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## Russian Federation: The European summer bus tour goes east

After a hugely successful visit to a number of European countries, the brightly decorated bus of Amnesty International is continuing its trip eastwards, providing a variety of information about the work of the world biggest human rights organization to the citizens of Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and the Russian Federation. Leaflets and brochures, videos and photo stills present Amnesty International's actions on the human rights situation in different countries like Iraq and Turkmenistan, the USA and the Russian Federation; they provide information about torture and ill-treatment in custody; violence against women; discrimination on ethnic grounds; unlawful killings and 'disappearances' in the Chechen Republic perpetrated by the Russian forces and human rights abuses, including suicide bombings, committed by Chechen forces.

"During the bus tour we inform people about Amnesty International and human rights. For many people this is the first time that they hear about our organization and its work. We found that they were interested to know how through activities in 140 countries around the world, our 1,8 million members can help to bring change not only to the lives of individuals but also to the human rights situation in different countries. Such example is our campaign on human rights in the Russian Federation 'Justice for All'. Human rights abuses in the Russian Federation have affected thousands of people. We will continue to highlight the need to improve the human rights situation there," Daniel Bolomey, Secretary General of Amnesty International Switzerland said.

Amnesty International Switzerland launched the 100-day tour of a number of Central and East European countries in July as part of the human rights' organization's worldwide year-long campaign on human rights in the Russian Federation. The bus has already covered more than 3,000 km and visited around 30 cities in Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland. Members of Amnesty International use the tour stops to raise the organization's main concerns on human rights abuses in the Russian Federation, many of which are committed with impunity.

Visitors to the bus have the chance to sign a petition designed as a symbolic passport urging President Vladimir Putin to address the plight of hundreds of thousands of former Soviet citizens in Russia who are being denied their legal right to obtain Russian citizenship and/or permanent residency rights.

You can follow the bus on its next stops in:  
International's Structures in:

Ukraine until 14 September  
Moldova - 14-17 September  
Belarus - 22-26 September  
Lithuania - 28 September

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**Visit Amnesty International Switzerland website for latest information on the bus tour**  
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**[www.amnesty.org/russia](http://www.amnesty.org/russia)**  
**[www.amnesty.org.ru](http://www.amnesty.org.ru)**

**Amnesty International Russia press kit:**  
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