

RUSSIA: Six years of prison for JW Sergey Klimov

As of 5 November: 46 JW behind bars and 284 criminal cases



Photo: Sergey Klimov

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– <https://www.jw-russia.org/en/news/19110510-1318.html> – On November 5, 2019, judge of the Oktyabrsky District Court of Tomsk Dmitriy Borisov pronounced a sentence for a local resident, Sergey Klimov, who was convicted of “organizing extremist activity”: six years in a penal colony. His defense plans to appeal the unjust verdict.

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Russian at <https://www.jw-russia.org/news/19110510-1318.html>

Case of Klimov in Tomsk

Region:

Tomsk Region

Locality:

Tomsk

Case number:

11802690013000085

Current stage:

Trial in court of first instance

Suspected of:

According to the investigation, together with others he conducted religious services, which is interpreted as "organising the activity of an extremist organisation" (with reference to the decision of the Russian Supreme Court on the liquidation of all 396 registered organisations of Jehovah's Witnesses)

Article of the Russian Criminal Code:

282.2 (1)

Investigating:

Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Tomsk Region

Case initiated:

3 June 2018

Statistics about the repression of Jehovah's Witnesses in Russia as of Nov 5, 2019:

Detention: 46

House arrest: 23

Ban on activities: 21

Recognizance: 105

Convicted: 11

Total under investigation: 284