

## **Human Rights Center Memorial Publishes New Lists of Political Prisoners**

As of May 29<sup>th</sup> there are 118 names in the two lists – the first contains individuals persecuted due to exercising their right to religious freedom, and the other contains the rest of the political prisoners. A year ago there were 87 of them. In the lists published in October of 2016, there were 102.

The lists are far from complete: for many cases, we have not managed to acquire information, and for many others, the information is being processed and analyzed, which is essential for declaring someone a political prisoner.

However, the number of names in the lists continues to grow and this attests to a continued growth of the scope of politically motivated repressions in our country.

The names of fifteen individuals convicted under false accusation of preparing a terrorist attack at the cinema “Kirghizia” as well as the name of Dagestani activist Hirmagomed Magomedov convicted on a charge of being involved in the “Hizb ut-Tahrir” party have been added to the list of individuals, who have been imprisoned due to exercising their right to religious freedom.

Fortunately, from the general list of political prisoners for the same period, a few names disappeared. Ildar Dadin’s sentence was reversed after an international protest campaign; the pre-trial restriction for Igor Zhitenev, the defender of the Koper from the development of nickel, was finally changed to a written undertaking not to leave; and opposition activists Taisiya Osipova, Leonid Razvozhayev, and Alexei Sutuga, and trade union activist Leonid Tikhonov were freed due to their terms of imprisonment ending.

From October 2016, the list was further made bigger with the names of the Crimean activist Vladimir Balukh, mathematician Dmitry Bogatov, Sochi residents Marina Dzhanzhgava, Inga Tutisani and Annik Kesyan, who were convicted for sending text messages to Georgia, deputy and journalist from Tatarstan Sergey Yeretnov, and Moscow activist Sergey Reznikov – seven people in total.

[The list of individuals persecuted in connection with the realization of their right to freedom of religion](#)

[The list of the remainder of the political prisoners](#)