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Society: the Procuracy General is responsible for the expansion of anti- Semitism

The Public Committee for the Protection of the Freedom of Conscience (priest Gleb Yakunin is the leader) made a statement on the attack of synagogue on Bolshaya Bronnaya Street. 12 January the Military- historical society "Voluntary corps" (retired colonel M.M. Lamm is the head of the organization) as well as the Merchant Society of Moscow and the Advocatory Center of Tambov supported the mentioned address. "Voluntary corps" turned to the RF Procuracy General on in February, 2005 with a demand to initiate a criminal case on the fact of dissemination of the so-called "Letter 500".

The impunity of anti- Semitism endangers the country's unity

Statement of the Public Committee for the Protection of the Freedom of Conscience

The attack of the parishioners of the synagogue in Moscow evoked the wave of public reaction. The statesmen and the law- enforcement bodies have sharply criticized anti- Semitism and the fomentation of national and religious discord. Probably, there will soon appear some regulatory initiatives to make the punishment tough, so on and so forth. All this will be nothing but a heavy PR and shaking the air. And when everything calms down the toughened legislation will overlap advocated, participants of anti- military movement etc.

An important thing in the tragedy was that the attacker was not a member of extremist organization, but was simply "inspired" by the black publicist literature that fills in the country. A year ago the whole society was shocked at the fearful anti- Semitic "Letter of 20 deputies" which has further became the "Letter 500" and "Letter 5000". The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Duma, Head of the Council of Federation, Federal Service for the control of the Federal Legislation in Mass Media stated that the letter had anti- Semitic character. Putin apologized for it in Osventsim. The anti- Semitic libel was sent to the RF Procuracy- General for two times, but no juridical assumptions followed..

Looking at such a loyal attitude, the authors and organizations of the first anti- Semitic campaign have organized the first All- Russia collection of signatures, demanding to prohibit the Jewish organizations in Russia. By the end of March, 2005 they submitted their petitions to the RF Procuracy- General. By the end of May the Basmannaya Rayon Procuracy refused to initiate the criminal case on the fact of organizing two anti- Semitic campaigns. The decision has been approved by Yuriy Biryukov, the First Deputy Procurator- General. It was at that same time that the Procuracies of Moscow and Saint- Petersburg made the decision to consider the anti- Semitic manifest legal. .

All this was done in spite of the fact that in those "letters" the Jewish people was blamed for rite murders and Satanism, not saying of the routine intention to rule the world! But the Procuracy turned to a family psychologist from the Academy of Education and he gave his assumption- there are no direct appeals of fomentation of national and religious discord in the text. It was on this basis that L.M. Safronova, the first deputy Procurator of Basmannaya Rayon Procuracy of Moscow, the Senior Councilor of Justice ruled in September that it was refused to satisfy the claim on the publication of "Jewish happiness, Russian tears..." (another title of the "Letter 500").

It was approximately at that same time that the Rayon Procuracy refused to initiate the criminal case against Mikhail Nazarov, a publicist (one of the main authors of the above mentioned address on the prohibition of Jewish organizations), since he was working in "Tayna Rossii", a sort of digest of the religiously motivated thrusts against Jews ("Christ's enemies"; "people, chosen by the Satan"). The institute of Psychology of RAS (Russian Academy of

Sciences) made a sensational conclusion on this case. In the conclusion the above mentioned publication is called a “revelation of understanding of the world’s history and the role of Russia in it from the view point of historical, state- forming and spiritual- ideological foundation- the Christian- orthodox world vision”. Another quotation from the “academic consulting”: “the Jewish people, without realizing, are serving to anti- Christian forces (anti- Christianity is the fight against God, by through the Son of Lord)”. The title “Being chosen by the Lord” is, thus, passing to the subject of the New Testament Revelation, i.e. to the Christians”. Thanks to the ruling of the V.Yu. Smirnov, the Senior Councillor of Justice and the Procurator of Chermushkinskaya Rayon Procuracy of Moscow was given a judicial status.

In this way the Procuracy has blocked the first resistance to the pseudo- religious anti- Semitism. And the Moscow Patriarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church, which is sharply criticizing the anti- Semitism in public, is, at the same time, lobbying the course “The Basis of Orthodox Culture” on the pages of which there revive the middle- age convictions of the Jewish people in crucifixion of Christ and...the same conviction of the Jews in their desire to rule the world and other peoples, as we find in “Letter 20-500-5000”.

Obviously, such a stable protection of the religious anti- Semitism by the government is not by chance. The liberal society is already frightened by the Black- Hundred threat: better to be Putin with his state bureaucracy than the obvious Nazis, born by the wave of radical people’s protest. Kremlin did what it wanted to do- the democrats are frightened. But it turned out that it was impossible to control xenophobia in Internet and on the pages of “yellow- brownish” media. Then, someone took the knife and attacked the praying people with a cry: “Heil Hitler!”

