

Russia Arrests in Absentia Feminist Activist Marshenkulova for ‘Justifying Terrorism’

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Zalina Marshenkulova. [Zalina Marshenkulova / Instagram](#)

A Moscow court on Friday [ordered](#) the arrest in absentia of exiled feminist activist Zalina Marshenkulova for “justifying” the killing of a pro-war blogger.

Russian investigators last month [charged](#) Marshenkulova with “justifying terrorism,” a crime punishable by up to seven years in prison, over an April 2023 Telegram post about the death of pro-war blogger Vladlen Tatarsky, who was killed in a St. Petersburg bomb attack.

In that post, she [wrote](#) that expressing condolences over Tatarsky’s death was “hypocritical.”

Moscow’s Perovsky District Court ruled Friday to place Marshenkulova in pre-trial detention for two months once she is detained or extradited to Russia. State media previously reported that law enforcement authorities believe the activist currently resides in Germany.

Marshenkulova [responded](#) to the news of her arrest in absentia on Friday by referencing a

provocative 2019 Reebok ad that featured her and the quote: “Don’t sit around waiting for a man’s approval — sit on a man’s face.”

“No thanks, I’ll sit on a face for now,” she wrote in response to a pro-war blogger’s crude prison-related joke.

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