

Green Party condemns atrocities in Chechnya



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The Green Party has condemned the anti-gay crackdown in Chechnya [1] and has called for the international community to pressure Russia to intervene.

More than 100 men have allegedly been rounded up and imprisoned in 'concentration camps' and tortured.

Aimee Challenor, Green Party equalities spokesperson, said:

"What we are seeing in Chechnya is torture. LGBTIQ+ people already face significant levels of abuse and no one should be imprisoned or face violence just for being LGBTIQ+. The international community needs to do more to end this persecution and bring an end to barbaric laws restricting the rights of LGBTIQ+ people.

"The Green Party supports the ongoing work of the Russian LGBT Network in the area. Our sympathy goes out to those who are facing the horrific violence in Chechnya and we stand determined in our push for acceptance and equality for all."

Notes:

1. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-39566136>

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