

Tolokonnikova Must Sit Out Full Sentence, Prison Says

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The prison administration of the Mordovia penal colony where Pussy Riot member Nadezhda Tolokonnikova is being held has rejected a request to mitigate her sentence.

The decision was made during a panel meeting Thursday evening, head of the local public supervising committee Gennady Morozov told Interfax Friday.

Morozov said Tolokonnikova's request had been denied on account of three outstanding disciplinary violations. He also said the activist refuses to plead guilty.

Tolokonnikova was placed in solitary confinement after writing an open letter announcing a hunger strike to protest conditions at the penal colony.

Following a visit to the Mordovia prison Wednesday, Maria Kannabikh, a member of the presidential human rights council, said Tolokonnikova's claims about the conditions at the

penal colony were partially true.

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