

President  
Vladimir Vladimirovič Putin  
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Dear President,

Oyub Titiev is a Chechen human rights defender and the director of Memorial in Grozny. On 9 January 2018, he was arbitrary detained on the basis of a fabricated charge of drug possession and forced to confess under torture. Several months before his arrest Oyub worked on a case in which 27 people from Chechnya allegedly disappeared and were shot dead by the police on the night of 26 January 2017.

I thus call on you to ensure that:

- Charges against Oyub Titiev are dropped and he is released immediately and unconditionally;
- Human rights organizations, such as Memorial are able to work without fear of persecution and intimidation;
- Russia demonstrates true commitment to fulfilling its international human rights obligations and provides full support and protection to human rights defenders.

Sincerely,