



Marfa Rabkova is the coordinator of Viasna's Volunteer Service and an EHU student.

Her active participation helped organize dozens of observations of peaceful assemblies, more than 100 court hearings of charges brought against peaceful protesters and numerous trainings for new volunteers.

In 2020, Marfa Rabkova recruited and trained short-term observers for the Human Rights Defenders for Free Elections observation initiative. During and after the election, she actively participated in the organization of assistance to repressed activists and their families, documenting the testimonies of victims of torture of detained protesters.

On September 17, Marfa Rabkova was detained in Minsk by law enforcement officers. She was charged under Part 3 of Art. 293 of the Criminal Code, "training or other preparation of persons to participate in riots, or funding such activities."

Viasna considers the criminal prosecution of Martha to be politically motivated and linked to her human rights activities.

Marfa Rabkova has been supported by both Belarusian and international human rights organizations, including Amnesty International, Front Line Defenders, the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Civic Solidarity Platform, Belarusian Helsinki Committee, Barys Zvozkau Belarusian Human Rights House, Legal Initiative, Belarusian Association of Journalists, Human Constanta and many others.

Marfa Rabkova was called a political prisoner and a prisoner of conscience.

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