

Acts of Authoritarianism – Everyday Examples of Basic Rights Violations



Denial of Freedom of Movement

Belarusian-Lithuanian border

16 February Authorities uphold human rights activist Alena Tankachova's entry ban for Belarus despite her appeal to reduce it.

25 February Police hinders Alesia Sadouskaya's crossing of the border by demanding she leaves the train.

12 May Russian human rights defender Liliya Shibanova is removed from a train entering Belarus.

Brest

29 April Belarus-born Uladzislau Varaksin is claimed to be a stateless person and deported for 5 years.

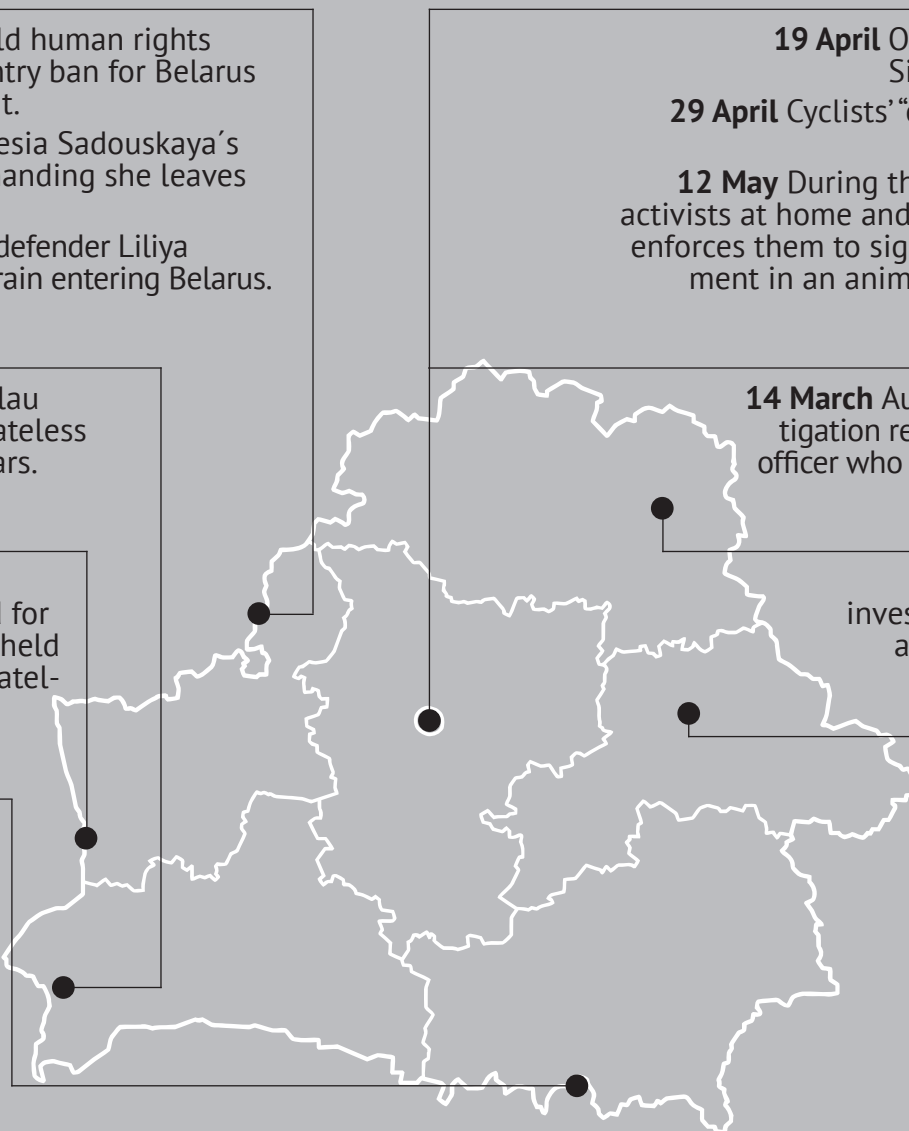
Belarusian-Polish border

12 April Opposition politician Mikalai Statkevich is detained for 4 hours at the border. A hand-held vacuum cleaner and several satellite dishes were confiscated.

Belarusian-Ukrainian border

18 March Ukrainian band "Fiolet" is banned from entering Belarus.

27 April Ukrainian MP Iryna Herashchenko, involved in the peace negotiations in Minsk, is banned from entering Belarus.



Minsk

19 April Opposition leader Viachaslau Siuchyuk detained and beaten.

29 April Cyclists' "critical mass" violently suppressed by the police.

12 May During the night, police visit several activists at home and by using arrest as a threat, enforces them to sign a report on their involvement in an animal-rights picket on April 17.



Police Violence

Minsk

14 March Authorities dropped the investigation regarding identification of the officer who broke a graffiti activist's jaw.



Police Impunity

Viciebsk

23 March Police refuses to investigate into their assault on activists in September 2015.

Mahiliou

3 May Court refuses to consider complaints about conditions in local detention center.

Period examined: 15 February to 24 May 2016

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