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**NADIYA SAVCHENKO  
ON HUNGER STRIKE**

# DON'T LET HER DIE

**A young woman, a delegate of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, is dying of starvation in a Russian prison**

**Nadiya Savchenko, a 33 year old Ukrainian citizen, is protesting against absurd accusations against her by the Investigation Committee of Russia**

On June 18, 2014, Nadiya Savchenko, while transporting wounded men to safety, was captured by pro-Russian separatists and was forcefully deported to Russia, where she was falsely accused of the murder of two Russian journalists.

These journalists were killed by exploding mines during a battle between the Ukrainian Army and armed separatists one day earlier, on June 17th. Nadiya Savchenko was then also accused of something even more absurd - illegally



crossing the border into Russia!

Nadiya Savchenko's lawyers provided Russian investigators compelling evidence proving her innocence, including a statement by an Ukrainian officer, Sergiy Melnychuk, who coordinated mortar fire during that battle. The fire was aimed at armed separatists with whom the journalists were coincidentally traveling.

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**Imprisoned Nadiya Savchenko was elected to the Ukrainian parliament and was appointed as a delegate to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). PACE's deputies have international immunity, which protects them from being arrested without a court's verdict. PACE has verified Savchenko's immunity. However, Russia, also a member of PACE, is not complying with the rules and regulations of the organization.**

Many heads of state have reached out to Russia requesting Nadiya Savchenko's release. 14 foreign ministers from The European Union have raised the issue at the UN. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and US representative Samantha Power are also seeking Savchenko's release. Several Members of the European Parliament went on a hunger strike in support of Savchenko. Russian President Vladimir Putin refuses to release her, stating her fate can only be decided by the court. However, The Investigative Committee of Russia has no evidence against Savchenko and is not bringing her to trial.

**Russians are cynically waiting for her to die, so as not to admit that they have kept an innocent woman in prison for this long.**

**Our last hope may be ordinary people. Maybe when Russian President Putin sees that there is a massive movement of ordinary people demanding the release of Savchenko, he will act.**

We ask all concerned people to distribute these flyers in your countries daily and to update the daily count of Nadiya Savchenko's hunger strike. Different flyer layouts, in different languages, can be found here: <https://bitly.com/1DJp8iQ>

We also ask you to sent letters and email to the Russian President Vladimir Putin demanding release of Nadiya Savchenko.

Address for an electronic mail:  
<http://eng.letters.kremlin.ru/>,  
<http://letters.kremlin.ru/>

Address for a regular mail:  
**To the President of Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin  
23, Ilyinka Street,  
Moscow, 103132, Russia.**