

Court Rejects Navalny Ally Fadeyeva's Appeal Against 9-Year 'Extremism' Sentence

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Ksenia Fadeyeva in court. t.me/mizafadeevu

A court in Siberia has rejected an appeal by Ksenia Fadeyeva, an ally of the late Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, against her nine-year prison sentence for “extremism,” local media [reported](#) Tuesday.

Fadeyeva, Navalny's former regional coordinator in the city of Tomsk, was among his few allies who remained in Russia despite the risk of criminal prosecution after his political network was outlawed as “extremist” in 2021. Fadeyeva was detained later that year and, last December, [sentenced](#) after being found guilty of creating an “extremist organization.”

A Tomsk District Court board ruled Tuesday to turn down Fadeyeva's appeal and keep her in a prison colony for nine years, according to the TV2 Telegram news channel.

The appeal hearing was held behind closed doors.

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“I’m still a deputy of the Tomsk city council and Tomsk residents have to know what’s happening with someone they have elected,” Fadeyeva, who was elected in 2020, [said](#) Thursday.

The court ruling came one day after the European Union imposed [sanctions](#) on several Russian judges, including three from Tomsk, for past rulings that it said had violated Navalny’s rights and freedoms.

One Tomsk judge was accused of imposing a “ban on certain actions” by Fadeyeva, according to the EU sanctions designation.

Navalny, Russia’s most prominent opposition figure, died at the age of 47 in early February while serving an “extremism” sentence at an Arctic penal colony.

Russia has used laws against entities designated as “extremist” or “terrorist” to hand out years-long jail sentences for Kremlin critics, including Navalny.

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