The radical movement and the growth of anti- Semitism cannot be stopped is the Kremlin goes on playing with the “Black- Hundred” cards. As long as the anti- Semites feel themselves comfortable behind the back of the Procuracy- General it is impossible to stop the growth of international and religious hate in our country. It is necessary to take into account that anti- Semitism is a historical model for other types of xenophobia, such as the epidemic Caucasus- phobia and Islam- phobia.

This unpunished xenophobia in such a multi- national and multi- confessional country is like a bomb that will, sooner or later, explode the whole country. The same thing happened to the Soviet Union, when the long- lasting policy of the state anti- Semitism became in the end of 80’s a model for the expansion of local xenophobes. That is why all the authorities that are playing the game of “dosing” xenophobia to frighten the “orange threat” are, in the long- term perspective, leading the country to the ethno-political crisis. The instant tactic success is paving the road for the great strategic failure in the future.

*Priest Gleb Yakunin,
Committee for the Protection of the Freedom of Conscience
12 January 2005.*

Leonid Nevzlin: the tragedy in Moscow synagogue is the consequence of the Kremlin policy
Leonid Nevzlin, the famous Israeli businessman, ex- chairman of the Russian Jewish Congress staid that he is not surprised at all at the crime, committed in the Moscow synagogue on Bolshaya Bronnaya.

"It is not surprising at all; the incident is the logical consequence of the atmosphere in Russia today. The tragedy is but a symptom of a far more serious problem. As long as the Kremlin follows the current policy, the anti- Semitism in Russia will but become stronger".

The Chief Rabbi of Russia Berl Lazar agrees with Leonid Nevzlin. “Russia is being covered by the brown plague. We all must come together to resist this destroying phenomenon.”
”, – Lazar said to “Interfax” from Jerusalem by telephone.

The Chief Rabbi said that he was demanding the immediate reaction of Russian authorities at the incident in the Moscow synagogue on Bolshaya Bronnaya. "I demand the supreme authorities to exercise the extreme intervention in the situation", – Lazar said.

Allow us to remind you: the criminal was armed with a knife and committed an attack at the praying people in the synagogue located in the heart of Moscow. 8 people were wounded, 3 of them were the citizens of Israel. The criminal was caught and Vladimir Ustinov, the RF Procurator General is controlling his case.

Newsru.com

Mikhail Khodorkovsky does not want to serve his term in Krasnokamensk

Mikhail Khodorkovsky filed a motion against his placement in the Corrective Colony of Chita oblast to serve the 8-years term. The relevant motion was submitted to the Zamoskvoretsky Court of Moscow by lawyer Yuri Schmidt.

"I am asking to find the decision of FSIN RF and UFSIN in Moscow on the transportation of Khodorkovsky to the Colony of the town of Krasnokamensk illegal and to send my defendant to a relevant corrective institution within the territory of the subject of the Russian Federation, where he lived or was sentenced", - Yuri Schmidt informed.

It is known that earlier, as similar complaint at the actions of FSIN was taken to Court by Platon Lebedev's lawyers, Platon Lebedev is now serving his term in the Colony with General Regime No3, located in Kharp, Yamalo-Nenetsk Autonomous Okrug.

As for Mikhail Khodorkovsky, recently the administration of YaG-14/10 has cancelled the long three-day's meeting with his wife that had to start on the 30th of January. "The notification to Khodorkovsky's wife read that since the premises were occupied the meeting was postponed for two weeks, the 15th of February", - said Schmidt...

According to Schmidt, another lawyer of Khodorkovsky, Natalya Terekhova is preparing a number of petitions to Krasnokamensky City Court at the actions of the colony administration. One of them was related to the disciplinary fine charged from the convict for leaving the working place in the end of December. "The aim of the fine was to postpone the transit of Khodorkovsky to easier conditions of detention and to obstruct the pre-term release, which is possible after the half of the term is served", - the lawyer thinks.

The press-center of the ex-head of Yukos is kindly asking all the sympathizers not to send any parcels and banderoles to Khodorkovsky since he is allowed to receive only six parcels and six banderoles per year. "If he receives a parcel or banderole from you, there will be no chance to get a banderole from the relatives with such necessary things in Siberia as warm clothes (the air temperature in Krasnokamensk in late November was -31 C)", - the message of the press-center reads. The sympathizers are recommended to send the parcels not to Khodorkovsky personally, but to the colony's address with a remark "humanitarian aid". If you want to send the books, you can address them to the library of the colony. Mikhail Khodorkovsky is the only visitor there, he can see them there", - the press-center informs.

