

Annexed Crimea Compiles ‘Enemies of Reunification’ List

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Festive rally in honor of the annexation of Crimea in Moscow, March 18, 2015 / Moskva News Agency

Local authorities in Crimea have compiled a list of artists and officials opposed to Moscow’s annexation of the peninsula.

Russia seized Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 after a contested referendum that was unrecognized by the international community. Several Crimean activists opposed to the annexation, including a Ukrainian film director now on hunger strike, face charges that supporters say are politically motivated.

Crimea’s Civic Chamber [announced](#) on Wednesday that it had drafted a so-called “Crimean Dossier” that includes celebrities and politicians who have publicly spoken out against the annexation.

“The figures included in the ‘Crimean Dossier’ spread unreliable information that incites national hatred against Crimea, becoming the main heroes of fake news,” the chamber said.

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The institution accused several prominent Russian cultural figures, including journalist Ksenia Sobchak and filmmaker Alexander Sokurov, of falling victim to “anti-Russian propaganda.”

In doing so, “they ignore the Crimeans’ conscious choice of March 2014,” it said, referring to the March 16, 2014 referendum.

They “offend the residents of the peninsula,” the institution added.

The chamber, which describes itself as an organization that ensures cooperation between Crimean authorities and residents, said that an updated list would be handed over to law enforcement officials at an unspecified future date.

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