

Chechen human rights defender Oyub Titiev was arrested on false drug possession accusations on 9 January 2018 and has remained in detention ever since. On 11 January 2018, he was ordered to be held on remand for two months by the court.

I respectfully call on the Russian authorities to release Oyub Titiev immediately and unconditionally, and to drop all charges against him, as he is a prisoner of conscience detained solely in connection with his legitimate human rights work.

I strongly call on the authorities to ensure that human rights organisations in Russia, and in Chechnya specifically, including Human Rights Centre Memorial, can work without fear of persecution and intimidation.

Sincerely yours,