

Russian Journalist Kevorkova Placed in Pre-Trial Detention for 'Justifying Terrorism'

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Nadezhda Kevorkova in court. t.me/moscowcourts

A Moscow court has placed journalist Nadezhda Kevorkova in pre-trial detention for two months on charges of “justifying terrorism” over posts she made on social, the Russian capital’s court system [announced](#) Tuesday.

Kevorkova, 65, is a Russian war correspondent, author, and filmmaker who has written about the Middle East and Russia’s North Caucasus for both independent and state-funded media. She currently [runs](#) a Telegram channel mainly dedicated to news about the Israel-Hamas war.

The journalist was [arrested](#) on Monday after police searched her Moscow apartment, according to prominent lawyer Kaloy Akhilgov.

Moscow’s Basmanny District Court ruled Tuesday to place Kevorkova in pre-trial detention until July 6, according to the Moscow court system’s press service.

“Investigators believe Kevorkova posted a publication in her Telegram channel containing signs of justifying the Taliban’s activities,” it said. A judge denied the journalist’s request to be placed under house arrest.

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Kevorkova denies the accusations against her but is cooperating with the investigators, the state news agency RIA Novosti [reported](#).

Her son, independent Moscow-based video journalist Vasily Polonsky, and ex-husband, another journalist Maxim Shevchenko, both maintain that Kevorkova is innocent.

“But times have changed a lot. The country is in a major war [and] the laws in this war are harsh,” Shevchenko [told](#) reporters outside the courtroom after the ruling on Tuesday.

“I hope Nadezhda realizes the seriousness of the charges against her,” he added. “And I also hope that those who brought these charges against her will treat her with leniency, mercy, and deep human understanding... She’s not a villain in any way.”

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