

# Clinton Praises Pussy Riot as 'Strong and Brave'

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WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton has praised the Russian punk band Pussy Riot as "strong and brave young women" who "refuse to let their voices be silenced."

The former secretary of state posted a picture to her more than 1 million Twitter followers of her posing with group members Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alyokhina.

Clinton and the band met while attending the Women in the World Summit in New York on Friday.

Clinton's tweet read: "Great to meet the strong & brave young women from #PussyRiot, who refuse to let their voices be silenced in #Russia."

Members of Pussy Riot have been arrested on several occasions for protesting against the Russian government and criticizing President Vladimir Putin, including during the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

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