

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The Bolotnaya Three

PROTESTERS HELD FOR OVER A YEAR

Vladimir Georgievich Akimenkov, Artiom Victorovich Saviolov and Mikhail Aleksandrovich Kosenko were detained during the protest against Vladimir Putin's rule in Bolotnaya Square, Moscow, on 6 May 2012. Although they were briefly released, the trio were arrested again the following month and charged with participating in a 'mass riot'; Artiom and Mikhail are also accused of using force against police officers.

Since then the men have been held in custody, which is taking a toll on their health. All three firmly deny the charges and video footage supports their claims. The police statements against Vladimir and Artiom have changed substantially since the protests, and the officer allegedly beaten by Mikhail later said he had never seen him before.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/bolotnaya



SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Pre-trial detention facility
SIZO-2 'Butyrka'
ul. Novoslobodskaya, 45
Moscow
127055
Russian Federation

- **Preferred language** Russian or English. Sometimes prison officials will not deliver mail in foreign languages. If possible we recommend you send your own, personalised message in Russian.
- **Salutation** Dear Vladimir/Artiom/Mikhail
- **Suggested message** We are thinking of you and fighting for your freedom (Мы думаем о Вас и боремся за Вашу свободу).
- **Additional information** Please send cards separately to the three men. Add their full name to the address above.

CAN I

- ✗ **Send a religious card or message?**
- ✓ **Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?**
But please do not include any statements critical of the Russian authorities as this would only harm the detainees.
- ✓ **Include my name and address?**
- ✗ **Download the message in another language?**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Prosecutor General Yurii Yakovlevich Chaika to ensure prompt and fair trials for Vladimir Georgievich Akimenkov, Artiom Victorovich Saviolov and Mikhail Aleksandrovich Kosenko.

Write to: Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation
Prosecutor General's Office
ul. B. Dmitrovka, d.15a
125993 Moscow GSP- 3
Russian Federation

Fax: +7 495 987 58 41 or +7 495 692 17 25
(if someone picks up, say 'Fax')

Tel: + 7 495 987 57 08
(if you speak Russian)

Salutation: Dear Prosecutor General

In your letter:

- Urge him to ensure prompt and fair trials for Vladimir Georgievich Akimenkov, Artiom Victorovich Saviolov and Mikhail Aleksandrovich Kosenko. They should be released on bail for the duration of their trials.