

RUSSIA | ALEKSANDRA SKOCHILENKO



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In jail for opposing the invasion of Ukraine

Artist and musician Aleksandra Skochilenko decided to peacefully protest against Russia's invasion of Ukraine. On 31 March, she replaced price tags in a local supermarket in Saint Petersburg with small paper labels containing facts about the invasion. Within two weeks she was behind bars.

In the early morning of 11 April, Aleksandra was arrested by the police and charged with 'public dissemination of knowingly false information about the use of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation'. This is a new part of the criminal code hastily introduced by

the government the previous month in an attempt to stop Russians from criticising the invasion of Ukraine. Dozens of people have already been detained under it.

Aleksandra (Sasha for short) has been detained in appalling conditions ever since. She has coeliac disease and has been forced to go hungry for most of the time because the authorities have not given her the gluten-free food she needs. Aleksandra has also been harassed by detention centre staff and her cellmates. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in prison.

Send a message of support and solidarity

Aleksandra Skochilenko
Write for Rights
Amnesty International
1 Easton Street
London WC1X 0DW

Language Russian or English

Suggested message I act with you in solidarity

Creative action Draw pictures of cats (Aleksandra has two, Lucy and Maude) to accompany your message, take a photo, and post it on social media, tagging Aleksandra

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@ @skochilenko using the hashtags #freeSashaSkochilenko #freeSasha Don't forget to follow her, too.

You could also organise an artistic event or jam session to support Aleksandra.

Can I

Send a religious card or message? Yes

Send an Amnesty card or mention

Amnesty? Yes

Include my name and address? Yes

Send an appeal letter

Urge the prosecutor to immediately release Aleksandra Skochilenko and drop the charges against her.

Write to Melnik Viktor Dmitrievich
The Prosecutor of St. Petersburg
2/9 Pochtamskaya Street
Saint Petersburg
190000
Russian Federation
Fax: +7 812 318 26 11

Salutation Dear Prosecutor

In your letter urge him to immediately release Aleksandra Skochilenko and drop all of the charges against her, as she has been detained solely for expressing her opposition to the war.

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