

Anti-War Radio Operator Released From Russian Prison

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Vladimir Rumyantsev. **SOTAvision**

An amateur radio operator jailed for broadcasting anti-war messages has been released from prison in northwestern Russia, the news website Mediazona [reported](#) Friday.

Vladimir Rumyantsev, 64, was [sentenced](#) to three years in prison in December 2022 on charges of spreading “false information” about the Russian military. He denied the charges and was designated a political prisoner by the Memorial human rights group.

Speaking after his release from a penal colony in the town of Ustyuzhna, around 340 kilometers (211 miles) north of Moscow, Rumyantsev said his time behind bars went “smoothly.”

“[But] God forbid others land here,” he added. “What’s ahead is unknown — I don’t know how life will unfold yet.”

Before his imprisonment, Rumyantsev [worked](#) various jobs, including at factories, as a

trolleybus operator and at a boiler facility.

After Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Rumyantsev began using a radio transmitter to broadcast content from independent media outlets, including Meduza, Ekho Moskvyy and the Russian-language service of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL).

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