Source: GAZETA

Mikhail Khodorkovsky

... has no possibility to work with the documents at the meetings with his lawyers. Since the convict has to communicate with his lawyers through glass, the lawyers place the papers against the glass so that the businessman can read them. Now, at the meetings with the lawyers they turn off the light on Khodorkovsky's side.

Source: BUSINESS

Author: Nikolay Troitskiy,
Source: NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA

The Basmanniy Court of Moscow allowed the lawyers to make the secrets of Pichugin's case public.

The Basmanniy Court of Moscow found the actions of the investigators on Alexey Pichugin's case legal, as told to RIA Novosti by a source at court. Thus, the Court has rejected the cassational appeal of Pichugin's lawyers at Yuriy Burtovoy, the senior investigator on the specially important cases of the Procuracy General, who said at the TV- show "Moment Istiny" [The Moment of Truth] that Pichugin's fault was proven, while the case had not been treated by the Court yet.

The Court has motivated its decision by that Pichugin's lawyers had no proves of the violation of their defendant's rights, the representative of the court stated. Besides, the Court considered that the interview of investigator Burtovoy, who was dealing with the case of ex-employee of Yukos, was not a procedural action.

Meanwhile, Kseniya Kostromina, one of Puchugin's lawyers is intending to appeal the decision of Basmanniy Court in a higher Instance- the Moscow City Court within the relevant term...

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The RF Procuracy General will file the motion against the the refusal to extradite the ex-vice- president of Yukos from London

The Procuracy- General of Russia rejected the information from Alexander Temerko, the ex-vice president of Yukos Oil Company, who said that the RF Procuracy- General was not going to appeal the decision of the London Court, which refused to extradite him to Russia.

"The Russian Procuracy sent no letters to Great Britain since the mentioned decision of the London Court ", - Natalya Bishnyakova, the official representative of the RF Procuracy General said on Wensday to "Interfax".

Moreover, she mentioned that "the British Procuracy hasn't got the complete text of the court decision yet". "Therefore the question of appealing the decision of the London Court hasn't been discussed yet",- Vishnyakova said.

Earlier, Temerko, one of the ex- top- managers of Yukos, who lives in London now, said that "today in the morning the British Procuracy received a letter from the British Procuracy which read that the Russian party was refusing to appeal the decision", i.e. the decision to reject the extradition.

The RF Procuracy General wants the British authorities to extradite Temerko on the case of stealage of a part of "Yeniseyneftegaz's" shares. 23 December last year the Bow Street Magistrates' Court refused to satisfy the request of the Russian Procuracy to extradite Temerko. According to the judge the refusal was motivated by Articles 81 and 87 of the Act on Extradition of year 2003. According to these Articles the court can reject to extradite a person is his persecution is politically motivated, since the person might be subjected to unfair trial for his political ideas. When commenting on this decision, Vladimir Krasnov, Temerko's Russian lawyer mentioned that the refusal to extradite Alexander Temerko, the ex- deputy head of the board of directors of Yukos to the Russian authorities, is, in fact, the assessment of the sentence to Khodorkovsky and Lebedev.

"We want no war": the address of mothers and relatives of the arrested and killed citizens of Nalchik

IA "For Human Rights" is publishing the text of the collective address of the mothers and relatives of the victims and arrested people in Nalchik. The text was submitted by Larissa Dorogova, a lawyer:

"To V.V. Putin, the RF President.
V.V. Ustinov, the RF Procurator- General
R.G. Nurgaliev, the RF Minister of Interior
B.I. Gryzlov, the Speaker of the State Duma
V.P. Lukin, the Plenipotentiary on Human Rights in Russia
D.Kozak, the plenipotentiary representative of the RF President in South Federal District
A.B. Kanokov, the President of KBR
To all the international advocacy organizations

From the mothers and other relatives of the dead and arrested citizens of Nalchik

Open Statement

26.12.05 the parents of the Moslems that died on October 13th submitted an official notification to the administration of Nalchik on the organization of a public event according to FL [Federal Law] "On meetings, demonstrations and piquet" dated to 19.06.04. According to Article 7 of the FL the notification was submitted three days before the piquet; all the points, provided by Article 7 Para.3 FL were filled in.

The first event was planned to be organized on the mentioned place, near the Cathedral Mosque at the appointed time on 30.12.05. We did not manage to come up together when suddenly the participants of the piquet were surrounded by four military cars URAL with the armed officers of SOBR and OMON. The machines arrived from Schogentskukova and Zakharova streets. There were also 2 UAZ cars, an empty bus for taking the piqueters and many other vehicles there. There also arrived Dzhapuev, the head of Militia, responsible for the public order of KBR Ministry of Interior, Sergey Ivanchenko, his first deputy (the author of the famous phrase "What a pity Yermolov is not with us to deal with you, what a pity that I am not his descendant"), Shukaev, the head of OVD and 20 more armed persons with their guns targeted on us. All of them were rowed in front of us, the peaceful participants of the piquet- the mothers of died and arrested Moslems, widows, part of them being with their babies, several aged people and children.

