



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on the case of Zarema Musaeva in Chechnya
(2023/2882(RSP))

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the case of Zarema Musaeva in Chechnya
(2023/2882(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on human rights violations in the Russian Federation and, particularly, in Chechnya,
 - having regard to the EEAS Spokesperson’s statement on abductions and other human rights cases in the Republic of Chechnya of 22 January 2022;
 - having regard to the EEAS Spokesperson’s statement on continued repression against critical voices and disregard for human rights in Russia of 4 July 2023;
 - having regard to the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, adopted by the UN General Assembly on 9 December 1998,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Ms Zarema Musayeva was unlawfully abducted in January 2022 from her home in Nizhny Novgorod by masked men who introduced themselves as Chechen police officers and forcibly taken to Chechnya;
- B. whereas on July 2023 she was sentenced to 5.5 years in prisons for alleged fraud and violence against a police officer during her detention, that of which Ms Musayeva strongly denies;
- C. whereas Ms Musayeva’s health conditions have deteriorated over the last years;
- D. whereas Ms Musayeva is the wife of former Chechen Supreme Court judge Saidi Yangulbayev and mother of human rights defender Abubakar and opposition bloggers Ibrahim and Baysangur Yangulbayev;
- E. whereas the Head of the Republic of Chechnya, Ramzan Kadyrov, called the Yangulbayev family members “terrorists” and publicly threatened to "eliminate" them;
- F. Whereas on the day of Ms Musayeva’s verdict, Novaya Gazeta journalist Elena Milashina and human rights lawyer Aleksandr Nemov were attacked and brutally beaten on their way to the Court;
1. Strongly condemns the kidnapping and politically motivated detention of Ms Musayeva;
 2. Urges the Chechen authorities to respect Ms Musayeva’s rights and to immediately release her and all those detained under similar cases;

3. Raises concern that throughout the pre-trial and trial proceedings against Musayeva, human rights attorneys working on the case Aleksandr Nemov, Aleksandr Savin, Natalia Dobronravova and Alexandr Karavaev were targeted with surveillance as a form of intimidation;
4. Deplores the brutal attack on 4 July 2023 against lawyer Aleksandr Nemov and journalist Elena Milashina and the reprisals against human rights defenders and independent media, including the cases of attorneys Sergey Babinets and Oleg Khabibrakhmanov; urges the competent authorities to conduct a transparent and thorough investigation into these attacks and to hold those responsible accountable;
5. Asks to the European External Action Service and the EU member states to monitor the human rights violations in Chechnya and to increase their support to Russian and Chechen human rights defenders, lawyers, and independent journalists, both in and outside the country;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States, the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the President, the Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation, and the Chechen authorities.