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Russia: Special bimonthly FORB digest (01-15.08.2020)

14.08.20 – Synagogues resume their work in Russian cities

Moscow, August 14, Interfax – Synagogues return to their work in usual format in 15 cities of Russia, including St. Petersburg, Irkutsk, Nizhny Novgorod, Volgograd, Perm, Kaluga, Samara, Khabarovsk and others, press service of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia told the journalists on Friday.

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13.08.20 – In Stavropol territory, law enforcers planted banned literature on the believer. Details of searches in Nevinnomysk

Link to full text in Russian:
<https://jw-russia.org/news/2020/08/5.html>

During house searches in Nevinnomysk on August 10, 2020, law enforcers planted books on the Federal List of Extremist Literature (FSEM) to believers. Another believer's laptop and phone were seized.

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11.08.20 – Jehovah's Witnesses indicted in extreme far east of Russia

Link to full text in Russian:
<https://news.ussurbator.ru/news/troih-svideteley-iegovy-budut-sudit-v-ussuriyske>

The Investigation Department has completed the investigation of the criminal case against three residents of Ussuriisk, who are charged with setting up a religious organization that has been ruled on Russian territory to be extremist, the news agency UssurMedia reports, citing the investigation department of the Investigative Committee of Russia [S.K.R.] for the Primorie territory.

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10.08.20 – In Rostov and Kursk regions at least 12 searches took place. Four believers were sent to the detention center for religious views

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<https://jw-russia.org/news/2020/08/4.html>

On August 8, 2020 at least 12 local believers were searched in the cities of Gukovo, Kamensk-Shakhtinsky, Rostov-on-Don and Kursk. The next day, 51-year-old Oleg Shidlovsky, 40-year-old Evgeny Razumov, 39-year-old Alexei Gorely and 30-year-old Nikita Moiseyev were sent to the pre-trial detention center.

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10.08.20 – *Tablighi Jamaat* literature found in mosques in Mordovia, activists detained

Officials from the Russian Federal Security Service's Directorate for Mordovia, in interaction with the police and the Russian Guard, have stopped the activities of a group of activists of the international religious-extremist organization, *Tablighi Jamaat*, which is banned in Russia.

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09.08.20 – Jehovah's Witnesses locked up without bail for two months

Link to full text in Russian: <https://www.kavkaz-uzel.eu/articles/352861/>

Believers Aleksei Gorely, Evgeny Pazumov, Nikita Moiseev, and Oleg Shidlovsky were placed in detention until 6 October. This decision was made today [Sunday] by a Rostov court. All four were arrested yesterday during a series of searches in homes of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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07.08.20 – Voronezh troops using torture on Jehovah's Witnesses

Link to full text in Russian: <https://credo.press/232381/>

Voronezh Jehovah's Witnesses Yury Galka and Anatoly Yagupov described inhumane treatment on the part of personnel of law enforcement agencies through their lawyer, who visited them in a SIZO.

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07.08.20 – Teenage girl dies in Sredneuralsky Convent in Russia's Ural region

Yekaterinburg, August 7, Interfax – A 15-year-old girl has died in the Sredneuralsky Convent, Sverdlovsk Region children's rights commissioner Igor Morokov told *Interfax*.

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07.08.20 – Six Jehovah's Witnesses face trial in Sverdlovsk region

Link to full text in Russian: <https://www.znak.com/2020-08-07/>

The Sverdlovsk oblast court overturned the sentences for three Jehovah's Witnesses (an organization ruled to be extremist and forbidden in R.F.) from Karpinsk and sent back their criminal case for a new consideration in the Karpinsk city court.

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06.08.20 – Jehovah's Witnesses win appeal in Sverdlovsk region

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05.08.20 – Russia is purging Ukrainian Orthodox presence in Crimea

Link to full text in Russian: <https://risu.ua/ru/>

Attorney Sergei Zaets thinks that the liquidation of the Ukrainian Orthodox community in occupied Crimea borders on genocide. This is how he commented on the refusal by the Russian Supreme Court to retain the P.Ts.U. [Orthodox Church of Ukraine] cathedral in Simferopol.

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04.08.20 – Protestant preacher punished for violating anti-evangelism law

Link to full text in Russian:
<https://www.invictory.org/news/society/>

The presbyter of a Zakamensk church, the “Application” Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the republic of Buryatia (Russia), was fined for “illegal” preaching, the Christian mega-portal [invictory.com](http://www.invictory.com) reports, with reference to credo.press.

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04.08.20 – Year-long trial of Jehovah’s Witnesses interrupted by judge

Judge Vera Pismennaia of the Industrialnyi district court of Khabarovsk ordered the return to the prosecutor’s office of the case against Jehovah’s Witnesses Stanislav Kim, Nikolai Polevodov, Tatiana and Vitaly Zhuk, Svetlana Sedovaia, and Main Karpushkina.

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03.08.20 – Six and half years in penal colony replaced by suspended sentence for Pskov Jehovist

Link to full text in Russian:
<https://7x7-journal.ru/news/2020/08/03/>

The Pskov oblast court replaced real prison time with a suspended sentence for 61-year-old Jehovah’s Witness Gennady Shpakovsky, 7x7 was told at the court’s administration.

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03.08.20 – Court replaces real imprisonment for Pskov Jehovah’s witnesses with suspended sentence

Link to full text in Russian:

<https://pskov.bezformata.com/listnews/sud-zamenil-realnoe-zaklyuchenie/86116833/>

A court replaced real-time imprisonment for Pskov Jehovah's Witness Gennady Shpakovsky, who was sentenced to 6.5 years in a penal colony, with a suspended sentence, Severo-Zapad MBKh Media writes.

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01.08.20 – Ukrainian politician points to European political thrust

Link to full text in Russian: <https://risu.ua/ru/>

The draft law concerning granting state status to certain religious holidays will introduce a legislative norm according to which an employer is advised to give a day off to an employee who is celebrating one of these holidays in accordance with his affiliation to one or another religious confession.

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