

Russian Activist Flees to Finland After Accusing FSB of Torture

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A Russian antifascist activist has fled to Finland after accusing the Federal Security Service (FSB) of torturing him, his lawyer said.

Ilya Kapustin was one of several St. Petersburg-based activists who have been kidnapped or tortured by security forces this year, Russia's liberal opposition Yabloko [said](#) last month. Late in January, Kapustin recounted being electrocuted for nearly three hours by FSB officers as part of an interrogation into a terrorism investigation, the Media Zona news portal [reported](#).

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Kapustin fled to Finland "as soon as the visa was approved" and asked the country's authorities for asylum, Finnish media [reported](#) last weekend.

“He doesn’t intend to return to Russia,” Kapustin’s lawyer Dmitry Gerasimov [told](#) the RBC business portal on Wednesday.

Gerasimov [wrote](#) on Facebook that he had filed a complaint with the Investigative Committee against the FSB on behalf of Kapustin last month.

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