



4 August

The International Day of Solidarity with Civil Society of Belarus

**Injustice anywhere is a threat
to justice everywhere**

(Martin Luther King)

**Join the International Day of Solidarity
with Civil Society of Belarus**

On August 4, 2011 Ales Bialiatski, famous human rights activist from Belarus, chair of Human Rights centre «Viasna», vice president of the International Federation for Human Rights was arrested.

With this action we want to draw attention to the situation in Belarus and to show solidarity with the people who are fighting for freedom facing constant pressure and harassment.

We believe that freedom should have no borders, - the situation in Belarus is a common challenge for civil society throughout Europe and Eurasia. All this space can not be considered a territory of freedom, while there are countries where it is threatened - such as Belarus.

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Valentin Akudovich

(1950)

Belarusian writer, philosopher.

"You must do what you think is necessary for freedom to come, to twist in a new light bulb, to say the saleswoman "dzyaky" [thank you]... Spring comes not because she must to, but because we are waiting for her. I shovel off the snow from my threshold, and the spring comes faster!.."

In 1980 he graduated from the Literature Institute n.a. M.Gorky. Before he started writing for various media, he had worked on a bread-baking plant, motor depot, in the House of Pioneers, at the school of tourism in Minsk. In 90s he was deputy editor and then the first assistant of the editor-in-chief of the "culture" magazine. Later he became the editor-in-chief himself in the philosophic magazine "Fragments". He is also the writer-inspirer of the artist association "Boom-Bam-Lit".

In 1998 the thinker wrote a book "There's no me. The reflection on the ruins of a man", which made him the cult figure of the Belarusian philosophic thought in the 90s. Later he wrote the books "To ruin Paris", "Dialogues with God", "The Absence Code", "The Archipelago Belarus", "The Book about Nothing", notable for its originality and the depth of thought. His distinct texts have been published in the USA and a number of European countries, including Russia. The central topic of his works is the metaphysics of absence.

Valentin Akudovich is considered to have created national philosophic thinking, and in his search he managed to "come to the self-sufficient European scope of statement and comprehension of high philosophic problems".

Writer, laureate of several literature awards, including the Ales Adamovich award of the.