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## **International human rights organizations assess President Putin's past year in office Invitation to a press conference**

The ongoing assault on freedoms of expression, association and assembly gathered strength under the watch of President Putin in the first year of his third presidential term, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch conclude in reports published today.

The respective reports of the two influential human rights organizations, *Freedom under attack: The clampdown on freedom of expression, assembly and association in Russia* and *Laws of Attrition: The Crackdown on Russia's Civil Society after Putin's Return to the Presidency*, analysing new and amended legislation and the way it has been applied will be released at a press conference in Moscow.

**When:** 24 April 2013, Wednesday at 1300 Moscow time

**Where:** Interfax  
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Moscow

**Who:** Sergei Nikitin, Director of **Amnesty International's** Moscow Office  
Tanya Lokshina, Deputy Director of **Human Rights Watch's** Moscow office  
Rachel Denber, Deputy Director of the Europe and Central Asia Division at **Human Rights Watch**  
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