



Coalition of Russian Independent Media

Putin's invasion of Ukraine not only brought great suffering to the Ukrainian people and exacerbated the international situation, but also radically changed the socio-political situation inside Russia.

The country has de facto abolished freedom of speech and peaceful assembly and introduced wartime censorship.

In early March 2022 Russia passed a "fake news law", and since then hundreds of journalists have left and continue to leave the country to avoid being convicted under the law. All journalists who refer to the war as a "war" rather than a "special operation" in their publications face up to 15 years in prison in Russia.

All of the large and influential Russian independent media outlets have been forced to close their editorial offices in Russia and are now moving them to other countries in order to continue informing readers and viewers about what is happening in Russia. For The Moscow Times, the oldest independent publication about Russia in English (and now in Russian), Amsterdam and Yerevan have become new homes.

Together we can do more!

The biggest Dutch publishing house, **DPG media**, provides us with technical and administrative support.

Three authoritative and influential Russian independent media – **Dozhd**, **Meduza**, **The Moscow Times** – are announcing the formation of a

Coalition of Russian Independent Media

The goal of the Coalition is to better counter Putin's propaganda and be better able to inform Russians and people in other parts of the world about what is really happening in and around Russia.

This coalition is open for other quality Russian independent media.

Who are the members of the Coalition



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Dozhd (or TV Rain), is an independent Russian television channel launched in 2010.

It focuses on news, discussion, culture, politics, business reporting, and documentaries, and has earned a reputation as one of the most authoritative and nonKremlin-controlled TV channels in Russia.

On 1 March 2022, the Russian government blocked access to Dozhd in response to its coverage of the invasion of Ukraine by Putin's forces. The channel closed, announcing they would be "temporarily halting its operations", on 3 March 2022. Dozhd is going to relaunch broadcasting from Europe in 2022.

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The logo for Meduza, featuring the word "meduza" in a stylized, lowercase, orange font with a slight shadow effect, set against a dark grey rectangular background.

Meduza is an independent Russian media outlet founded in 2014 in Latvia by a group of professional Russian journalists who were forced to leave Russia because of political persecution.

In 2021 Meduza became the first Russian media outlet to receive the status "foreign agent (previously only received by NGOs and individuals).

This stigma shattered Meduza's business model - Russian advertisers and newsmakers began refusing to cooperate with the publication for fear of political reprisals from the authorities.

Nevertheless, Meduza continues to operate and remains one of the most popular and influential independent Russian media outlets.

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The  Moscow Times

The Moscow Times has been Russia's leading independent English-language media outlet since 1992.

Worldwide, themoscowtimes.com is recognized as the No. 1 source of independent news and analysis about Russia in English.

Since 2020, The Moscow Times expanded to Russian-language content at moscowtimes.ru and in social media in order to better serve our Russian audience.

Thirty years after its founding, The Moscow Times remains the only product of its kind, and its mission has not changed: The Moscow Times provide independent, unbiased journalism about and for Russia.