



# Alexey Navalny

Politician

## 19 years of imprisonment

“You may now think that I am crazy, and you are all normal, because you can not swim against the current,” Alexey Navalny, Russia’s most famous opposition leader, addressed the judges at his another trial in July 2023.— “I think you’re the one who’s gone mad. You have a single, God-given life, and what did you decide to spend it on? To put robes on your shoulders and black masks on your head and protect those who are also robbing you? To help someone who has ten palaces build the eleventh?”

A few days later, Navalny was sentenced to 19 years in prison for financing extremism, creating an extremist community and calling for extremism on the Internet. By this time, Navalny was already in prison, where a closed trial of him was held.

In the summer of 2020, Navalny became ill on board of a plane, the politician fell into a coma and was hospitalised in Omsk. Due to public pressure, Navalny was transferred to the Charité clinic in Germany a few days later. The German government said that Navalny was poisoned with a nerve agent of the Novichok group. Independent journalistic investigations later proved that the FSB tried to kill Navalny, the same agents tried to poison the politician Vladimir Kara-Murza (twice), the writer Dmitry Bykov and other opposition figures.

Despite the obvious risk of incarceration, Navalny returned to Russia in January 2021.

He was arrested right at the airport.

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