

Who appoints a human rights expert in Belarus?

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Who can submit information about the human rights situation in Belarus?

The UN Group of Independent Experts on the Human Rights Situation in Belarus invites individuals, groups and organizations to submit information and documentation relevant to the mandate of the examination of the human rights situation in Belarus. The deadline for submission is 30 November 2024.

What is Belarus' new human rights body?

The new body - which was advocated for by Belarusian and international rights groups, including Human Rights Watch - has a mandate to investigate grave ongoing abuses, collect and preserve evidence of international crimes, and identify those responsible, building on the work of the UN Human Rights Office's own investigation.

Is there justice for human rights abuses in Belarus?

There is currently no meaningful avenue to justice for such abuses within Belarus and very few avenues in international fora. In 2022, Belarusian authorities officially blocked victims of human rights violations from bringing their complaints before the UN's Human Rights Committee.

Does Belarus have a human rights problem?

Belarus continued to allow Russian forces to use the country's territory in Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. In February, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) reported on systematic, widespread, and gross human rights violations committed in Belarus, concluding that some may amount to crimes against humanity.

How many political prisoners are in Belarus?

Between October 2022 and September 2023, according to leading Belarusian human rights organization Viasna, more than 400 people were sentenced on politically motivated criminal charges, and another 3,300 faced politically motivated administrative charges. At time of writing, Viasna's count of political prisoners was 1,462.



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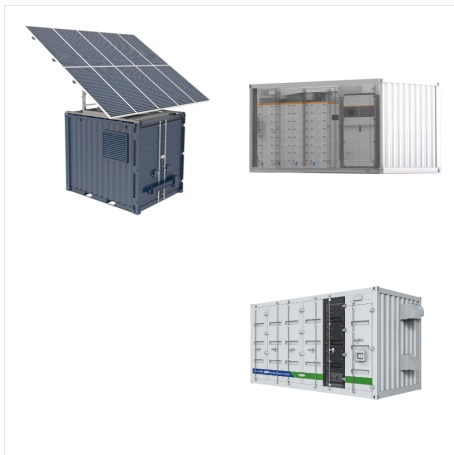
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Council Urgently Establishes Group of Three Independent Experts on the Situation of Human Rights in Belarus, Extends 11 Country and Four Thematic Mandates. The Human Rights Council today concluded its fifty-fifth regular session after adopting 32 resolutions, and two decisions.



Sweden's solidarity with the people in Belarus in their desire to exercise their human rights is solid. As a result of systemic repression, there are more than 1 000 political prisoners in Belarus. Those arbitrarily detained must be immediately and unconditionally released.



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Today, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a resolution establishing a new investigative body to advance accountability for international crimes committed by Belarusian authorities.



In a resolution on the situation of human rights in Belarus, adopted by a vote of 24 in favour, 6 against and 17 abstentions, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus for a period of one year.



The Human Rights Council this afternoon adopted seven resolutions, urgently establishing a group of three independent experts on the situation of human rights in Belarus, and extending mandates on the Democratic People's Republic ???