

An Overview of Russian Opposition Figures Sentenced Over Mass Election Rally

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All of the opposition candidates running in Moscow's local elections have been placed under arrest or sentenced to jail over a mass protest that rocked Moscow on Saturday in an unprecedented act.

Nearly 1,400 demonstrators were <u>detained</u>, some violently, during Saturday's rally to demand that opposition-minded candidates be allowed onto the ballot in Moscow's city council elections. Despite official <u>warnings</u> not to attend the unauthorized protest, thousands of people took to the streets to voice their discontent.

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Eight opposition candidates have been arrested or sentenced to jail since the protest in one of

the harshest crackdowns on Russia's opposition in several years.

The candidates have since called on supporters to gather for another demonstration this Saturday, though Moscow authorities have <u>disputed</u> the rally's location with organizers.

Here's an overview of the candidates who had been sentenced by mid-Tuesday, some of whom will be unable to attend the protests this Saturday:

Vladimir Milov, former deputy minister of energy and Navalny Live YouTube channel host who made a live broadcast from the protests on July 27. <u>Arrested</u> for 30 days.

Ivan Zhdanov, director of the Anti-Corruption Fund. <u>Arrested</u> for 15 days. On Friday, Zhdanov <u>announced</u> a hunger strike "as a last resort in his protest against being jailed."

Ilya Yashin, municipal deputy. Sentenced for 12 days.

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Dmitry Gudkov, ex-State Duma deputy. <u>Arrested</u> for 30 days.

Alexander Soloviev, ex-chairman of the pro-democracy movement Open Russia. <u>Arrested</u> for 8 days.

Lyubov Sobol, a lawyer for the Anti-Corruption Fund. Was released at night.

Konstantin Jankauskas, municipal deputy. Arrested for 7 days.

Yulia Galyamina, municipal deputy. Arrested for 10 days.

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Виновна. Арест 10 суток.

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Yashin, Gudkov, Zhdanov, Galyamina and Sobol had been <u>detained</u> before the protest began. Sobol and Zhdanov, who were released in the afternoon, were detained again soon after calling on protesters to regroup.

Opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who isn't running for office, was <u>jailed</u> last Wednesday for 30 days for calling for Saturday's march.

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