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2 Pussy Riot Members Reunited in Krasnoyarsk

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Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova walking together outside a Krasnoyarsk airport on Tuesday. **Ilya Naymushin**

The two members of punk band Pussy Riot who were released from prison on amnesty Monday, Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, were reunited Tuesday in Krasnoyarsk, the Siberian city where Tolokonnikova had been incarcerated.

Tolokonnikova's husband, Pyotr Verzilov, said Alyokhina flew to Krasnoyarsk to meet her group mate and discuss their plans to promote human rights issues in Russia, Interfax reported. Alyokhina was released from her prison in the Nizhny Novgorod region on Monday.

Upon her release, Alyokhina told reporters that the group's social and human rights activities would be "more structured" but gave assurances that its methods would "remain the same."

Photographer Denis Sinyakov, one of 30 people on board a Greenpeace ship who were arrested

over the staging of a protest at a Russian oil rig in September, also joined the women in Krasnoyarsk. Sinyakov is a long-time friend of the band members.

Alyokhina and Tolokonnikova will conduct a press conference in Moscow on Friday, Interfax reported.

The women served 21 months of their two-year prison sentence after being charged with hooliganism for performing a "punk prayer" in Moscow's Christ the Savior Church in February 2012. They were released under Russia's recent presidential amnesty in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Russian Constitution.

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