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## A Reference Information Website Arbitrarily Blocked in Russia

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**PARTNER: RSF**

The reference opposition news website Grani.ru has been blocked in Russia since 13 March 2014, along with Kasparov.ru and EJ.ru. The communications regulatory agency Roskomnadzor announced that they “were added to the unified register of banned content at the request of the prosecutor general’s office of the Russian Federation”. It added that Grani.ru, Kasparov.ru and EJ.ru “are disseminating calls for participation in unauthorized mass actions.” Blockings by the prosecutor-general’s office and Roskomnadzor without reference to a judge if websites are deemed to be “extremist” are allowed under the so-called “Lugovoi law”, passed by the Russian Parliament in December 2013. RSF expressed its alarm at the time about the broad and vague character of the concept of “extremism”, which includes calling for unauthorized demonstrations.”


### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [Article on the RSF website on "More draconian legislation – how far will the Duma go?"](#)
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