



Schittich, Klaus (2025): Latvia: No jail for Tatjana, the letter campaign. Human rights correspond to human duties.
[Translation]

The text is slightly adapted for readers outside Germany.

[Original text see website post: <https://www.worldcitizens.de/a-w-c-beitrag/lettland-kein-knast-fuer-tatjana-die-briefaktion.html>]

Dear friends,

In our first article¹ on the case of Tatjana Andrijeca, an innocent student from Riga who is facing a life sentence, we wrote:

There are ways to take action yourself.

We think it makes sense to highlight the letter-writing campaign again here: **As many people as possible – from different countries – write a letter to the Latvian Minister of Justice.**

Why it is now up to us to act:

1. No one in her country can help Tatjana – except for one law firm. Anyone who publicly speaks out for her must expect to be charged and convicted as a dissident. The judiciary is not stingy when it comes to sentencing: three years, ten years, fifteen years, life imprisonment. That's a piece of cake for them. The expert opinion mentioned in the first article on Tatjana's case lists impressive cases of political justice in Latvia.

2. The civil liberties we enjoy here in a free country correspond to legally enshrined as well as to voluntarily agreed obligations. The "obligation to vote" is one such voluntary obligation; without it, the Federal Republic of Germany would not exist in its current form. Human rights apply everywhere; they include, among other things, the right to express political opinions, even if they are not to the liking of a government.

It is only logical to regard it as our fundamental duty to stand up and intervene where human rights are violated. As in the case of Tatjana, the young Latvian woman with Russian roots.

Or, as an African proverb² goes: As many small people as possible in

as many small places raise their voices for human rights and humanity.

Writing a letter is very easy.

1. Read my letter to the Latvian Minister of Justice³.
2. Write your own polite but firm letter to the minister. There are no "rules" for doing so; as an individual, you are fulfilling your human duty on your own.

If you would like some help with the wording of a short letter:

Date

Dear Minister

I am aware of the case of Tatjana Andriječa, a student from Riga. In the name of human rights and humanity, I urge you to ensure that Tatjana Andriječa is not subjected to an unjust sentence, but that the proceedings against her are dropped immediately.

Sincerely,

First and last name

City

Country

3. Send off your own letter.

Email address:

Email: inese.Libina-Egnere@tm.gov.lv

Postal address:

Minister for Justice of the Republic of Latvia

Ministry of Justice

36 Brīvības Boulevard,

Rīga, LV 1520

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And please don't forget: Don't keep your letter to the minister secret; write to your friends, including those in other countries (English versions of all posts about Tatjana are available in our 'Library'). Please also pass on our URL www.worldcitizens.de.

Sincerely

Yours

Klaus Schittich

August 10, 2025

Notes

1 <https://www.worldcitizens.de/d-i-b-beitraege/lettland-lettland-tatjana-gehoert-nicht-in-den-knast.html> [translation in the 'library']

2 'When many small people in many small places do many small things, they can change the face of the world.' This saying originally comes from Africa and is often used to convey the idea that even small actions by many people can have a big impact when combined.

3 <https://www.worldcitizens.de/bibliothek/schittich-klaus-2025-brief-zum-fall-tatjana-andrijeca.html>