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Navalny Ally Fadeyeva Transferred to Detention Center

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Ksenia Fadeyeva. **Dmitry Kandinsky / vtomske.ru**

An ally of jailed opposition activist Alexei Navalny and former municipal deputy in Siberia's Tomsk region has been moved from house arrest and sent to a detention center, her associate wrote on social media Monday.

Ksenia Fadeyeva is a former municipal deputy in the city of Tomsk and was added to Russia's "terrorist" list in January 2022.

She also headed Navalny's political office in the city, where the jailed Kremlin critic was poisoned with the nerve agent Novichok when he visited in August 2020 to support local activists ahead of elections.

Andrei Fateyev, another Navalny associate who was elected to the Tomsk City Duma at the same time as Fadeyeva, wrote on the messaging app Telegram that Fadeyeva had been sentenced to house arrest three weeks ago for violating unspecified court-ordered restrictions on her actions.

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According to him, the prosecution felt the restrictions were too lenient and demanded she be sent to a detention center, which was approved on Monday by a Tomsk region court.

“The state punishes her for legal and open political activity, for the fight against corruption, for demanding a change of power in the country,” Fateyev said.

“The state cannot and does not want to punish real extremists,” he added.

Following her arrest in 2022, Fadeyeva was forbidden from using the internet, communicating with others without permission from investigators, and attending public events.

Her trial began in August and was later closed to the media and observers.

She faces up to 12 years in prison if convicted on “extremism” charges.

Navalny’s political network was designated “extremist” in 2021, putting employees, volunteers and supporters at risk of criminal prosecution.

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