

Belgorod Court Sentences Activist Who Helped Ukrainian Refugees to 22 Years in Prison

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Nadezhda Rossinskaya. [SOTAvision](#)

A military court in southwestern Russia's Belgorod region sentenced Nadezhda Rossinskaya, an anti-war activist who helped Ukrainian refugees, to 22 years in prison on charges of treason and terrorism, her lawyer and local media [reported](#) Friday.

Rossinskaya, who also goes by the name Nadine Geisler, was [arrested](#) in February 2024 on suspicion of "inciting activities directed against national security." She was later [charged](#) with [financing terrorism](#) and treason.

Rossinskaya's volunteer initiative, Armiya Krasotok (Army of Beauties), claims to have helped 25,000 people in occupied Ukraine between 2022 and 2023.

She [said](#) she fled to Georgia in May 2023, soon after Russian authorities arrested a young woman who had donated to her initiative. Rossinskaya is believed to have [returned](#) to the

Belgorod region, where she was arrested on Feb. 1, 2024, to help a Ukrainian dog owner and her 46 pedigree poodles flee Russia.

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Russian authorities added Rossinskaya to the country's list of terrorists and extremists in October 2024. She is listed as having been born in Kazakhstan in 1995.

On Thursday, prosecutors requested a prison sentence of 27 years for Rossinskaya. Her defense attorney was [reported](#) to ask for an acquittal.

Rossinskaya herself said she would request to be sentenced to 27 years in prison and one day to set a "[new Russian record](#)" if the judge refused to acquit her.

On Friday, the Second Western District Military Court sentenced her to 22 years in prison after finding her [guilty](#) on all three of the charges.

In addition, the court fined Rossinskaya 320,000 rubles (\$4,000), according to her lawyer Alexei Pryanishnikov.

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