The "Law- enforcement workers" broke down and trampled the placards and took them into their vehicles. They were not satisfied by the fact that we had a written notification to organize the public event; the copy of the notification was taken away by Dzhappuev. Shukaev, the head of 2 OVD demanded either permission from lawyer Dorogova, or he demanded us to go away. We were trying to prove that no permission is needed. Dorogova said that the only thing we need according to the law is the notification. He did not want to listen and demanded us to leave. We did not want to leave, as we thought our actions were legal. Then he took the sleeve of Dorogova's overcoat and started to drag her. Then he cried out to other officers: "Start acting!" One of them cried "We need to call the other bus to take them all" and they answered to him "why to take everybody, let us take Dorogova". Ivanchenko threatened her, he said she will be prosecuted in all the ways possible and this was what they were doing then. He grasped her arm and started to drag her to the bus. We tried to obstruct; they pushed us; the little children were crying. The operator of the RTR TV company was recording the events on the film, but they took the film away. They took away the identification card from the correspondent of IA Regnum and tried to take her into the bus, too.

We were humiliated as women, as Moslems, by touching us and dragging our sleeves. They insulted our human, ethical, religious and parental feelings, as the event was devoted to our

sons. Our civil and constitutional rights have been violated; they were treating us in a rude manner; they were provoking a scandal and they failed our event. The rights of our sons have been constantly violated, they were regularly provoked by the violations of their human and religious rights; they were battered and killed, including Moslem women; it has provoked the mass discontent among Moslems and lead to the tragedy of the 13th of October. And not they started to prosecute their mothers and widows.

We are asking you to protect us from the most dangerous criminals in KBR- the criminals in uniform. When will the crimes by the law- enforcement structures be over? Why aren't they stopped? Why and by whom are adopted the laws that are in fact powerless? Please, answer these questions! If it is impossible, give us our sons (be them dead or alive) and we'll leave this country. People of the world and governments of other countries! International organizations on human rights! Please, give us your helping arm! No one heard our sons when they were pleading on the possibility to be protected or to be resettled. Some of us still have children and grandchildren. We want no war!

Attachments:

- 1. Signatures of 68 people.*
- 2. Copy of the open letter of our sons dated to 23.08.05.*
- 3. Copy of the collective address of the Moslems dated to 05.10.04.*

30.12.05

P.S. We are asking you not to send our address to the KBR Procuracy. Tens of our sons have been several times looking for the support of Procurator Ketov, but every time he was trying to cover the criminal actions of the Ministry of Interior. Even the case with the mass battery of the Moslems was buried. Over 70 people from the city and 150- from the whole Republic addressed Ketov then. The medical conclusions were attached to these letters. The Commission of the RF Ministry of Interior in the Southern Federal Okrug said that the journal they sent to it from the 3 OVD was burnt. However, there must be the similar journals in the special reception, IVS, NP, the City Procuracy, the Republican Procuracy, at the Medical Expertise etc.

It is not every Caucasian man who will write a letter on humiliations, but in this case it was useless and dangerous. However, the events of 13 October and their reasons are not something personal but the tragedy of the whole nation. That is why we consider it necessary to inform you on some terrible secrets we know. After battering the Moslems they were pissing at them and then raping them. We are sure that the justice is not restored, it will be impossible to avoid a new tragedy. These things will not be forgiven.

Annex: Address dated to 23.08.2005

"To V.V. Putin, the RF President.
M. Fradkov, the prime-minister
S. Lavrov, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of RF
V.V. Ustinov, the RF Procurator- General
R.G. Nurgaliev, the RF Minister of Interior
V.P. Lukin, the Plenipotentiary on Human Rights in Russia
D.Kozak, the plenipotentiary representative of the RF President in South Federal District
R. Gaynutdin, President of the Council of Muftis

Letter- petition (open letter)

We would like to remind you that since there take place the mass violations of civil, constitutional and religious rights of Moslems, especially in 2003-2005, the Moslems of KBR have several times appealed for the protection of their interests.

On 05.10.04 for example 1 500 Moslems signed a letter to RF President Putin, on 05.05.05 400 Moslems signed a letter to RF President Putin and the RF Procurator General, Pleimpotentiary representative D. Kozak and V Lukin, the Plenipotentiary on Human Rights. All of them were sent either to KBR Procuracy or the administration of KBR. As usual, the KBR Procurator considered that "there are no reasons for the Procurator to react". It is impossible to deserve fair treatment in such a pledge. There is already no reason in enlisting the laws, according to which our lives, health and freedoms should be protected.

