

RUSSIA

Jehovah's Witnesses, Said Nursi Followers and the Church of Scientology do not use or advocate the use of force nor violence in their teachings, and their aim is not to overthrow the political regime in place. Nonetheless, they are prosecuted on the basis of the “**Law on Fighting Extremist Activity**”, originally adopted in 2002 but amended in 2006 in such a way that removed the necessity for alleged violators to be associated with violence or calls to violence.

This opened the door to arbitrary and unrestrained interpretations of the concept of extremism, which enabled the criminalization of religious activities carried out by non-Orthodox minority groups. This move was criticized by the UN Human Rights Committee (28 April 2015), the PACE Monitoring Committee of the Council of Europe (14 September 2012), and the Venice Commission (1 June 2012), which called on Russia to correct the law, by making an element of violence or hatred a requirement for prosecution.

Jehovah's Witness

Alam ALIEV

Age: 55 years

Place of residence: Birodidzhan

Date and place of arrest: On 18th May 2018 in Birodidzhan

Charges: Conducting deliberate, virorous actions of an organizational character directed at esumption and continuation of the illgal activity of a forbidden religious (extremist) organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 (Actions directed at the incitement of hatred [nenavist] or enmity [vrazhda], as well as the humiliation of an individual or group of persons on the basis of sex, race, nationality, language, origin, attitude to religion, or social group).

Last court decision: The Birodidzhan (Jewish Autonomous oblast) ordered him in pre-trial detention through 14th July 2018 and scheduled his criminal case to begin on 22nd May 2018.

Date of release: He was released on 25th May but still faces charges.

Other information: He is suspected of convening meetings, organizing religious performances, collecting financial resources in the form of donations, as well as conducting mass eventss aimed at distributing extremist literature and materials of extremist contents.

Sources: <https://bit.ly/2KHysvh> and <https://bit.ly/2Lir3Ue>

Vladimir ALUSHKIN.

Age: 54 years

Date and place of arrest: On 15th July 2018 in Penza

Charges: Organizing, participating in, or financing the activity of an “extremist” organization

Article of criminal code: Article 282.2(2) of the Criminal Code

First court decision: On 17th July, he was sentenced to two months of pre-trial detention until 14th September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 14th January 2019.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Kemerovo Region

Other information: He was one of about 20 adults in total who had been detained to the police station, including Vladimir Alushkin, Vladimir Kulyasov, Andrey Magliv, Dennis Timoshin.

Source: <https://www.jw.org/en/news/legal/by-region/russia/jehovahs-witnesses-in-prison/>

Sergey BRITVIN.

Age: 53 years

Date and place of arrest: 22th July 2018 in Penza

Charges: Organizing, participating in, or financing the activity of an “extremist” organization

Article of criminal code: Article 282.2(2) of the Criminal Code

First court decision: On 24th July he was sentenced to two months of pre-trial detention until 19th September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 19th January 2019.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Kemerovo Region

Source: <https://www.jw.org/en/news/legal/by-region/russia/jehovahs-witnesses-in-prison/>

Konstantin BAZHENOV

Age: 43 years

Date of arrest: 12th June 2018

Charges: Organizing the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation and Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 2: Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organization in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity.

First court decision: 6 months of pre-trial detention, until 12th December 2018.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Saratov Region

Source: <https://www.jw-russia.org/news/18061516-349.html>

Alexei BUDENCHUK

Age: 36 years

Date of arrest: On 12th June 2018

Charges: Organizing the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation and Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 2: Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organization in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity.

First court decision: 6 months of pre-trial detention until 12th December 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Saratov Region

Source: <https://www.jw-russia.org/news/18061516-349.html>

Dennis CHRISTENSEN.

Date of birth: 18th December 1972

Date and place of arrest: On 25th May 2017, in the town of Oryol

Charges: Participating in extremist activities

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 (Actions directed at the incitement of hatred [nenavist] or enmity [vrazhda], as well as the humiliation of an individual or group of persons on the basis of sex, race, nationality, language, origin, attitude to religion, or social group).

First court decision: The Sovietsky District Court ordered him to be held in pre-trial detention for two months. He appealed against his detention.

