

# Rights Chief Slams Russia

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UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay on Thursday decried violence in Russia against activists and journalists on but said the country has made some incremental moves toward reform.

Pillay said that her four days of meetings with Russian officials, including President Dmitry Medvedev, showed that there is "some recognition at the top" that observance of human rights is seriously flawed.

She commended Medvedev for his public support of reforms, but said reform actions "have not advanced sufficiently to be considered a success."

Pillay cited the killing and harassment of journalists and rights activists as setbacks for Russia.

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