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Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
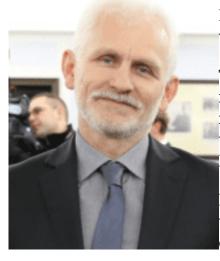Dr. Ales Bialiatski, 2020

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BELARUS. 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR THE 60-YEAR-OLD NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE, DR. PHIL. ALES BIALIATSKI.

Ales Bialiatski, Dez. 2014, CC BY-SA 3.0 pl

His last words in court: "This civil war must end! I hope you will hear me"

The International Society for Human Rights urges the EU to intensify support for the Belarusian democracy movement. This is not only necessary for moral reasons, but also strengthens the negotiating position of the Ukrainians against Putin's Russia.

In the summer of 2020, hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets in Belarus. We remember the overwhelming images of peaceful mass protests in the red and white colors of the democracy movement. It almost seemed as if this mass movement could undergo a historical change.

But with Putin's backing and quick injections of billions, the Belarusian dictator Alexander Lukashenko managed to maintain and expand his surveillance- and police state.

The peaceful demonstrators were brutally clubbed, monitored, hounded and locked away.

"We will hunt them down and we will find them all," Lukashenko reorted to Putin.

Tens of thousands have had to flee their homes and under Lukashenko there is no turning

Ales Bialiatski, 3.3.2023, Lenin-court, Minsk

In this respect, the presentation of the highest award that the western world has to offer, the Nobel Peace Prize, to Ales Bialitski on December 10 last year was a ray of hope for everyone.

But while Putin's regime in Ukraine has been responsible for the worst European catastrophe since the Second World War for more than a year, his stattholder in Belarus is once again sending a scornfully diabolical signal to the EU: "10 years in prison for Nobel Peace Prize laureate Ales Bialistki".

The renewed outcry of the civilized world must not again fade away now. The EU urgently needs to intensify its support for the Belarusian democracy movement, and not just for moral reasons, strengthening it also weakens the Putin regime.