Last court decision: On 19th February 2018, appeal was denied by Oryol Regional Court. His pre-trial detention was repeatedly prolonged, until 1st February 2019 (totaling 20 months).

Place of detention: Krasnoarmeiskaja 10, SIZO-1, City of Orel, 302040, Russia

Other information: He is a Danish citizen. He was arrested by armed officers from the FSB after attending a meeting of the Jehovah's Witnesses, alongside some 50 other worshippers who were later released without charge. The raid and arrest came after Russia's Supreme Court banned the Jehovah's Witnesses in April over alleged extremism. This is the first time that a Jehovah's Witness has been jailed since the Soviet Union.

Source: <http://bit.ly/2qAOmhc> , <http://bit.ly/2rk49SS> , <http://bit.ly/2rDXWUF> , <http://bit.ly/2rjWSIX> , http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2290

Ilkham Shamilevich KARIMOV

Age: 37 years

Date of birth: 9th February 1981

Date and place of arrest: On 25th March 2018, in Naberezhnyye Chelny, Tatarstan

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention, from 29th May 2018 until 25th September 2018 and afterwards until 25th December 2018

Last court decision: On 2nd November 2018, a higher court decided to put him under house arrest.

Date of release: On 8th November 2018, he was still in prison.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 5, Republic of Tatarstan

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

<https://www2.stetson.edu/~psteeves/relnews/181108a.html>

Sergei KLIMOV.

Age: 48 years

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd June 2018, in Tomsk

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention from 5th June 2018 until 31st October 2018. This was extended with three months, until 31st December 2018.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Tomsk Region

Other information: On 4th June 2018 it was unclear if Mr. KLIMOV was still in detention. Mr KLIMOV is not one of the original founding members of the Tomsk's former JW community.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Vadim LEVCHUK.

Age: 46 years

Date and place of arrest: 22nd July 2018 in Penza

Charges: Organizing, participating in, or financing the activity of an “extremist” organization

Article of criminal code: Article 282.2(2) of the Criminal Code

First court decision: On 24th July he was sentenced to two months of pre-trial detention until 19th September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 19th January 2019.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Kemerovo Region

Source: <https://www.jw.org/en/news/legal/by-region/russia/jehovahs-witnesses-in-prison/>

Vladimir Yuryecich KOCHNYOV

Age: 39 years

Date and place of arrest: On 27th May, in Orenburg

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal code : Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: Pre-trial detention from 19th May until 14th July 2018

Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021>

Feliks MAKHAMMADIEV

Age: 33 years

Date of arrest: On 12th June 2018

Charges: Organizing the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation and Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 2: Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organization in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity.

First court decision: 6 months of pre-trial detention until 12th December 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Saratov Region

Source: <https://www.jw-russia.org/news/18061516-349.html>

Roman MARKIN

Age: 44 years

Place of residence: Polynarny (Murmansk oblast)

Date and place of arrest: On 18th April 2018, in Polynarny

Charges: Conducting the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: Six months of pre-trial detention from 23rd April 2018 until 11th October 2018

Last court decision: On 10th October 2018, the Polyarny district court of Murmansk oblast did not prolong his pre-trial detention but ordered him to be put in house arrest. The charges remain unchanged.

Date of release: 10th October 2018

Other information: He spent 176 days at the Detention Center No. 1 of the Federal Penitentiary Service for Murmansk oblast.

Source: <https://www2.stetson.edu/~psteeves/relnews/180511a.html> and http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Konstantin MATRASHOV

Age: 29 years

Date and place of arrest: On 27th May, in Naberezhnyye Chelny

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention from 29th May until 25th September 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 5, Republic of Tatarstan

Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021>

Dmitry MIKHAILOV

Age: 40 years

Date of arrest: On 3rd June 2018

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal code : Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 5 months of pre-trial detention from 3rd June until 19th October 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Ivanovo Region, 153025 Ivanovo, Ulitsa Bolotnaya 2, Investigation Prison No. 1

Other information: Mr MIKHAILOV had previously been under travel restrictions since 20th April 2018.

Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021> and http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2381

Vladimir MYAKUSHIN

Age: 30 years

Date and place of arrest: On 27th May, in Naberezhnyye Chelny

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention from 29th May 2018 until 25th September 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 5, Republic of Tatarstan

Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021>

Valentin OSADCHUK.

Age: 40 years

Date of birth: 15th March 1976

Date and place of arrest : On 19th April 2018, in Vladivostok

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal code : Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 5 months of pre-trial detention from 23rd April 2018 until 20th September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 9th January 2019.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Primorskiy Territory

Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021> and http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Konstantin PETROV

Age: 31 years

Date and place of arrest: On 30th May 2018, in Magadan

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: Pre-trial detention from 1st June 2018 until 29th July 2018

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Anastasia POLIAKOVA.

Age: 34 years

Data and place of arrest: On 4th July 2018 in Omsk

Charges: Suspicion of professing the religion of Jehovah's Witnesses

First court decision: On 6th July 2018, judge Nina IORDAN of the Azov district court of Omsk oblast sentenced her to two months pre-trial detention until 20th September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 20th December 2018.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Omsk Region

Other information: Anastasia was arrested together with her husband Sergei POLIAKOV.

Source: <https://bit.ly/2mek4QQ>

<https://www.jw-russia.org/news/18071023-367.html>

<https://www2.stetson.edu/~psteeves/relnews/180710a.html>

<https://www.jw-russia.org/news/18070617-360.html>

Sergei POLIAKOV.

Age: 46 years

Date and place of arrest: On 4th July 2018 in Omsk

Charges: Suspicion of professing the religion of Jehovah's Witnesses

First court decision: On 6th July 2018, judge Nina IORDAN of the Azov district court of Omsk oblast sentenced him to two months pre-trial detention until 20th September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 20th December 2018.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Omsk Region

Other information: Sergei was arrested together with his wife, Anastasia

Source: <https://bit.ly/2mek4QQ>

<https://www.jw-russia.org/news/18071023-367.html>

<https://www2.stetson.edu/~psteeves/relnews/180710a.html>

<https://www.jw-russia.org/news/18070617-360.html>

Ivan PUYADA

Age: 39 years

Date and place of arrest: On 30th May 2018, in Khabarovsk

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention from 1st June 2018 until 29th September 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Magadan Region

Other information: Mr POUYDA is not one of the original founding members of the Khabarovsk's former JW community.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Natalia SOROKINA

Age: 43 years (1975)

Place of residence: Smolensk

Date and place of arrest: On 7th October 2018 at her home

Charges: Participation in extremist activities for holding services together with others

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 282.2 part 2 of the criminal code (participation in the activity of an extremist society)

Last court decision: On 9th October 2018 the Leninsky District Court in Smolensk ruled to place Nataliya Sorokina in pre-trial detention for 1 month and 12 days, until 19th November 2018.

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center No. 1 in the Smolensk Region

Other information: Arrested together with Maria Troshina

Sources: <https://www2.stetson.edu/~psteeves/relnews/181010b.html>, <https://jw-russia.org/prisoners/sorokina.html>

Andrey STUPNIKOV.

Age: 44 years

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd July 2018 at airport in Krasnoyarsk

Charges: Organizing, participating in, or financing the activity of an “extremist” organization

Article of criminal code: Article 282.2(2) of the Criminal Code

First court decision: On 4th July 2018 he was sentenced by the Zheleznodorozhnyi District Court in Krasnoyarsk to three months of pre-trial detention until 2nd October 2018. This was extended with three months, until 3rd January 2019.

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Krasnoyarsk Territory

Source: <https://www.jw.org/en/news/legal/by-region/russia/jehovahs-witnesses-in-prison/>

Alexandr Gennadyevich SUVOROV

Age: 39 years

Place of arrest: In Orenburg

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: Pre-trial detention from 19th May 2018 until 14th July 2018

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Victor TROFIMOV

Age: 61 years

Place of residence: Polynarny (Murmansk oblast)

Date and place of arrest: On 18th April 2018, in Polynarny,

Charges: Conducting the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: Six months of pre-trial detention from 23rd April 2018 until 11th October 2018

Last court decision: On 10th October 2018, the Polyarny district court of Murmansk oblast did not prolong his pre-trial detention but ordered him to be put in house arrest. The charges remain unchanged.

