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## Russian Journalists Deported from Ukraine

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On 30 August 2017, the spokesperson of the Ukrainian State Security Service (SBU), Olena Gitlyanska, reported that Russia's Channel One journalist Anna Kurbatova is accused of spreading anti-Ukrainian propaganda and will be deported to the Russian Federation. "The Russian propagandist Anna Kurbatova will be forcibly returned to Russia," wrote Olena Gitlayanska in a Facebook post on Wednesday 30 August. "At the moment, the necessary documents are being processed for her official deportation. It will be the same with anyone who allows themselves to discredit Ukraine." Anna Kurbatova was deported and banned from entering Ukraine for three years.

On 14 August 2017, Tamara Nersesyan, another Russian journalist working for the All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company (VGTRK), was deported from Ukraine. The SBU decided to bar her from entering Ukraine for three years, according to journalist Nersesyan, because of her reporting, which, officials told the journalists, inflamed the conflict in eastern Ukraine and posed a threat to Ukrainian security and territorial integrity.

The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Harlem Désir, called on Ukraine not to arrest and deport journalists from other OSCE participating States.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Article published by RFE/RL: "Ukraine Expels Russian State TV Journalist Despite OSCE Condemnation"
-  Article published by Reuters: "Ukraine preparing to deport Russian journalist for 'propaganda'"
-  Statement by the EFJ: "Russian journalist deported and banned from Ukraine"

➔ Report published on the Mapping Media Freedom platform: "Russian state TV journalist deported on three year ban"

➔ Article published by Novorossia (in Russian)

➔ Statement by the Russian Union of Journalists (in Russian)

## STATE REPLIES



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➔ Official position of Ukraine

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