Opposition Journalist Alexander Ryklin Detained in Moscow

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Alexander Ryklin, a journalist and activist from the Solidarnost (Solidarity) democratic opposition movement, said he had been detained by police, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

"I was driving along Profsoyuznaya Ulitsa to the center when I was stopped by traffic police, who said my car was wanted," Ryklin was quoted by Interfax as saying.

Ryklin said that he was being taken by two police officers to the Meshchansky district police department.

Colleagues of the journalist link Ryklin's detention with his participation in an opposition rally at Novopushkinsky Skver on Constitution Day on Dec. 12, the Novaya Gazeta newspaper reported.

The protest demonstration was banned by the authorities.

Ryklin was among more than thirty protesters detained during the rally, but was released the same day.

"I think there was some mistake on Dec.12. Apparently, they decided that they released me by mistake and then detained again," Ryklin was quoted by Interfax.