It is necessary to mention that the violations did not stop; on the contrary- they became stronger. The believers were deprived of the mosques. They were deprived of their right (and religious duty) to pray collectively. When they gather in someone's apartment for a collective prayer, the officers come and start the search. People in masks and armed with guns kidnap the citizens. Such things as notifications, lawyers, Code of Criminal Procedure, Constitution do not exist anymore. Even the student girls that were taken to the 2 OVD of Nalchik for reading the Koran were searched and humiliated. A 19 year old Moslem girl was battered by the Militia workers and was on that same day taken to the hospital with a danger of miscarriage.

No criminal cases are initiated against the Militia workers. Did anyone think of the response reaction and feelings of the Moslems? The lists of the so- called "vakhabbittes" contain the names of the citizens that joined the official opposition in KBR. The opposition was formed on the basis of the objective criticism of the government for their methods of work, passiveness in building mosques for the work with religious people and some disagreements concerning the rites. \our brothers and sisters were killed and declared as terrorists, while their fault has not been proven at court; Even the 8-month-old daughter of Muslim Ataev was killed with parents. They are trying to turn us into enemies.

We have parents and children; their tears are far more valuable than any awards or successful career, for the successful removal of the so-called terrorists. As you know, the extremists want to arrange a coup d'etat. The religious people are not among them. Under the described circumstanced our life in the so-called Moslem Republic is dangerous for our lives, religion, health and dignity. We want to live and to grow our children in the society the priorities of which are first of all the commandments of the Lord, but not the money, power, alcohol and other "values" of this vain world.

Prophet Mohammed and his pastry have performed the rite of resettlement at the beginning of the development of Islam culture. We agree to do a resettlement to any Moslem country of the world, where the elementary human rights are observed. That is why we are asking you to assist us in the organization of a group resettlement. The lists of the participants can be provided later on, since each family must think of it individually.

Annex:

- 1. Certificate on the events in KBR;*
- 2. Copy of the article from the newspaper;*
- 3. Copies of answers.*

23 August, 2005

*Acting in the interests of a group of Moslems- L. Dorogova
My address: 360000, KBR, Nalchik, Zakharova Street, 105, Apt.47.
To: Dorogova Larissa Khabidovna, Tel.77-06-69, 77-54-27"*

The great patriotic wave

The frequencies of the British BBC and French RFI are occupied by “Golos Rossii” [The Voice of Russia] which is broadcasting not in Russian.

The bureaucrats responsible for the broadcasting of mass media in Russia haven't committed such a stupidity long ago.

<...>

Why didn't they think that we are all living in the epoch of PR and they should not touch the foreigners in Russia? Couldn't they forecast that within the context of the heated scandal around nongovernmental commercial organizations, after the visited of the tax workers from the Ministry of Interior to the British Council in Saint- Petersburg, after the complete failure of the PR of authorities, who say that there will be no branches of foreign banks in Russia (taking into account that over the last 100 years we had none of them) it is simply stupid, if not to say more, to close the broadcasting of three European stations? Wasn't it possible to understand that this action would be perceived by the European Mass Media in an absolutely predictable way? Thus, for example: "It became clear for the wide circles of European society that from the moment Khodorkovsky's case emerged, the Russian president is skillfully building authoritative regime, where the freedom of thought, individual initiatives and civil activity do not occupy the place they deserve in the democratic country."

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Source: NOVAYA GAZETA

Open letter to the democratic countries

By the end of 2005 there has been stopped the medium wave broadcasting of the programs of the Russian Services of the International Radio of France and “Deutsche Welle” German radio station in Moscow.

The medium wave broadcasting of the British BBC was stopped not only in Moscow, but also in Saint- Petersburg and Yekaterinburg. It is said the reasons are the technical problems. The explanation sounds strange. First, the technical problems can be solved without stopping the broadcasting. Second, these radio stations are working for many years on medium waves and their broadcasting in Moscow never stopped simultaneously. It is impossible to believe that it was just a coincidence.

The first thing to come to mind is that the Kremlin wants to contract the space for the freedom of word and to see if the West can let it go. If yes, then there is no guarantee that after the cessation of broadcasting for BBC, “Deutsche Welle” and RFI the correspondent points of these radio companies will remain open and the Russian correspondents will still have the accreditation, just like in case with the journalists of “Radio Svoboda” in Uzbekistan.

The democratic countries, especially the ones the radio stations of which have no possibility to broadcast in Russia must remind to President Putin that it is for over 30 years since signing the Helsinki Act that the observance of human rights for the free access and spread of information, as well as other civil rights, is not the internal case of Russia.

The fact that the broadcasting of “Deutsche Welle” in Moscow was restored cannot change the essence of the problem.

