

## **Justice for Anna Politkovskaya**

We have all been shocked by the news of **Anna Politkovskaya's** murder. Her commitment to exposing authoritarian abuses in Vladimir Putin's Russia and the "dirty war" in Chechnya had made her a symbol of democratic conscience in both Russia and the West.

We are now demanding that the competent authorities – under the United Nations or Council of Europe aegis for example – **create an international commission** of enquiry in order to establish the truth about Anna Politkovskaya's murder on 7 October in Moscow.

Twenty one journalists have already been murdered since Putin became Russia's president in March 2000. Most of these murders has not been solved. The murder of Politkovskaya, one of the few reporters to have covered the situation in Chechnya since 1999, one who had received many international awards for her work, has taken Russia across a new threshold of horror.

Despite the very sharp reactions that her murder has elicited from the international community, we know that we can too easily forget a tragedy as others replace it in our minds. We must keep this campaign going so that Anna is not forgotten, and we must demand concrete measures to ensure justice is done.

Support us by signing the petition calling for an international commission of enquiry.

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**We demand the creation of an international commission of enquiry to establish the truth about Anna Politkovskaya's murder on 7 October in Moscow. We call for justice to be done with the utmost transparency and for an end to impunity for those who murder journalists.**




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