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RIA Novosti Journalist Kyrylo Vyshynsky Held on Treason Allegations in Ukraine

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

📍 1 Journalist in detention

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and imprisonment of journalists

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Kyrylo Vyshynsky, a Ukrainian journalist working for Russia's state-run news agency RIA Novosti in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, was detained on 15 May 2018 on allegations of treason. His arrest came hours before raids by Ukrainian security service (SBU) at the news agency's offices. According to media reports, the authorities suspected Vyshynsky, who was granted Russian citizenship in 2015 by Presidential decree, of allegedly collaborating with Ukrainian armed separatists in Eastern Ukraine. The prosecuting officials in Kyiv also accused him of allegedly subversive reporting to justify Moscow's annexation of Crimea in 2014, media reports added. 51-year-old Vyshynsky joined RIA Novosti in 2015 after having worked for several Ukrainian media outlets and Russia's state television channel Rossiya as its correspondent in Kyiv.

UPDATES

12 Apr 2019: On 4 April 2019, the trial against Kyrylo Vyshynsky began in Kyiv's Podil District Court. Mr Vyshynsky faces up to 15 years in prison, if found guilty of treason charges against him.

🔗 Article by RadioFreeEurope: "Head Of Russian News Agency's Office In Ukraine Goes On Trial For Treason"

14 Feb 2019: On 8 February 2019, the court in Kherson extended until 8 April 2019 the arrest of Kyrylo Vyshynsky.

🔗 Article by RFE/RL : "Український суд продовив арешт журналісту Кириллу Вышинському "

02 Jan 2019: On 27 December 2018, a Kherson court has extended Kyrylo Vyshynsky's arrest until 27 January.

➔ Article by RFE/RL : "Главе "РИА Новости Украина" Вышинскому вновь продлили арест "

02 Nov 2018: On 1st November 2018, the Kherson City Court extended for the third time the pre-trial detention of Kyrylo Vyshynsky until 28 December 2018.

03 Oct 2018: On 26 September 2018, Vyshynsky's custody was extended until 4 November 2018.

17 May 2018: On 17 May 2018, a court ordered Kyrylo Vyshynsky held for two months detention on high treason charges.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

➔ Article by CPJ: "Treason trial of Russian state media journalist begins in Ukraine"

➔ CPJ's 2018 annual report on jailed journalists: Kirill Vyshynsky

STATE REPLIES



12 Jul 2018 | Reply from the Government of Ukraine

➔ Official position of Ukraine

FOLLOW-UPS

OSCE 29 Oct 2018 | OSCE Representative expresses serious concern about lasting pre-trial detention of journalist Kirill Vyshinsky in Ukraine.

➔ Statement by Harlem Désir

OSCE 16 May 2018 | OSCE Representative raises concern over raid against Russian News Agency and TV today in Ukraine

➔ Statement by Harlem Désir

JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION

Currently in detention (1):

Kyrylo Vyshynsky