



# 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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# *Wincenty Konstanty Kalinowski*

*(1838 – 1864)*

Publicist, poet, one of the leaders of the rebellion of 1863 on the territory of Russian Empire.

**Not people for government, but government for people.**

**Whom do you love? I love Belarus. So it's mutual!" – the password of the rebels).**

Graduate from the faculty of law of St. Petersburg university, creator and leader of the revolutionary organisation in Grodno, author and editor of the "Commonman's truth", that was published since 1862.

Kalinowski promoted the theory of the social progressive development, that was created by Polish and Russian revolutionary democrats. With this theory he argued that it is necessary to struggle for the new social order, to confirm new and just social structure and to uphold equality. The thought of the inevitable coming of the better life for the people was repeatedly brought up by him on the pages of "Commonman's truth" and "Letters from beneath the Gallows". In his "Letters from beneath the Gallows" he admitted that the struggle with autocracy is incredibly hard, but it will lead to victory through the revolutionary union of peoples.

At the age of 25 Kastus Kalinowski was executed on 10 March, 1864 on Lukiskes Square in Vilnius. Owing to the courage and firmness of this revolutionary, thousands of people were saved. Gendarmes didn't manage to get the evidence of the membership of the revolutionary organisation.