Dmitriy Belomestnov, journalist

Yevgeniy Ikhlov, publicist

Vadim Belotserkovsky, writer, advocate

Tatiana Vlasova, the Moscow Merchant Society

Lydia Rybina, Tambov Advocatory Center

Anna Vanina, advocate, Pskovskaya oblast

Andrey Shkaru advocate, Moscow region

Vladimir Grishkevich, advocate, Tyumen'

Yuri Vdovin, Deputy Chairman of the non- governmental organization “Civil Control” Saint- Petersburg
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Ergil Osin, coordinator of the movement “Samooborona” in Moscow and Kazan
Andrey Karpukhin, Chairman of the advocacy organization “Molodaya Ryazan”,
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Tatiana Kotlyar, Obninsk regional advocacy group
Sergey Shimovolos, advocate, Nizhniy Novgorod
Vasilii O. Andrianov, independent journalist, advocate
Grigoriy Koltsov, the Ryazan Bureau of “Novaya Gazeta” , journalist
Boris Lakhnov, the Kamenskoe local branch of ANM “For Human Rights”, Altayskiy Kray
Alexander Dmitrieknko, the Kamenskiy Union of Consumers, Altayskiy Kray,
Yuriy Korotkevich, a clerk from the City Administration of Kamen-na-Obi, Altayskiy Kray
Yurki Maksimov, PR secretaty at NP “Center for the management of scientology and dietetics
Liudmila Kuzmina, regional nongovernmental organization “Protecting the rights of voters
“GOLOS”, Samara
Dmitriy Dintsis, Anti- fammational League,
Aexandra Khlebstroeva, Inter- regional advocacy group, Voronezh,
Lydia Grafova, Chairwomen of the Board “Forum of Migration Organizations”
Oleg Maysak, a student, editor of “Zaodno” Internet newspaper
A.I. Korunchikov, Moscow, a social worker!”
Martin Edgarovich Dewhirst, University of Glasgow
Venedict Dostovalov, Pskov Regional Movement “Veche”
Nadezhda Donovskaya, Pskov Regional Movement “Veche”
Liubov Volkova, journalist, president of “Social Partnership” foundation
Yevgenia Kramarova, advocate, environmentalist,
former patient of the Psychiatric hospital after Ksaschenko, Jerusalem
Renata Kosenko, a student
Alexander Litau, Galina Litau, Maria Litau,
Tatiana Litau- Slavgorod of Altayskiy kray
Igor Drandin, Movement “WE”, Moscow.

The latter is open for all the signatories
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"You will not make the pacifists shut up"

The editor-in- chief of "Right- defense" and the executive director of the Society of Russian-Chechen friendship Stanislav Dmitrievsky turned to Vladimir Demidov, the Procurator of Nizhegorodskaya oblast with open letter. Dmitrievsky's case is treated at the Sovetsky rayon court of Nizhniy Novgorog. He is charged for evoking racial, national and social hostility.

Mr. Procurator!

As it was informed yesterday by NTA you, when commenting on the course of the judicial proceedings in my case, charging me for fomentation of racial and national hostility, said the following to the journalists: "I am sure Dmitrievsky will go to prison and we, as a party supporting the State Prosecution, will try to apply imprisonment. It is very important for the multi- national society which develops and maintains good relations with other nations, it is very important for the society not to have such articles in the newspapers that provoke international hostility. We must not allow any de- stabilizing factors".

I want to draw your attention to the following, because of this irresponsible statement. You, as a lawyer, must be well aware that, according to Art 40 Para 1 of the RF Constitution "each person is considered to be innocent as long as his fault is not proved according to the order provided by legislation and officially and as long as the court doesn't sentence him officially."

Neither Maskhadov, nor Zakaev, the articles of which you treat as provoking hostility, were sentenced for banditism or any other criminal actions. On the contrary, 12 May 1997 the RF President Boris Yeltsin signed an agreement with Aslan Maskhadov, the President of ChRI "Agreement on Peace and the Principles of Relations". This document was officially published in "Rossiyskaya Gazeta" and has not been denounced by any of the parties or the RF Constitutional Court and is still valid. That is why the expressive characteristics of my articles are rather seem to be given by a hysterical politician than an objective servant of the Law.

You have proven once more that the criminal prosecution has very long donkey ears of political order.

As for the "destabilizing factors", in my opinion, this is exactly what is being done by Nizhegorodskaya Procuracy, who obviously "seem not to notice" the anti- Semitic publications that are openly supported on the city square. They seem to neglect the long lasting investigations of the criminal cases related to the application of torture by the law- enforcement workers. It is due to the numerous complaints on tortures that Nizhegorodskaya oblast has become a records man on the petitions to the European Court.

I would also like to remind that in your ruling on the initiation of my criminal prosecution you, Mr Demidov, were referring to the conclusion of a specialist, Olga Khokhlysheva, the Chairwoman of the Chair of International Politics and Law NNSU.

This document is well depicting both the moral side of the prosecution and the level of legal awareness among the initiators of my criminal prosecution.

