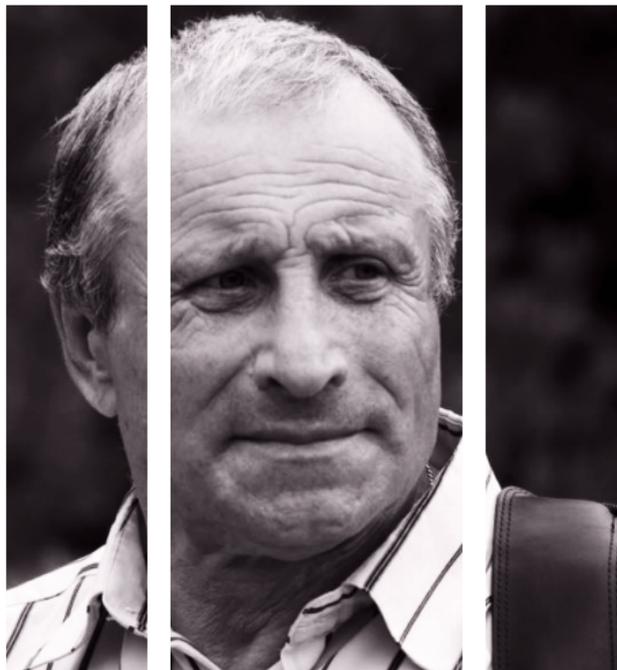


Mykola Semena



Ukrainian journalist, member of PEN Ukraine

Engaged in journalism for 50 years, 30 out of them in Crimea. He has written for Ukrainian editions "Den", "Dzerkalo Tyzhnia" and "Radio Svoboda".

In 2016, Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) accused Semena of public calls for violation of territorial integrity of Russia. The pretext for accusations was one of his publications.

The journalist denies all of the accusations.

22 September 2017, Russian-controlled Court in Simferopol sentenced the journalist to 2,5 years of conditional jail-time and a ban to engage in public activities for 3 years. The term was later adjusted and reduced to two years. In the case of its violation, Semena faces imprisonment.

"The main goal of occupants is to gain unquestionable subordination. The least resistance - either moral or physical - is cruelly repressed," Mykola Semena, September 2016.

Oleg Sentsov



Ukrainian filmmaker, screenwriter, writer

Born in Simferopol (Crimea).

In 2012, he directed his first feature film "Camer" / "Hamer". He was preparing for the filming of "Rhino".

In 2013-2014, he supported the Maidan. During annexation of Crimea, he was helping Ukrainian soldiers and their families. He does not recognize Crimea as part of Russia.

In 2014, he was arrested by Russian occupation authorities and sentenced to 20 years of imprisonment on fabricated terrorism charges.

He is serving in a strict regime colony in the town of Labytnangi, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Russia.

In 2015, international Human Rights Center "Memorial" acknowledged Oleg Sentsov as a political prisoner.

In May of 2018, Oleg declared a hunger strike demanding release for all Ukrainian political prisoners in Russia and occupied Crimea.

The hunger strike lasted for 145 days.

In 2018, Sentsov became the laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought established by the European Parliament.

"I do not know the value of one's beliefs if one is not ready to suffer for them, or die," Oleg Sentsov, August 2015.

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Roman Sushchenko



Ukrainian journalist, news agency "Ukrinform" correspondent in France

30 September 2016, Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) employees detained Sushchenko in Moscow, where he arrived to visit his relatives. Since 2010, he has permanently resided with his family in France, but frequently traveled to Russia due to family matters.

A case of 'espionage' was opened against the journalist. However, its nature and details are unknown because of the categorization of the case as a 'state secret'. The journalist denies all of the accusations.

4 June 2018, Moscow Court convicted Sushchenko and sentenced him to 12 years in a strict regime colony. The session was held behind closed doors.

He is serving his sentence in the Kirov region, Russia.

"It is impossible to imagine imprisonment until you experience it yourself," Roman Sushchenko, December 2018.

Stanislav Aseev



Ukrainian writer, journalist, member of PEN Ukraine

Lived and worked in Donetsk. When Russian-controlled militia "DNR" began the occupation of the areas of Donetsk region, he stayed in the city. He started working with several Ukrainian nationwide editions. Under the pseudonym of Stanislav Vasin, he described everyday life on the occupied territories.

In summer of 2017, the connection with Stanislav was lost. "DNR" militants confirmed that he is in captivity of the militia. Aseev faced an accusation of espionage. According to the journalist, he was beaten and tortured. ***"Having decided to stay in the "DNR", I was resolved to scrutinize the war closely, and not to hide from it in the basements and bomb shelters. One can understand the events to the fullest degree only by staying in close touch with what happens behind the walls of your room or apartment,"*** Stanislav Aseev, March 2015.