

Opposition Figure Stops Hunger Strike

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Arrested opposition activist Sergei Krivov, who has been on a hunger strike since Dec. 14, has started accepting food after an "explanatory conversation" with prison officials, a spokesman for the Federal Prison Service said.

Sergei Tsygankov told Interfax on Friday that Krivov would now be fed under the supervision of a prison doctor, adding that Krivov's health was "satisfactory."

Krivov, 51, started refusing food in protest of a court's decision to prolong his arrest for his alleged role in a May 6 opposition rally on Bolotnaya Ploshchad, at which more than 400 protesters were detained for clashing with police. Rights defenders said Krivov had lost more than 17 kilograms since being detained Oct. 18.

Krivov, an activist with the liberal "Republican Party Party of People's Freedom," faces up to eight years behind bars on charges of taking part in riots and inflicting physical harm on law enforcement officials.

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