

Today we sound the full alarm. ALL Chechnyan LGBT lives are on the line with an anti-LGBT purge taking place in Chechnya right now. The Russian journalists who broke the story were also targeted. We urge you to act and encourage friends to do the same.

Credible sources report an imminent threat to the very existence of Gay men in Chechnya. Russian news reports that President Ramzan Kadyrov said he plans to “eliminate” all gay men in the country by the start of Ramadan, May 26. That’s just 28 days from today.

Human Rights Watch – based on reports of escapee-survivors – confirms that the effort involves a deliberate and purposeful campaign of identifying gay men, hunting them down, sending them to prison camps and then starving, beating and torturing them. At least 100 have already been taken. Several have already been killed as torturers use heinous methods to force suspected gay men to identify even more. Several groups including the U.S.-based Outright International have helped more than 30 others escape.

News ekes out and some cannot be made public for security reasons. We do not have all of the answers but we must do everything in our power to stop this purge– and with just 28 days left according to Kadyrov – time is of the essence. International attention is critical according to the [Moscow Times](#).

ACT NOW:

MAY 5 PROTEST IN FRONT OF EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV



MAY 5 PROTEST IN FRONT OF RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV (AND ELSEWHERE?)

In light of the urgency of situation, Aguda, Israel’s National LGBT Task Force has initiated a May 5, 11 a.m. protest in front of Russia’s embassy in Tel Aviv against the persecution of LGBT people taking place in Chechnya. Aguda urges LGBT citizens allies in Europe and around the world to hold their own events “demanding that the Russian government and the international community stop these atrocities!”

http://awiderbridge.org/never-again-international-protest-at-the-russian-embassy/?mc_cid=2869b5582c&mc_eid=631088cf34

<https://www.facebook.com/TheAGUDA/photos/gm.756023794562330/1506353502749944/?type=3&theater>

WRITE TO STOP THE CAPTURES AND KILLINGS

Outright International: Write to Corporations

<https://www.outrightinternational.org/.../outright-calls-exxo...>

Amnesty International: Write to Russian officials: <https://www.amnesty.org/.../chechnya-stop-abducting-and-kill.../>

AllOut: Write to Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

[petition 2](#),

Write to Russian Officials:

[petition 1](#),

Human Rights First: Write to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson

http://actions.humanrightsfirst.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=12823

DONATE TO HELP LGBT PEOPLE ESCAPE CHECHNYA

Russian LGBT Network, runs the hotline and is the main group helping LGBT people escape Chechnya.

<https://www.lgbtnet.org/en/endonate> (in English)

<https://lgbtnet.org/ru> (in Russian)

ILGA-Europe is also highly involved in monitoring the situation and supporting the Russian LGBT network as well as engaging the European institutions to pressure Russia for a genuine investigation, says Outright International.

<http://www.ilga-europe.org/chechnya/what-can-you-do>

Rainbow Railroad, a Canadian group

Read here: <http://www.advocate.com/.../human-rights-group-hopes-evacuate...>

Donate here: <https://www.rainbowrailroad.ca/>

Allout, an International group:

Donate here: [fundraiser](#).