

STATEMENT:

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Statement from William Browder on Alexei Navalny court verdict:

"This is like 1937 all over again. Alexei Navalny is guilty of nothing other than challenging the stealing and the unprecedented corruption of Putin and his close circle.

Anyone watching his trial could see there was no basis for convicting him for anything.

Putin is now terrorizing his own people by showing that anyone who raises their voice about corruption and authoritarianism in Russia will be put in jail.

The whole world will be watching every step they take with Alexei Navalny to make sure that he doesn't end up like Sergei Magnitsky."

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