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Wartime repressions: four months of war

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Текст на русском

The war in Ukraine has been going on for four months. All this time the Russian state has been violently destroying the neighboring country as well as taking repressive actions against its own citizens. Below you can find the key data on repressive actions against people who took the anti-war stance in Russia.

LIMITATION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

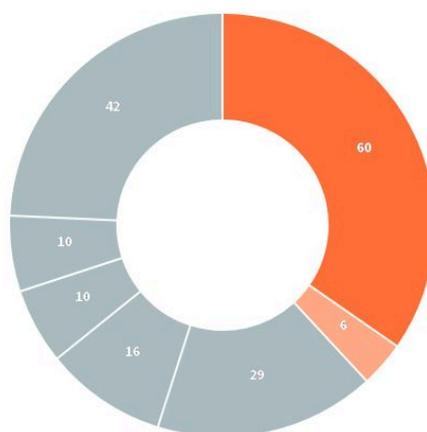
We are aware of at least 16,309 detentions related to anti-war protests. In addition to detentions at the protests, the authorities also perform «preventive» detentions using the face recognition system. At least 75 people were arrested in May and June prior to announced protests. We are informed about 82 cases where defense lawyers were denied access to police stations to consult the protesters.

CRIMINAL CASES

To pursue people, the government uses various articles of the Russian Criminal code:

- Part 1 of Article 318 (Use of Violence Against a Representative of the Authority);
- Article 213 (Hooliganism);
- Article 214 (Vandalism);
- Item b) of Part 1 of Article 244 (Outrages Upon Bodies of the Deceased and Their Burial Places);
- Item b) of Part 2 of Article 243.4 (Destruction or Damage of Military Burial Sites);
- Part 2 of Article 167 (Willful Destruction or Damage of Property With the Infliction of Considerable Damage);
- Article 329 (Outrages upon the National Emblem of the Russian Federation or the State Flag of the Russian Federation);
- Part 1.1 of Article 212 (Organization of Mass Riots);
- Part 1 of Article 207.3 (Public Dissemination of Deliberately Misleading Information Under the Guise of Credible Reports on the Use of Russia’s Armed Forces) also known as Article on Fakes;
- Article 280.3 (Repeated Discreditation of Russian Armed Forces).

38% of the defendants on the “antiwar case” are charged with the newly adopted articles.



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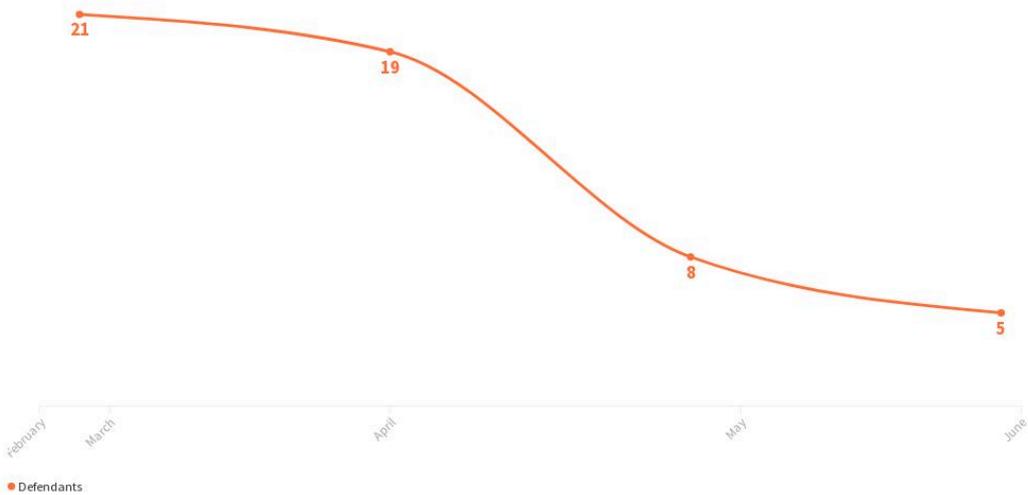
*Part 1 of Article 207.3 the Criminal Code of Russia ("On Fakes") and Article 280.3 of the Criminal Code of Russia (Repeated Discreditation of Russian Armed Forces)

