NEWS DIGEST OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
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The Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation, Tatiana Moskalkova, appealed to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Ukrainian government for the release of 72 civilian Russian sailors who have been illegally detained for two months in the Ukrainian town of Izmail. None of the sailors can disembark - they are guarded by armed men who are stationed at checkpoints near the vessels, and this, of course, puts psychological pressure on them. Such illegal and unsubstantiated detention of civilian Russian sailors contradicts the norms of international law, norms of morality and ethics.

Source

On April 29 at the House of Human Rights, the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation met with the Russian pilot Konstantin Yaroshenko, who had been released in an exchange for the US citizen Trevor Reed, convicted in Russia. The Russian citizen had spent more than 10 years in an American prison. The federal Ombudsman has been working to protect the rights of the Russian pilot since 2017.

"Not for a second did anyone lose faith that you would come back. Unfortunately, there are other people, our Russian citizens, who remain in US prisons today. And you are an example of courage, fortitude, and faith in Russia to everyone. And I am sure that everyone who is in a difficult life situation today looks up to your story and believes that you will definitely overcome all difficulties when the Motherland is by your side," said Tatiana Moskalkova.

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