Date of release: 10th October 2018

Other information: He spent 176 days at the Detention Center No. 1 of the Federal Penitentiary Service for Murmansk oblast.

Sources: <https://www2.stetson.edu/~psteeves/relnews/180511a.html> and http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Maria TROSHINA

Place of residence: Smolensk

Date and place of arrest: On 7th October 2018 at her home

Charges: Participation in extremist activities

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 282.2 part 2 of the criminal code (participation in the activity of an extremist society)

Last court decision: On 9th October 2018 the Leninsky District Court in Smolensk ruled to place Maria Troshina in pre-trial detention for 1 month and 12 days, until 19th November 2018.

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center No. 1 in the Smolensk Region

Other information: Arrested together with Natalia Sorokina

Sources: <https://www2.stetson.edu/~psteeves/relnews/181010b.html>, <https://jw-russia.org/prisoners/troshina.html>

Anatoliy VILITKEVICH

Age: 32 years

Date and place of arrest : On 10th April 2018, in Ufa

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal code : Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: Pre-trial detention from 12th April until 2nd July 2018

Second court decision: On 21st June 2018 the Supreme Court of Bashkortostan overturned the previous decision by the lower court and placed him under house arrest.

Other information: It is unclear how long pre-trial detention is. But on 1st June 2018 it was extended. Legally pretrial detention is a maximum of six months.

Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021> and <https://bit.ly/2s7vuZe> , <https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/06/28/russia-sweeping-arrests-jehovahs-witnesses>

Sergei YERKIN

Age: 65 years

Date and place of arrest: On 30th May 2018, in Magadan

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention from 1st June 2018 until 30th September 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Magadan Region

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Aydar YULMETYEV

Age: 25 years

Date and place of arrest: On 29th May in Naberezhnyye Chelny

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention from 31st May until 25th September 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 5, Republic of Tatarstan

Source: <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021>

Yevgeny ZYABLOV

Age: 41 years

Date and place of arrest: On 30th May 2018, in Tomsk

Charges: Organising the activity of an extremist organization

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Part 1 of article 282.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

First court decision: 4 months of pre-trial detention from 1st June 2018 until 29th September 2018

Place of detention: Detention Center No. 1, Magadan Region

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385

Scientologists

Sakhib ALIEV

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2017, in St. Petersburg

Charges: Participating in an extremist organization, illegal business, inciting hatred and enmity, and violation of human dignity

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 171 (Illegal commercial activity without registration) and Articles 282 and 282.1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

Last court decision: On 7th June 2017, he was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. His detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 6th April 2018, he was still in prison.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Anastasia TEREENTIEVA, Galina SHURINOVA, Ivan MATSITSKIY and Konstanci ESAULKOVA.

Source: <http://www.osce.org/odihr/324976?download=true>, <http://bit.ly/2rgWMPm>, http://www.rapsinews.com/judicial_news/20180406/282422136.html

Konstanci ESAULKOVA (Constance Yesaulkova)

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2017, in St. Petersburg

Charges: Participating in an extremist organization, illegal business, inciting hatred and enmity, and violation of human dignity

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 171 (Illegal commercial activity without registration) and Articles 282 and 282.1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

Last court decision: On 8th June 2017, she was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. Her detention was repeatedly prolonged. **As of 6th April 2018, she was under house arrest.**

Other information: She was arrested alongside Anastasia TERENTIEVA, Sakhilb ALIEV, Ivan MATSITSKIY and Galina SHURINOVA.

Source: <http://www.hrcspb.ru/page/page479.html> ,
http://www.rapsinews.com/judicial_news/20180406/282422136.html

Ivan MATSITSKIY

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2017, in St. Petersburg

Charges: Participating in an extremist organization, illegal business, inciting hatred and enmity, and violation of human dignity

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 171 (Illegal commercial activity without registration) and Articles 282 and 282.1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

Last court decision: On 8th June 2017, he was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. His detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 31st December 2017, he was still in prison.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Anastasia TERENTIEVA, Galina SHURINOVA, Sakhilb ALIEV and Konstanci ESAULKOVA. He was also an applicant before the European Human Rights Court in the case *Church of Scientology of St. Petersburg and Others v. Russia*.