107 defendants on the “antiwar case” are changed with other articles



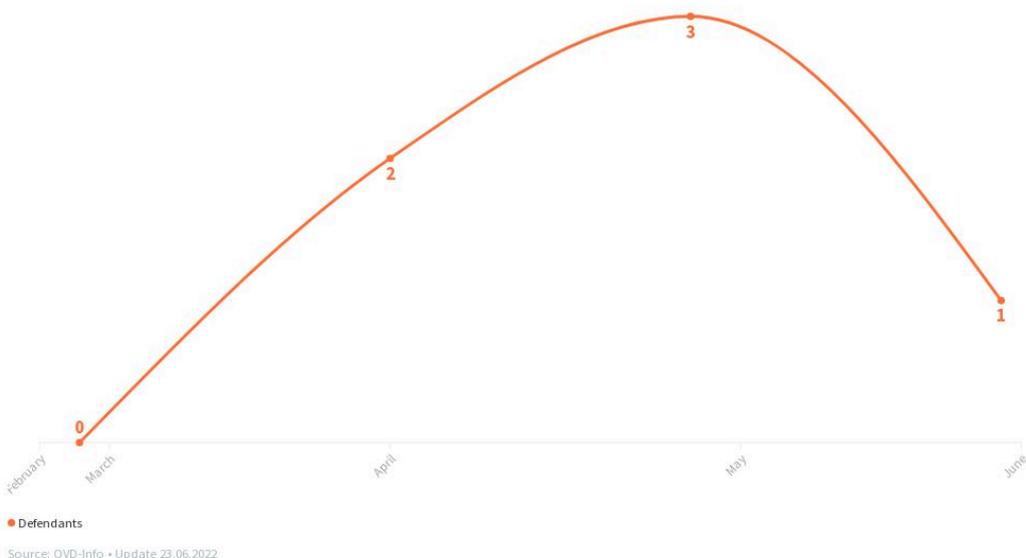
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When legal proceedings were initiated under the provisions of Article 207.3 of the Criminal Code of Russia



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The dates of the legal proceedings start for 8 other criminal cases remain unknown

When legal proceedings were initiated under the provisions of Article 280.3 of the Criminal Code of Russia



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ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Article 20.3.3 «On Discreditation of Russian Armed Forces» of the [Code of Administrative Offenses](#) of the Russian Federation came into effect in March 2022. We are currently aware of 2,457 cases related to the Article. 1,781 people were [subject to administrative proceedings](#).

160 administrative materials were returned to police stations by courts. The average penalty related to the article is 35,562 rubles.

To count the number of cases related to Article 20.3.3, we use five sources: OVD-Info data (on individuals, that is, related to a particular case); first-instance case cards on court websites; information about first-instance cases (individual) on the «Pravosudie» (the Justice State Automation System) information portal; court and Russian MIA Ministry of Internal Affairs) press releases.

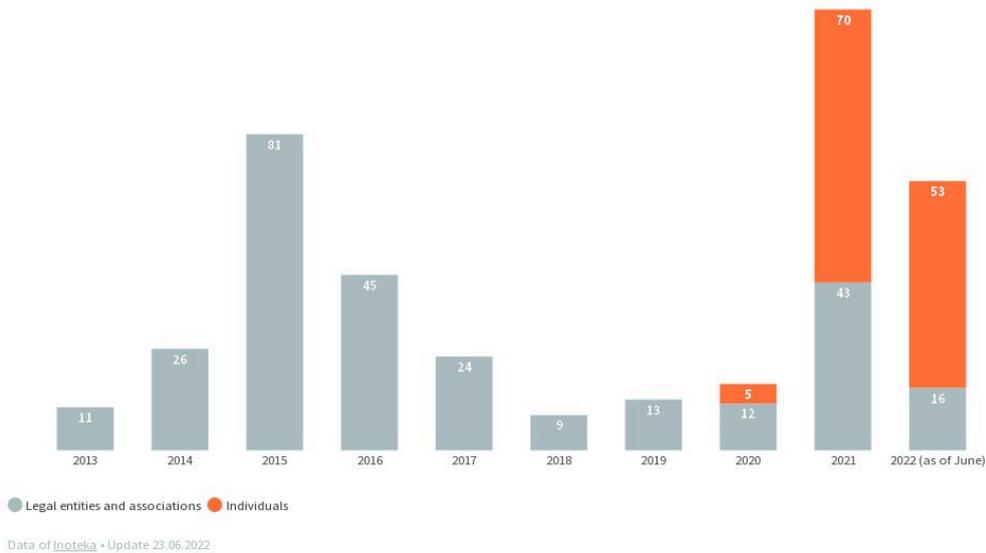


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FOREIGN AGENTS

During the 10 years since the adoption of the law on «Foreign Agents», 464 individuals, legal entities, and unregistered associations were declared foreign agents. In June 2022, the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation found six people (Alexey Pivovarov, Oleg Kashin, Mikhail Sokolov, Yulia Tsvetkova, Irina Danilovich, Nikolay Petrov, and Evgeny Chichvarkin) and one organization (The Committee for the Prevention of Torture) to be foreign agents.

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BLOCKING AND EXERTING PRESSURE ON INDEPENDENT MEDIA

Since the beginning of the war, at least 253 independent information channels, such as mass media, other media, and blogs, have been blocked; 26 have shut down; and 12 more refused to cover the war. Since June 1, Roskomnadzor (the Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technology and Mass Media) has blocked 13 Russian and 19 foreign information channels.



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LINKS TO OVD-INFO'S REPORTS AND DATA:

Report «[No to war: How Russian authorities are suppressing anti-war protests](#)».

Guide «[Antiwar Prosecutions](#)».

Report «[Internet blocks as a tool of political censorship](#)».

A project devoted to the Foreign Agents' law «[Inoteka](#)».

Report «[How Authorities Use Cameras and Facial Recognition against Protesters](#)».

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