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Moscow Court Extends Detention of Captive Ukrainian Pilot Savchenko

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Ukrainian army pilot Nadezhda Savchenko holds a sign inside a defendants' cage as she attends a hearing at the Basmanny district court in Moscow Feb. 10.

A Moscow court extended on Tuesday the detention of Nadezhda Savchenko, a Ukrainian army pilot being held on charges of aiding the killing of two Russian journalists in east Ukraine last year.

The Basmanny district ruled that Savchenko, 33, should be kept in detention until May 13.

Savchenko has been on hunger strike since Dec. 13 to protest what her lawyers call absurd and politically-motivated charges.

Russia's Investigative Committee, which answers to President Vladimir Putin, says Savchenko provided the coordinates for a mortar attack that killed the two journalists.

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