Source: <http://www.osce.org/odihr/324976?download=true>

Galina SHURINOVA

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2017, in St. Petersburg

Charges: Participating in an extremist organization, illegal business, inciting hatred and enmity, and violation of human dignity

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 171 (Illegal commercial activity without registration) and Articles 282 and 282.1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

Last court decision: On 8th June 2017, she was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. Her detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 31st December 2017, she was still in prison.

Other information: She was arrested alongside Anastasia TEREENTIEVA, Sakhil ALIEV, Ivan MATSITSKIY and Konstanci ESAULKOVA. She was also an applicant before the European Human Rights Court in the case *Church of Scientology of St. Petersburg and Others v. Russia*.

Source: <http://www.osce.org/odihr/324976?download=true>

Anastasia TEREENTIEVA

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2017, in St. Petersburg

Charges: Participating in an extremist organization, illegal business, inciting hatred and enmity, and violation of human dignity

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 171 (Illegal commercial activity without registration) and Articles 282 and 282.1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

Last court decision: On 8th June 2017, she was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. Her detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 31st December 2017, she was still in prison.

Other information: She was arrested alongside Sakhil ALIEV, Galina SHURINOVA, Ivan MATSITSKIY and Konstanci ESAULKOVA. She was also an applicant before the European Human Rights Court in the case *Church of Scientology of St. Petersburg and Others v. Russia*.

Source: <http://www.osce.org/odihr/324976?download=true>

Said Nursi Followers

Ilgar Vagif-ogly ALIYEV

Place of residence: Izberbash

Date and place of arrest: On 19th April 2017, in Izberbash, Dagestan

Charges: Holding "classes involving a group of adherents of [Nurdzhular]"

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

Statement of the defendant: He says that such an organisation [Nurdzhular] does not exist and denies engagement in extremist activity.

Last court decision: On 28th May 2018, the court in Dagestan sentenced him to eight years imprisonment plus two years restrictions of studying Muslim theologian Said Nursi's writings. He remains in pre-trial detention while his appeal is pending.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison in Makhachkala

Other information: He is punished for studying Said Nursi's writings, together with others. On 30th August 2018 his name was added to the Rosfinmonitoring 'List of Terrorists and Extremists'.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2279,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2358,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2386

Ziyavdin Badirsoltanovich DAPAYEV

Date of birth: 12th May 1982

Place of residence: Mahachkala

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016, Mahachkala

Charges: Involvement with the banned Nurdzhular organisation

Statement of the defendant: He says that such an organisation [Nurdzhular] does not exist and denies engagement in extremist activity.

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities) and part 2 (Participation in an extremist organisation).

First court decision: At the end of December 2016, Makhachkala's Soviet District Court extended his detention until 4th March 2017.

Last court decision: The first full hearing took place on 3rd April 2017 at Mahachkala's Lenin District Court. There have been eight hearings so far, the most recent on 16th June 2017. As of 7th March 2018, he was still in prison.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison No. 1 in the Dagestan capital Makhachkala

Other information: He was detained alongside, Artur KULTUYEV, his brother Sukhrab KULTUYEV, and fourteen other people on suspicion of involvement in a Nurdzhular organisation. Most of those were released after questioning. His name has been added to the Rosfinmonitoring list of "terrorists and extremists".

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2166,

http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2270,

http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2290,

<https://memohrc.org/en/publicationstypes/bulletin/list-individuals-recognized-political-prisoners-human-rights-centre-3>

Artur Abdulgamidovich KALTUYEV

Age: 32 years (1986)

Place of residence: Makhachkala

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016

Charges: Allegedly organized a 'Nurdzhular cell' for organizing 'Nurdzhular' activities for Muslims to read the works of Said Nursi in Makhachkala, Khasavyurt and Astrakhan between November 2011 and March 2016. Accused of engaging in 'extremist' activity.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 1 (participation in the activity of an extremist society)

Statement of defendant: He argued that his intention in teaching people about Nursi's works

was that they should "receive Islamic knowledge". Artur refused the accusations that they had engaged in extremist activities, argued that they did not infringe upon the rights and freedoms of the individual, did not teach young people in the spirit of the doctrine of the 'Nurdzhular' association in order to establish a worldwide caliphate, and, in general, argued that their activity in studying the works of Said Nursi and teaching others does not relate to the extremist organisation 'Nurdzhular'".

