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INDIGENOUS LEADER AND CLIMATE ACTIVIST FACING 20 YEAR SENTENCE



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Daria Egereva is an Indigenous rights defender, climate leader, and a voice for the Selkup people of Western Siberia. She has spent years advocating for Indigenous cultures, languages, women's rights, and climate justice—carrying her community's stories from remote northern lands to the halls of the United Nations. Egereva is co-chair of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change and is a contributing author of several advisory reports reflecting indigenous perspectives related to climate issues. In December 2025, after returning from COP30 in Brazil where she represented Indigenous peoples in global climate negotiations, Daria was detained in Moscow. Russian authorities charged her with “participation in a terrorist organization” for her peaceful work with the Aborigen Forum, an Indigenous advocacy network. She now faces up to 20 years in prison. Her arrest came alongside raids on dozens of other Indigenous activists, signaling a sweeping crackdown on Indigenous civil society.

SEND A SOLIDARITY MESSAGE:

WRITE

A message of support can give hope and strength to someone jailed or threatened for speaking out, as well as their family members.

Former prisoners of conscience and other individuals who were wrongfully detained say solidarity cards helped them endure prison and sometimes even led to better treatment when authorities saw the global support they were receiving.

Keep messages kind, simple, and non-political. Do not mention Amnesty International, religious or political references, or details of the individual's case, as prison authorities may block delivery.

Messaging can include:

You are not forgotten. We are thinking of you and standing with you. People around the world are holding you in their hearts. Your courage inspires so many of us. Sending you strength, hope, and solidarity. I am sending you support and hoping for your freedom and safety.

SEND

Get creative—make your own card or choose one with a cheerful image. You can share a poem or drawing as well!

Mail your solidarity cards to: AIUSA, 89 South Street, Suite LL01, Boston, Ma 02111

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