Specialist Khokhlysheva in her conclusion doubts if Chechens, as well as Jews, do exist as peoples (the phrase "Chechen people" is exclusively used by her with an epithet "the so-called"), she also doubts about the Stalin deportation of 1944 by justifying the deportation and calling it the dispossession of the kulaks, since "it was in correspondence...with the policy of the interests of the government at that period of time".

It this is a "kind attitude to the nations" than I am a Spanish pilot. It is really strange that Khokhlysheva did not justify the Holocaust in this way; didn't the mass destruction of Jews correspond to the interests of the German state of that period of time?" Moreover, Khokhlysheva thinks that Jewish people do not exist at all, just like Chechen people.

This anti- Chechen, ant-Semitic, and Stalinistic character of the paper could be treated as a personal problem and trouble of Professor Khokhlysheva and her students, if it were not the basis for the dirty initiation of the criminal case against me, i.e. a procedural document.

That is why I have to assume that xenophobia, anti- Semitism and Stalinism are the view point the oblast Procuracy and you personally share.

As for the texts you are incriminating to me, they contain no implication of the provocation of racial, national or social hostility. It is not only my opinion- that is the opinion of all the famous advocacy organizations, advocates as well as such respected ones as the “Amnesty International” and “International Helsinki Federation”.

My whole pathos is directed against the policy of the Russian Federation government in Chechen Republic, the representatives of the law- enforcement structures in Russia, committing serious violations of international human rights as well as military crimes in general; against Putin’s regime, as a system of power which is interested in the continuation of war. But it is in no way directed against races, nations or social groups as well as individuals from those social groups. Of course, if you do not treat the Kremlin residents as a separate race, and the military criminals- a nation.

No, Mr. Procurator, it is not me, but you and Ms. Khokhlysheva who accept the humiliation of human dignity on national grounds. You are like the badly smelling criminal cases- destroying the remnants of the respect towards the Procuracy among our population; you are destroying the reputation of our country, as a state with the rule of law. You are violating the Constitution by trying to punish me for the sharp criticism of the authorities what commit crimes against people.

You want to make the pacifists in Chechnya shut up. No way, Mr. Procurator! You will never make us silent or join the humble chorus of the slaves, who sing “hallelujah” to every nonentity at power.

We did everything and we’ll go on with our achievement for the sake of stable peace in Northern Caucasus. In spite of your vain efforts we will succeed!

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The address to the politicians- democrates on Dmitrievsky’s case (ORChD)

Nikolay Khramov: "Dmitrievsky’s case is the first and alarming case of the prosecution for information and opinion about Chechen war. I turn to Nemtsov, Yavlinsky, Belykh, Kasparov, Ryzhkov, Kasyanov, Khakamada”

The address of Nikolay Khramov, the secretary of “Russian Radicals” movement and the member of the General Council of the Trans-national Radical Party

The case of Stanislaw Dmitrievsky, the executive director of the Society of Russian-Chechen Friendship and the editor-in-chief of the Nizhniy Novgorod newspaper “Right-Defense”, is the first alarming case when a citizen is prosecuted directly for the dissemination of information and opinions about Chechen war. On behalf of the Russian Federation the Procuracy charged him for “provoking national, racial and religious hostility by using the professional position” (Art. 282, Para. 2, Para. "б" RF CC), by incriminating the publication of the address(in “Right-Defense” newspaper) by ASLAN Maskhadov, the president of Chechnya and his representative in London- Akhmed Zakaev. The address contained appeals to the West in exercising pressure in Russia and stopping the war in Chechnya.

Both of these articles have been several times published in many Western newspapers (and not only in newspapers) mass media, including our websites www.radicalparty.org and

www.radikaly.ru. In case Dmitrievsky is found guilty, he will be imprisoned for the term from three to five years.

The criminal prosecution of Dmitrievsky started a year ago, in January, 2005; officially he was accused in September; the court hearings are lasting for over two months, from 16 November. In spite of that, no Russian political party (including “Yabloko” and SPS), no politician, no member of the State Duma said anything to support the defendant or at least to doubt if the criminal prosecution is fair!

In a week, 18th January the Sovetsky Rayon Court of Nizhniy Novgorod will have the next hearings on Dmitrievsky’s case; there will be the debates of the parties; the state prosecution will say what punishment is demanded for the publication of pacifistic appeals of Maskhadov and Zakaev (in fact it was a regular dissemination of information which does not require any censorship; the information on the violation of human rights in Chechnya). I am planning to be present at the hearings and to express the solidarity and the support of Stanislav Dmitrievsky by “Russian Radicals” and on behalf of the Trans- national Radical Party.

But now I want to address to specific persons- to Boris Nemtsov (he is not the most unnoticeable person in Nizhniy Novgorod), to Grigoriy Yavlinsky, Nikita Belykh, Garry Kasparov, Vladimir Ryzhkov, Mikhail Kasyanov, Irina Khakamada.