Last court decision: He was sentenced to three years in prison by a Makhachkala court on 7th November 2017.

Place of detention: Unknown labour camp ('correctional colonies')

Other information: Imprisoned alongside of his brother Sukhrab Abdulgamidovich Kaltuyev and Ziyavdin Badirsoltanovich Dapayev who are also serving prison sentences for their faith. Unlike his brother who was brought into pre-trial detention, Artur was put under travel restriction from March 2016. He was taken into custody together with his brother in November 2017 after receiving the first verdict.

Sources: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2426,

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2339,

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2339&pdf=Y

Sukhrab Abdulgamidovich KALTUYEV

Age: 36 years (1981)

Place of residence: Makhachkala

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016

Charges: Allegedly organized a 'Nurdzhular cell' for organizing 'Nurdzhular' activities for Muslims to read the works of Said Nursi in Makhachkala, Khasavyurt and Astrakhan between November 2011 and March 2016. Accused of engaging in 'extremist' activity.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 1 (participation in the activity of an extremist society)

Statement of defendant: Sukhrab refused the accusations that they had engaged in extremist activities, argued that they did not infringe upon the rights and freedoms of the individual, did not teach young people in the spirit of the doctrine of the 'Nurdzhular' association in order to establish a worldwide caliphate, and, in general, argued that their activity in studying the works of Said Nursi and teaching others does not relate to the extremist organisation 'Nurdzhular'".

Last court decision: He was sentenced to three years in prison by a Makhachkala court on 7th November 2017.

Place of detention: Unknown labour camp ('correctional colonies')

Other information: Imprisoned alongside of his brother Artur Abdulgamidovich Kaltuyev and Ziyavdin Badirsoltanovich Dapayev who are also serving prison sentences for their faith. Sukhrab was initially brought in to pre-trial detention for 6 months and released under travel restrictions after this. He was taken into custody together with his brother in November 2017 after receiving the first verdict.

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Bagir KAZIKHANOV

Age: 31 years

Place of residence: Ulyanovsk

Date and place of arrest: On 9th April 2014, and then again on 25th February 2015, in Ulyanovsk.

Charges: Creating a cell of a banned Nurdzular organisation and participating in its activities

Statement of the defendant: He says that such an organisation [Nurdzular] does not exist and denies engagement in extremist activity.

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

First court decision: On 25th February 2015, he was sentenced to three-and-a-half-years to be served in a general-regime correctional colony by Lenin District Court in Ulyanovsk.

Last court decision: On 6th and 13th May 2015, Judge Maksim Maksimov of Russia's Ulyanovsk Regional Court upheld the three-and-a-half-year prison term.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Stepan KUDRYASHOV and Aleksandr MELENTYEV. KAZIKHANOV was the first reader of the works of the late Turkish Islamic theologian, Said Nursi, to receive a jail sentence in Russia since September 2013.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2066
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2046

Yevgeny Lvovich KIM

Date of birth: 5th October 1974

Date and place of arrest: On 26th December 2015, in Blagoveshchensk (Amur Region)

Charges: Disseminating the religious ideas of the international religious association Nurdzular, fully aware of the fact that... [it] had been recognised as extremist and its activities prohibited on the territory of the Russian Federation. The charges claimed that his speeches at his meetings 'were aimed at inciting religious hatred', promoted the 'superiority of the Turkic peoples', and contained 'negative evaluations' of Armenians and Russians.

Statement of the defendant: He says that such an organisation [Nurdzular] does not exist and denies engagement in extremist activity.

