

## *Stop Political Terror in Russia*

**Editors:** I enclose an urgent appeal from the Praxis Research and Education Center in Moscow to help 'Stop Political Terror in Russia' – written after one of our close collaborators, a human rights lawyer, was murdered in a Moscow street last week. You can help by forwarding this appeal to others and by sending a personal protest to the Russian Federation Embassy. Please see email addresses and model protest letter below.

**Russian Embassies:**

russianembassy@mindspring.com (US), and  
office@rusemblon.org (UK)

### Model Letter

Mr. Ambassador, I am writing to express my concern about the Jan. 19 assassination of human rights lawyer Stanislav Markelov and young anti-fascist journalist Anastasia Baburova in Moscow in an atmosphere of increasing nationalist violence and legal impunity for killers. Please urge your Government to take strong and effective measures to reign in fascist violence, bring the perpetrators to justice and prevent future assaults on journalists, lawyers and human rights advocates – scandalous political crimes that seriously undermine the credibility of the Russian Federation in the international sphere. (signed, etc)

P.S. I also invite you to become part of an emergency email list I am creating to support Praxis and free thought against increasing repression in Russia. As many of you know, Praxis established the Victor Serge Public Library in Moscow back in 1997 to make non-Stalinist left-wing books in different languages available for the first time to Russian scholars and activists. Over the past ten years, Praxis has translated and published for the first time in Russian several works of Victor Serge as well Voline's *Unknown Revolution*, Rubels *Marx Against the Marxists* collections of papers of our annual International Conferences in Russia and Ukraine. Praxis also participates in social movements fighting for human rights and freedoms, social justice, popular self-government, environmental justice etc and puts out a paper, *Radical Thought* (now on line since our printer refused to print our criticisms of the government). Last week, the authorities informed us that the Serge Library (with

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over 6,000 books) is being evicted from the premises we occupy in Moscow, where for both political and financial reasons space is extremely difficult to find.

Please visit our Praxis website (in five languages) at [www.praxiscenter.ru](http://www.praxiscenter.ru) If you wish your address to be added to this emergency list, please send me back this email with the words 'Support Praxis.'

Yours in solidarity,

Richard Greeman,  
Secretary, Victor Serge Foundation  
Montpellier, France