

**ALEKSANDRA SKOCHILENKO**  
**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

## **Facing prison for opposing the war**

Aleksandra (or Sasha for short) fills her life with music and art. In better times, she loved playing the piano, guitar, mandolin and flute, and hosted jams for anyone who wanted to play together.

Troubled by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Aleksandra took action on 31 March 2022. She replaced price tags in a local supermarket in Saint Petersburg with little paper labels containing information about the invasion.

In the early morning of 11 April 2022, police arrested Aleksandra and charged her with "public dissemination of knowingly false information about the use of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation" – a new article of the criminal code hastily introduced by the Russian government in March 2022 to try and stop Russian people criticizing the invasion of Ukraine. Dozens of people have already been detained under this new offence.

Aleksandra has been held in detention ever since, in terrible conditions. She has coeliac disease and has been forced to go hungry most of the time because the detention centre has not given her the gluten-free food she needs. Aleksandra has also been harassed by detention centre employees and her cellmates. If she is convicted, Aleksandra faces up to 10 years in prison.

**Tell Russia to free Aleksandra now**

## **WRITE TO THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES**

Tell them to immediately release Aleksandra Skochilenko and drop all charges, as she has been detained solely for expressing her opposition to the war.

The Prosecutor of Saint Petersburg  
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Saint Petersburg  
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Russian Federation

Fax: +7 812 318 26 11  
Salutation: Dear Prosecutor

His Excellency Oleg STEPANOV  
Ambassador for the Russian Federation  
285 Charlotte Street  
Ottawa ON K1N 8L5

Email: [info@rusembassy.ca](mailto:info@rusembassy.ca)  
Salutation: Your Excellency

## **HELP KEEP ALEKSANDRA'S SPIRIT STRONG**

Send her your message of solidarity and hope. Draw pictures of cats (Aleksandra has two called Lucy and Maude!) to accompany your message, take a photo, and post it to your social media, tagging Aleksandra when you do. Then, mail your message to the address below. Please avoid using the Ukrainian flag or its colours (yellow and blue) or Ukrainian symbols. Focus your message and image on Aleksandra, not on Ukraine or the war.

**Address:**  
Aleksandra Skochilenko  
Write for Rights  
Amnesty International  
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