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RUSSIA

RELEASE MARK KISLITSYN



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TRANS MAN RECEIVES 12-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR EXPRESSING ANTI-WAR VIEWS

Mark Kislitsyn, a 28-year-old transgender man and LGBTQI+ activist, was sentenced to 12 years for high treason after donating \$10 to a Ukrainian bank. He claimed the transfer was for humanitarian reasons. Despite his gender identity, he is imprisoned in a women's colony, forced to wear women's clothing, and denied gender-affirming treatment. Kislitsyn had been arrested and fined previously for his anti-war picket and was known to criticize the Russian invasion of Ukraine on social media.

Mark's sentencing takes place against the backdrop of an accelerating crackdown on LGBTQI+ rights. In May, Russian security forces arrested at least 10 book publishing professionals in Moscow on "extremism"-related charges over alleged "LGBTI propaganda" in books published by affiliated printing houses.

SEND A MESSAGE TO THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES

WRITE **Address to send letter:**
Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian
Federation
c/o Ambassador Alexander N. Darchiev
Embassy of the Russian Federation in the USA
2650 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.,
Washington, DC 20007

U.S.P.S. does not deliver to Russia. Please send your letter to the Russian Embassy in the U.S. and request that they forward this to the Office of the Prosecutor General of Russia.

Dear Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation,

Ensure the immediate release of Mark Kislitsyn. Mark is a civic and human rights activist who in December 2023 was sentenced to 12 years in a penal colony on charges of high treason after donating 865 rubles to Ukraine's National Bank. His actions were motivated solely by humanitarian reasons.

Mark is a committed pacifist who strongly opposes any violence, and he has stated that he did not know that the bank account he transferred money to had been opened in order to finance Ukraine's Armed Forces. He believed the money would go toward humanitarian aid.

Mark's persecution is politically motivated and must be stopped. In the penal colony, Mark is subjected to pressure from the prison authorities. He is regularly and arbitrarily placed in a punishment cell and subjected to other ill-treatment. I strongly urge you to take all necessary steps to ensure Mark Kislitsyn's immediate release.

Sincerely,

[Insert your name]

EMAIL **Send email appeal to:**
ik9@54.fsin.gov.ru

Send copies to:
mission@russiaun.ru or
press@russiaun.ru

For more information on the crackdown on LGBTQI rights including the LGBTQI books and publishers targeted by Russian authorities, see *Book Publishers Arrested in Anti-LGBTI Campaign*:
<https://bit.ly/4oX7uDM>

SEND A SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO MARK

SEND Send Mark messages of hope and solidarity. Let him know you support him in his fight for human rights in Russia. You could draw pictures of animals (Mark volunteers at an animal shelter and has a corgi named "Jaina").

Send messages in Russian language only (use a translator and/or messaging below). Be creative, send a picturesque postcard. Don't use symbols such as peace signs or rainbows, or LGBTI+ imagery; Don't make reference to Ukraine (including use of yellow/blue colors) or Putin; Don't mention Amnesty International as Amnesty is listed as "undesirable" in Russia.

Address to send solidarity card:

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SAMPLE MESSAGING

Mark, we are with you!
Марк, мы с тобой!
Mark, we support you!
Марк, мы поддерживаем тебя!
Greetings from [your city name]
Привет из [your city name] "

WORK BY MARK

Poems Written by Mark in Prison:
<https://bit.ly/475R1Xq>

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FOR MARK**

