

Russian Court to Hear Case Brought by Navalny's Mother

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Lyudmila Navalnaya and the late activist's lawyer in Salekhard. **Peter Kovalev / TASS**

A court in the Russian Far North will next month hear a case brought by the mother of late opposition activist Alexei Navalny, who has so far been prevented from seeing her son's body, his allies said Wednesday.

Lyudmila Navalnaya traveled to the remote IK-3 penal colony where her son died last week, but since Saturday, when she arrived at the remote facility, she has been unable to see his body.

On Tuesday, she appealed to Russian President Vladimir Putin for the release of her son's body.

"I appeal to you, Vladimir Putin. The solution to the issue depends only on you," she said in a video address.

The state-run TASS news agency later reported that a court in the Arctic city of Salekhard had received a complaint about "illegal acts" from Navalnaya and that the hearing would take place behind closed doors.

Navalny's allies said on social media that the court would consider the case on March 4, more than two weeks after Putin's most formidable opponent died.

Navalny's widow Yulia Navalnaya echoed the the call of the late activist's mother, demanding authorities allow for him to be "buried with dignity."

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