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat” instead of “Putin’s regime”<sup>33</sup>.

On October 29, activist **Mr.Sergey Vasiliyev** was fined RUR20,000 for recording video of the single-man protest. The E-Center men qualified this as participation in an unauthorized mass event (*for more detail, see the section “Searches and Detentions”*).

<sup>31</sup> «Judges of Justice of Crimea» / Cases 05-0515/86/2020 и 05-0282/48/2020 <http://mirsud82.rk.gov.ru/>

<sup>32</sup> «Nakhimovsky District Court of Sevastopol» / List of cases to be heard on 26.10.2020. Case № 1-82/2020 [https://nakhimovskiy--sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&sv\\_num=1&H\\_date=26.10.2020](https://nakhimovskiy--sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&sv_num=1&H_date=26.10.2020)

<sup>33</sup> Krym. Realii / Court in Sevastopol Sentenced Leftist Activist Bolshakov to Suspended Imprisonment <https://ru.krymr.com/a/news-krym-sevastopol-prigovor-bolshakovy/30913029.html>





## FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

On October 6, **Mrs. Muniver Keliamova**, mother-in-law of Edem Smailov, the defendant in the “Case of the Crimean Muslims”, received a letter informing that an administrative trial had been opened against her for holding a single person protest,<sup>34</sup> and she had to report to the RF Ministry of Internal Affairs department. On October 7, in the Simferopol district police department, a report was drawn up against her for holding the single person protest, which the RF police regarded as a violation of the decree of the “head of Crimea” Sergei Aksionov “On introducing the high alert regime on the territory of the Republic of Crimea” (“quarantine” restrictions). The case was sent for consideration to the ‘Simferopol District Court’.<sup>35</sup>

On October 29, after a search and **detention**, **activists Sergei Akimov, Sergei Vasilyev and Ilya Bolshedvorov** were fined RUR 20,000 each for holding single-person protests on September 17. The police got the information about the protest from a social network publication<sup>36</sup> (for more detail, see the section “Searches and Detentions”).

On October 31, the mothers of the defendants in the politically motivated “Case of the Crimean Muslims” held single person protests. Mrs. **Zelikhha Abkhairova**,<sup>37</sup> the mother of Arsen Abkhairov, protested in the village of Amurskoye, Mrs. **Zura Emiruseinova**,<sup>38</sup> the mother of Rustem Emiruseinov, and **Mrs. Emine Abdulganiyeva**,<sup>39</sup> the mother of Eskander Abdulganiyev, — in the village of Oktyabrskoye. They were holding a poster with the words “My son is not a terrorist.”

Three minutes passed after the Zura Emiruseinova’s single person protest start, the “deputy chief of the police for public security” arrived at the site of the single action and demanded to stop it. The RF policemen demanded that Zura Emiruseinova and Aliya Emiruseinova, who was filming the protest, go to the police station for drawing up an administrative offence report. The poster was withdrawn. When the police tried to detain Zura Emiruseinova, she felt bad. An ambulance arrived to the place and took her to the hospital. The policemen also went to the hospital and left only when the woman had been diagnosed with a hypertensive crisis and hospitalized.<sup>40</sup>

<sup>34</sup> September 16 2020 Muniver Keliamova held a single person protest with poster ‘Our Children Are Not Terrorists. To Speak in Mosque Is Not Crime’.

<sup>35</sup> Crimean Solidarity / Police Sent Files of Administrative Case of Muniver Keliamova to Court <https://crimean-solidarity.org/news/2020/10/08/policiya-napravila-materialy-administrativnogo-dela-v-otnoshenii-muniver-kelyamovoj-v-sud-627>

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1029550994144730>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/100022522835464/videos/825355454891875>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/100034515559250/videos/407606867066495>

<sup>39</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/100033990820149/videos/385963932546631>

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/crimeansolidarity/posts/1268768823490571>



### 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 October 1, the 12<sup>th</sup> autumn conscription campaign in the RF Armed Forces began in Crimea. On October 5, the information support department of the Black Sea region of the RF Ministry of Defense announced that more than 500 residents of Sevastopol would be sent to the RF army in the autumn of 2020.<sup>41</sup>

On October 12, the “military commissar of the Republic of Crimea” Yuri Lyamar acknowledged that more than 2,000 people were planned to be drafted in Crimea.<sup>42</sup>

