

Press Releases: The Passing of Human Rights Defender Ludmilla Mikhailovna Alexeeva

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Today, on International Human Rights Day, we mark with deep sorrow the passing in Russia of one of the world's great defenders of human rights, Ludmilla Mikhailovna Alexeeva, who died on December 8 at the age of 91. Until the last, she was a force for human dignity, inspiring and mentoring multiple generations of citizen activists in her native country. Her death is a profound loss to all who work for the cause of freedom in Russia and across the globe, and it comes at a time when human rights, and the men and women who courageously champion them, are under severe pressure in Russia and in many other countries. Ludmilla Alexeeva's lifelong efforts on behalf of human rights are lasting contributions to a freer, more peaceful world.

We extend our deepest condolences to Ludmilla Alexeeva's son Michael, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and to her colleagues in Russia's human rights community, who, cherishing her memory, will carry on.

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