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**SHE OPPOSED THE WAR,  
NOW SHE FACES PRISON**

**ALEKSANDRA SKOCHILENKO**

**RUSSIA**



**CHALLENGE  
INJUSTICE.**

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# ALEKSANDRA SKOCHILENKO | RUSSIA

Aleksandra (or Sasha for short) (she/her) fills her life with music and art. In better times, she loved playing the piano, guitar, mandolin and flute, and hosted jams for anyone who wanted to play together.

Troubled by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Aleksandra took action on 31 March 2022. She replaced price tags in a local supermarket in Saint Petersburg with little paper labels containing information about the invasion.

In the early morning of 11 April 2022, police arrested Aleksandra and charged her with "public dissemination of knowingly false information about the use of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation" – a new article of

the criminal code hastily introduced by the Russian government in March 2022 to try and stop Russian people criticizing the invasion of Ukraine. Dozens of people have already been detained under this new offence.

Aleksandra has been held in detention ever since, in terrible conditions. She has coeliac disease and has been forced to go hungry most of the time because the detention centre has not given her the gluten-free food she needs. Aleksandra has also been harassed by detention centre employees and her cellmates. If she is convicted, Aleksandra faces up to 10 years in prison.

**Tell Russia to free Aleksandra now**

## ACT NOW

Tell the Russian authorities to immediately release Aleksandra Skochilenko and drop all charges, as she has been detained solely for expressing her opposition to the war.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails, or write a letter with the salutation "Dear Prosecutor,".

## HELP KEEP ALEKSANDRA'S SPIRIT STRONG

Print off the solidarity letter template and send her your message of solidarity and hope. Draw pictures of cats (Aleksandra

has two called Lucy and Maude!) to accompany your message. Please avoid using the Ukrainian flag or its colours (yellow and blue) or Ukrainian symbols. Focus your message and image on Aleksandra, not on Ukraine or the war.

**Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:**

Amnesty International Australia,  
Locked Bag 23,  
Broadway NSW 2007  
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**Make sure you post them to us by 31 January 2023.**

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in February 2023 and make sure that Aleksandra gets your solidarity messages.

