

URGENT ACTION

LGBT PEOPLE DENIED RIGHT TO HOLD SLAVIC PRIDE

At a 25 June protest against the St. Petersburg authorities' refusal to let the Slavic Pride go ahead, the police arrested 14 people and detained them for more than 24 hours.

The detainees were fined for holding an unsanctioned meeting and released. Additional court hearings took place over the course of the following week on charges of "resisting police orders". These hearings have taken place without those charged appearing in court, as they considered the allegations to be totally unfounded and did not believe they would be able to obtain justice. The court has already told several of them that they have been fined for resisting police orders.

Amnesty International has prepared another postcard action, addressing Russian President Dmitrii Medvedev, calling on him to provide greater protection to LGBT activists at public events and to ensure that the right to freedom of assembly can be fully enjoyed by everyone in the Russian Federation.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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