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Savchenko Arrives in Moscow Court for Hearing of Ukrainian Prisoners

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Nadezhda Savchenko **Sergei Chuzavkov / AP**

Ukrainian⊠ MP and former prisoner of war Nadezhda Savchenko has arrived in ⊠Moscow's High Court to attend the hearing of Ukrainian prisoners Nikolay⊠ Karpiuk and Stanislav Klikh.

Russia's⊠ Investigative Committee has accused the two Ukrainians of killing ⊠servicemen during the Russian-Chechen War of 1994-95. A Russian court ⊠gave Karpiuk 22.5 years in prison and Klikh 20 years. During the court ⊠process, both men accused Russian authorities of torture. In a recent ⊠video, Klikh appeared visibly shaken in court - his speech became ⊠incomprehensible and he stopped recognizing his relatives.

Savchenko's lawyer Ilya Novikov said there was "no other point to this trip apart from supporting Klikh and Karpiuk."

"I⊠ know myself how important it is when you are in court sitting in a cage⊠ and Ukrainians are present. When there is someone to shout 'Glory to ⊠Ukraine!' and you hear the answer

'Glory to the heroes!' Then you ⊠understand that your people have not abandoned you and that the fight ⊠continues; you get some strength from it," Savchenko wrote on Facebook.

Savchenko,⊠ a pilot by profession, was released from a Russian prison in May in a ⊠prisoner swap between Kiev and Moscow. This is her first time back in ⊠Russia since then.

Putin's press secretary Dmitry Peskov said that entry into Russia for the Ukrainian Rada deputy is not closed so the press should not expect a reaction from Moscow about the visit. He added that all legal action taken by Moscow against Savchenko had been completed.

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