


# U.S. Warns Belarus

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Monday urged Belarus to release opposition leaders and activists detained after the disputed December presidential election or face coordinated sanctions from Washington and Brussels.

“The only way for the Belarussian government to avoid targeted sanctions is to change its policy ... [and] to release those detained and drop the charges against them,” U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Melia told reporters in Minsk. 

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