

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and scheduled his criminal case to begin on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

**Date of release:** He was released on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 1972

**Date and place of arrest:** On 25<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Dennis Christensen was sentenced to 6 years in prison.

**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](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2290) , <https://jw-russia.org/en/news/19020612-593.html>

### **Ilkham Shamilevich KARIMOV**

**Age:** 37 years

**Date of birth:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 1981

**Date and place of arrest:** On 25<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 until 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and afterwards until 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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

**Date of release:** On 8<sup>th</sup> 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](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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. This was extended with three months, until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

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

**Other information:** On 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Vadim LEVCHUK.**

**Age:** 46 years

**Date and place of arrest:** 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> July he was sentenced to two months of pre-trial detention until 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> May until 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

### **Feliks MAKHAMMADIEV**

**Age:** 33 years

**Date of arrest:** On 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 until 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Last court decision:** On 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Konstantin MATRASHOV**

**Age:** 29 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 27<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May until 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June until 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

*Source:* <http://www.newsweek.com/jehovahs-witnesses-russia-ban-police-903021> and [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2381](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2381)

### **Vladimir MYAKUSHIN**

**Age:** 30 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 27<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 until 25<sup>th</sup> 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:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 1976

**Date and place of arrest :** On 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 until 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Konstantin PETROV**

**Age:** 31 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 until 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2385](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Anastasia POLIAKOVA.**

**Age:** 34 years

**Data and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Omsk

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

**First court decision:** On 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018, judge Nina IORDAN of the Azov district court of Omsk oblast sentenced her to two months pre-trial detention until 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 20<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Omsk

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

**First court decision:** On 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018, judge Nina IORDAN of the Azov district court of Omsk oblast sentenced him to two months pre-trial detention until 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This was extended with four months, until 20<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 until 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Natalia SOROKINA**

**Age:** 43 years (1975)

**Place of residence:** Smolensk

**Date and place of arrest:** On 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 the Leninsky District Court in Smolensk ruled to place Nataliya Sorokina in pre-trial detention for 1 month and 12 days, until 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 until 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Source:** [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2385](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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 until 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Last court decision:** On 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Maria TROSHINA**

**Place of residence:** Smolensk

**Date and place of arrest:** On 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 the Leninsky District Court in Smolensk ruled to place Maria Troshina in pre-trial detention for 1 month and 12 days, until 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> April until 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

**Second court decision:** On 21<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2385](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Aydar YULMETYEV**

**Age:** 25 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 29<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> May until 25<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 until 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

**Source:** [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2385](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2385)

### **Scientologists**

#### **Sakhib ALIEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. His detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rapsinews.com/judicial_news/20180406/282422136.html)

### **Konstanci ESAULKOVA (Constance Yesaulkova)**

**Date and place of arrest:** On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017, she was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. Her detention was repeatedly prolonged. **As of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018, she was under house arrest.**

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

*Source:* <http://www.hrcspb.ru/page/page479.html> ,  
[http://www.rapsinews.com/judicial\\_news/20180406/282422136.html](http://www.rapsinews.com/judicial_news/20180406/282422136.html)

### **Ivan MATSITSKIY**

**Date and place of arrest:** On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. His detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, he was still in prison.

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Anastasia TERENTIEVA, Galina SHURINOVA, Sakhib 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017, she was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. Her detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017, she was sentenced to two months pre-trial detention. Her detention was repeatedly prolonged. As of 31<sup>st</sup> 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*.

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### **Said Nursi Followers**

#### **Ilgar Vagif-ogly ALIYEV**

**Place of residence:** Izberbash

**Date and place of arrest:** On 19<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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=2279),  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2358](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2358),  
[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2386](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2386)

### **Ziyavdin Badirsoltanovich DAPAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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

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

**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://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2166),

[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2270](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2270),

[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2290](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 7<sup>th</sup> 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://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),

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2339&pdf=Y](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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sources: [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2426](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),  
[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2339&pdf=Y](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2339&pdf=Y)

## **Bagir KAZIKHANOV**

**Age:** 31 years

**Place of residence:** Ulyanovsk

**Date and place of arrest:** On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014, and then again on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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=2066)  
[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2046](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2046)

## **Yevgeny Lvovich KIM**

**Date of birth:** 5<sup>th</sup> October 1974

**Date and place of arrest:** On 26<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016, a full hearing took place with an unknown outcome

**Second court decision:** On 19<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2250), <http://bit.ly/2m4omww>  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2270](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2270),  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2279](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2279),  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2290](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2290),  
[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2332](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](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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court decided to keep Mr. Abdurakhmanov in pre-trial detention until the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.

**Last court decision:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432)

### Arsen Shakirovich KUBEDINOV

**Date of birth:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 1974

**Place of residence:** Simferopol, Crimea

**Date and place of arrest:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court decided to keep Mr. Kubedinov in pre-trial detention until the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.

**Last court decision:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432)

### Seiran Rizaevich MUSTAFAEV

**Date of birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1969

**Place of residence:** Pionerskoe, Crimea

**Date and place of arrest:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court ordered that Mustafaev be held under house arrest.

**Last court decision:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432)

### Renat Rustemovich SULEIMANOV

**Date of birth:** 30<sup>th</sup> August 1969

**Place of residence:** Molodezhnoe, Crimea

**Date and place of arrest:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2017 Simferopol's Kiev District Court decided to keep Mr. Suleimanov in pre-trial detention until the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.

**Last court decision:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.

*Sources:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2432](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2432)

