

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Open Letter to the Belarusian authorities

Subject: Liberation of the political prisoner Ihar Losik and other innocent detainees

Dear Members of the Belarusian government,

The blogger Ihar Losik is undergoing protracted detention and isolation for crimes he did not commit. No one deserves to be unfairly detained and kept away from their children and wives or husbands for such a long time. We hope that this heartfelt letter will light a spark of conscience, which we are convinced still exists, and let you and the investigators reassess the validity of the charges brought against him, despite the clear lack of evidence. The decision to go on hunger strike is an extreme call for help: free him before it is too late.

Many other innocent detainees are currently suffering the same unjust fate. Let these political prisoners return to their families, away from the cold walls of the prisons and wrapped in the family warmth they desperately need in these perilous times.

Yours Sincerely,

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