

# The Moscow Times Calls for Evan Gershkovich to Be Freed

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Evan Gershkovich. EPA / TASS

Our former colleague, Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, has been sentenced to 16 years in a high-security Russian prison for espionage following a sham trial in which no evidence was ever made public.

He, his employer and the U.S. government have categorically denied the charges against him.

Evan, a 32-year-old U.S. citizen, worked for The Moscow Times in Russia for three years. He is not a spy. He is a journalist who has been unjustly imprisoned for doing his job.

Instead of spending the past 15 months in Moscow's Lefortovo Prison, he should have been doing what he loves most — reporting on Russia.

We stand with Evan and join his employer, his family and friends in calling on the U.S. government to secure his release as soon as possible.

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