They are not simply charging an editor- in –chief of a small newspaper in Nizhniy Novgorod. They are charging Russia, the Russia which is not silent. The Russia which is actively fighting against the criminal and dirty colonial war. The Russia you relied and can still rely on, the Russia that voted for you (and will, possibly, vote again). So, please, break you ambiguous silence! If your important business does not permit you to come to Nizhniy Novgorod for one day on 18 January (believe me, many people are expecting you to appear at court!) I am sure, you can find another effective way to express your civil and political courage by expressing your attitude to “Dmitrievsky’s case”.

*You can join the support action of Stanislav Dmitrievsky on the website
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http://www.cjes.ru/actions/action.php?p_id=1&start=12*

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Press- conference of the representatives of advocatory and nongovernmental organizations, participants of the action for civil control in the judicial proceedings on Stanislav Dmitrievsky’s case

For the first time in Russia there might be sentenced a journalist- advocate for spreading information on the situation in Chechnya. Non governmental organizations are arranging the action of civil control over the judicial hearings.

17 January 2006 in Independent Press- center (Tverskoy Boulevard, 20) at 14.00 p.a. there will take place the press- conference of the representatives of advocatory and nongovernmental organizations, participants of the action of civil control of the court hearings concerning the head of the Society of Russian- Chechen Friendship, the editor-in-chief of “Right- defense” newspaper Stanislav Dmitrievsky.

18 January within the framework of the action of civil control the advocates from Moscow will travel to Nizhniy Novgorod to take part in the hearings on Dmitrievsky’s case.

The topic of the press- conference: “For the first time in Russia there might be sentenced a journalist- advocate for spreading information on the situation in Chechnya”.

The following participants will deliver speeches at the conference: Liudmila Alekseeva, the

Chairwoman of the Moscow Helsinki Group, Yuri Dzhibladze, the President of the Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Tatiana Lokshina, Chairwoman of "Demos" center, Oleg Panfilov, Director of the Center of extreme journalism, Natalya Taubina, Director of "Public Verdict" foundation.

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The Moscow City Court complained at the defense lawyer on Khlebnikov's

The Moscow City Court informed the Advocatory Chamber of Moscow on the violation of the Code of Advocatory Ethics by Ruslan Koblev, the advocate at the case on the murder of Paul Khlebnikov, the Editor-in- Chief of the Russian Magazine "Forbes".

Anna Usacheva, the press- secretary of the Moscow City Court said they are expecting the Advocatory Chamber to undertake the necessary measures. According to her, the document contains information in the violation of the UPK [Code of Criminal Procedure] norms by Koblev, as well as the information on that Koblev ignored the presiding judge, *RIA Novosti* informs.

The decision on taking the case to the Advocatory Chamber was made by the Moscow Court upon the petition of Dmitriy Shokhin, the Procurator. At present there is a break at the court hearings till the 18th of January.

Lawyer Ruslan Koblev is representing the interests of one of the defendants- Fail Satretdinov, a notary officer of Moscow. "We are sure of the impeccability of our legal positions that is why we treat the actions of the Procuracy as the attack on the defense. Nearly all Satretdinov's lawyers were subjected to tough pressure,"- Koblev said on the 11 January.

The hearings on Paul Khlebnikov's killing were held in closed court. The crime was committed in July, 2004; a criminal group of Chechen people including Kazbek Dukuzov, his brother Mahomet Dukuzov, Musa Vakhaev, Mahomed Edilsultanov and others are charged for it. According to the investigation, they are also mixed up in other crimes, including the murderous assaults in the ex- vice-prime minister of Chechnya Yan Sergunin and Alexey Pichugin, an entrepreneur.

The Prosecution thinks the client of Khlebnikov's murder was Khozh- Akhmed Nukhaev, a Chechen. However, only three people are charged: Fail Satretdinov, a notary officer from Moscow, Musa Vakhaev and Kazber Dukuzov. Nukhaev, Edilsultanov and Mahomet Dukuzov are being searched.

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Anti- Nazi youth action in Rostov-on- Don

A youth action "City without nation- agitation" was organized in Rostov-on-Don – the "Institute of Collective Action" informs.

During the action the participants were removing the scripts , (placards and graffiti) symbols of fylfot, "colovrates", emblems of skinhead bands, Racial writings and other extremist symbols.

The placards were torn, graffiti painted, fylfot were taken into circle and deleted. The participants left the leaflets and scripts "No Pasaran!" on the places of action.

The participants of SHARP movement ("Skinheads are against racial prejudice"), anarchists and non-formal youth – 40 people in total.

Three districts of Rostov-on-Don were cleaned out completely; the rest- partially. New actions are planned.

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