On October 29, the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation reported that over 200 people had been sent to the Russian Federation from Crimea within the autumn conscription campaign.<sup>43</sup>

On October 18, the press office of the Southern Military Area reported that a ceremony of joining the ranks of the Yunarmiya paramilitary movement by more than 30 schoolchildren had been held in Simferopol. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Black Sea Navy army corps, the “Krympatriottsentr” state educational institution of additional education, and the leaders of the regional “Yunarmiya” movement headquarters.<sup>44</sup>

The CHRG in October recorded **4** new criminal cases against Crimea residents under RF CC Art. 328 (*evading the military service in the Russian Federation Armed Forces*), and **6** new sentences awarded under this article, including 2 — in the ‘Tsentralny District Court of Simferopol’ (judges Sergey Demenok and Viktor Mozheliansky<sup>45</sup>), 1 — in the “Leninsky District Court of Sevastopol” (judge Anatoliy Vasilenko<sup>46</sup>), 1 — in the ‘Krasnogvardeysk District Court’ (judge Valentin Shukalsky<sup>47</sup>), 1 -in the ‘Simferopol District Court’ (judge Aleksandr Serdiuk<sup>48</sup>),

<sup>41</sup> RF Ministry of Defence/ Over 500 Conscripts From Sevastopol Will Start Military Service During 2020 Autumn Conscription Campaign [https://function.mil.ru/news\\_page/country/more.htm?id=12317694](https://function.mil.ru/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12317694)

<sup>42</sup> RIA Novosti / Online Conference “Autumn Conscription — 2020: Timing and Specifics” <https://m.crimea.ria.ru/press/20201012/1118784225/Onlayn-konferentsiya-Osenniy-prizyv--2020-sroki-i-osobennosti.html>

<sup>43</sup> RF Ministry of Defence / Over 200 Conscripts from Crimea Transported by Military Transport Aircraft for Active Compulsory Military Service Beyond Peninsula Borders [https://structure.mil.ru/structure/forces/type/navy/black\\_sea/news/more.htm?id=12321838](https://structure.mil.ru/structure/forces/type/navy/black_sea/news/more.htm?id=12321838)

<sup>44</sup> RF Ministry of Defence / Solemnity of Joining Yunarmiya by Schoolchildren Held in Simferopol [https://function.mil.ru/news\\_page/country/more.htm?id=12320035](https://function.mil.ru/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12320035)

<sup>45</sup> «Tsentralny District Court of Simferopol» / List of cases to be heard on 02.10.2020. Case 1-285/2020 [http://centr-simph.krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=02.10.2020](http://centr-simph.krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=02.10.2020); List of cases to be heard on 15.10.2020. Case 1-303/2020 [http://centr-simph.krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=15.10.2020](http://centr-simph.krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=15.10.2020)

<sup>46</sup> «Leninsky District Court of Sevastopol» / List of cases to be heard on 23.10.2020. Case 1-372/2020 [https://leninskiy-sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=23.10.2020](https://leninskiy-sev.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=23.10.2020)

<sup>47</sup> «Krasnogvardeysk District Court’ / List of cases to be heard on 15.10.2020. Case 1-212/2020 [https://krasnogvardeiskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=15.10.2020](https://krasnogvardeiskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=15.10.2020)

<sup>48</sup> «Simferopol District Court’ / List of cases to be heard on 9.10.2020. Case 1-440/2020 [https://simferopolskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=09.10.2020](https://simferopolskiy--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=09.10.2020)



and 1 — in the 'Yevpatoriya Town Court' (judge Anastasiya Dydnyk<sup>49</sup>). Totally, as of the end of October 2020, the CHRG documented **145** criminal cases initiated for evading the RF Army military service, that were sent to the Crimean 'courts' for considering, with verdicts delivered for **140** of them and **5** being still under consideration.

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<sup>49</sup> «Yevpatoriya Town Court' / List of cases to be heard on 8.10.2020. Case 1-339/2020 [https://evpatoriya--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud\\_delo&srv\\_num=1&H\\_date=08.10.2020](https://evpatoriya--krm.sudrf.ru/modules.php?name=sud_delo&srv_num=1&H_date=08.10.2020)