

URGENT ACTION

ILDAR DADIN MOVED TO A NEW PRISON

Following revelations that he had been tortured in Segezha prison colony, prisoner of conscience Ildar Dadin was moved to a new prison colony. On 6 January his family were informed that he is now in Prison Colony 5 in the Altai district of Southern Siberia. Between 5 December and 6 January neither his wife nor his lawyer were informed about his whereabouts.

In a letter from **Ildar Dadin** to his wife which was made public on 1 November Ildar Dadin revealed that staff in the prison colony in Segezha, in the Karelia region of Russia, had beaten and tortured him since his arrival on 10 September 2016.

Following Ildar Dadin's revelation other prisoners in Segezha prison colony also reported that they had been tortured and the situation was widely reported in the media. Possibly in response to the public outcry the authorities decided to move Ildar Dadin to a new prison colony. No information on his whereabouts was provided to his family or lawyer between 5 December and 6 January. On 6 January his family learned that he is now in Prison Colony 5, in the Altai district of Southern Siberia.

Ildar Dadin is a prisoner of conscience. He was first arrested on 15 January 2015, and is serving two and a half years for participating in four street actions in 2014, all of which were peaceful.

He is the first person in Russia to be sentenced under Article 212.1, which effectively criminalizes "unauthorised" peaceful demonstrations by making it a crime to violate Russia's highly restrictive Law on Public Assemblies more than twice in 180 days.

We will continue to campaign for his release and to organize solidarity letters in his support.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

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