

Freedom for Boris Kagarlitsky!

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The below statement has been signed by more than 150 politicians, academics, journalists, artists and others from around the world. The statement organizers would like to draw attention to the statement produced by members of Boris Kagarlitsky's family and anti-war Russians and encourage everyone to sign it at <https://freeboriskagarlitski.tilda.ws/en>.

On July 25, renowned intellectual and socialist activist Boris Kagarlitsky was detained and accused of "justifying terrorism" by the Federal Security Service (FSB) before being immediately transported to the city of Syktyvkar, 1300 kilometers from Moscow. There, in a closed hearing and without his lawyer present, a court ordered he be detained until his trial in late September, where he faces the possibility of up to seven years in prison.

The arrest and detention of Kagarlitsky has taken place within the context of a repressive campaign waged by the government with the intention of silencing all voices that oppose the invasion of Ukraine and its domestic policies. Since last year, the Putin government has dedicated itself to persecuting, jailing or forcing into exile recognised politicians, intellectuals and activists that have publicly opposed the war, as well as ordinary citizens that have expressed their opinions on social media. Kagarlitsky himself was labeled a "foreign agent" in May last year.

We express our solidarity with Boris Kagarlitsky and demand his immediate release, as well as the release of all those detained for political reasons.

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