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Russian Journalist and Activist Briefly Detained in Amsterdam

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Dutch police briefly detained a Russian journalist and a Russian human rights activist at Amsterdam airport on unknown charges, Novaya Gazeta reported Monday.

Yelena Milashina, a journalist with the investigative Novaya Gazeta newspaper, and Milana Bakhayeva, an activist with the Memorial human rights NGO, reportedly arrived in Amsterdam to meet with activists investigating the plight of Syrian refugees.

"Milana was detained because she is Chechen," Milashina wrote on her Facebook page. "I, who had already passed through [passport] control and was waiting for Milana to be released, was detained for company."

Milashina quoted the police officers as saying: "This isn't Russia or Chechnya and we don't owe you anything here," after reportedly asking the officers to identify their name and rank.

In a later Facebook post, she accused the police of trying to gain unauthorized access to her

work phone.

Novaya Gazeta later reported that Dutch police had released Milashina and Bakhayeva.

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