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

First court decision: On 25th January 2016, a full hearing took place with an unknown outcome

Second court decision: On 19th June 2017, he was sentenced to three years and nine months in an ordinary-regime correctional colony by Blagoveshchensk City Court. His imprisonment is to be followed by one year of “restrictions on freedom”. During this time, he will not be allowed to move or travel outside his place of residence without permission, and may have to report regularly to probation authorities.

Last court decision: On 24th August 2017, his appeal was unsuccessful. He has lodged a cassation appeal at Amur Regional Court

Place of detention: Correctional Colony No. 3 in Khabarovsk

Other information: His time in detention before and during the trial, amounting to nearly 18 months, will be subtracted from his sentence. He is on the Rosfinmonitoring list of "terrorists and extremists".

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2250, <http://bit.ly/2m4omww>
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2270,
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http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2290,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2332

Imam Komil ODILOV

Age: 42 years

Charges: Meeting to study Islam using the works of the late Turkish theologian Said Nursi

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

First court decision: On 29th June 2018 in Novosibersk he was sentenced to two years in jail

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2391

Tabligh Jamaat Muslims

Talyat ABDURAKHMANOV

Date of birth: 1953

Place of residence: Melnichnoe, central Crimea

Date and place of arrest: On the 2nd of October 2017 in his home

Charges: Participation in activities through his membership of the banned Tabligh Jamaat Muslim missionary movement.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Russian Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 2 ("Participation in" "the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation in

relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity".)

First court decision: On the 3rd of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court decided to keep Mr. Abdurakhmanov in pre-trial detention until the 29th of November 2017.

Last court decision: On the 27th of September 2018 there was a preliminary hearing, but the indictment was sent back to the prosecutor for further investigation.

Place of detention: Simferopol's Investigation Prison

Other information: Mr. Abdurakhmanov was released from detention in November 2017. He was instead required to sign a pledge not to leave his town without permission from the investigator.

Sources: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432

Arsen Shakirovich KUBEDINOV

Date of birth: 6th August 1974

Place of residence: Simferopol, Crimea

Date and place of arrest: On the 2nd of October 2017 in his home

Charges: Participation activities through his membership of the banned Tabligh Jamaat Muslim missionary movement.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Russian Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 2 ("Participation in "the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity".

First court decision: On the 3rd of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court decided to keep Mr. Kubedinov in pre-trial detention until the 29th of November 2017.

Last court decision: On the 27th of September 2018 there was a preliminary hearing, but the indictment was sent back to the prosecutor for further investigation.

Place of detention: Simferopol's Investigation Prison

Other information: The pre-trial detention was repeatedly extended, until he was released on the 22nd of February 2018. He was instead required to sign a pledge not to leave his town without permission from the investigator.

Sources: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432

Seiran Rizaevich MUSTAFAEV

Date of birth: 2nd January 1969

Place of residence: Pionerskoe, Crimea

Date and place of arrest: On the 2nd of October 2017 in his home

Charges: Participation in activities through his membership of the banned Tabligh Jamaat Muslim missionary movement.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Russian Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 2 ("Participation in" "the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity".)

First court decision: On the 3rd of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court ordered that Mustafaev be held under house arrest.

Last court decision: On the 27th of September 2018 there was a preliminary hearing, but the indictment was sent back to the prosecutor for further investigation.

Place of detention: House arrest

Sources: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432

Renat Rustemovich SULEIMANOV

Date of birth: 30th August 1969

Place of residence: Molodezhnoe, Crimea

Date and place of arrest: On the 2nd of October 2017 in his home

Charges: Organising activities through his membership of the banned Tabligh Jamaat Muslim missionary movement.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Russian Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 1 ("Organisation of the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity".)

Statement of defendant: Mr. Suleimanov denies having organised or been involved in any extremist organisation.

First court decision: On the 3rd of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court decided to keep Mr. Suleimanov in pre-trial detention until the 29th of November 2017.

Last court decision: On the 27th of September 2018 there was a preliminary hearing, but the indictment was sent back to the prosecutor for further investigation.

Place of detention: Simferopol's Investigation Prison

Other information: The pre-trial detention has been repeatedly extended, and despite appeals by his lawyers, Mr. Suleimanov was still in prison as of 28th of November 2018.

Sources: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432

