

Free Belarus Action 2010: why?

MORE THAN 100 CITIES PARTICIPATED ON THE NIGHT OF 16TH DECEMBER 2010 AT THE BIG STREET ACTION TO DEMAND DEMOCRACY IN BELARUS!

For the 6th time already, JEF organised its annual Free Belarus action. For the past five years, the action took place on the night of 18th March, the anniversary of the disputed presidential elections in Belarus in 2006. This year JEF Europe decided to organise, besides the 18th March action, a second one on -16th December, on the eve of the Belarusian presidential elections of 19th December, which were heavily criticised for their undemocratic preparation and conduct!

Violent victories are for losers - JEF supports the protesters in Belarus

In the wake of the presidential elections in Belarus, the Young European Federalists (JEF-Europe) condemned the unfair and unfree elections and the violent and undemocratic treatment of the opposition, protesters and the independent media by the state forces.

EU condemns Belarus' crackdown, U.S. describes Lukashenko's reelection as illegal

Philippe Adriaenssens, JEF president

"Many of the detainees were not given any water or food and their relatives were refused information as to their whereabouts and their court proceedings. In addition, the authorities have opened a criminal case on mass disorder and the night policy raided the offices of opposition candidates and human rights organisations such as "Viasna" (which had conducted local election observation) to arrest people, conduct searches and confiscate computer equipment and archives. Journalists were reported to have been beaten during the night."

OSCE final report on Belarus elections

"During the course of election day and night, OSCE/ODIHR EOM received credible reports on an increasing number of detentions and arrests throughout the country. Some 400 people, were detained on different charges across the country, among them candidates, activists, journalists and civil society representatives. Some presidential candidates were beaten up and the whereabouts of some are unknown."

Communicate the Action

The 'Action Pack'

The Action Pack is a complete presentation of the Free Belarus Action which explains well before the date of the Action the steps to be made in order to organize a successful street action. It contains the associate political messages and a presentation of its five years long "history".

The Action Pack was sent to all partners, patrons, JEF sections and several individual supporters. It was available on www.jef.eu.

jef.eu page created for the action (online registration)



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Communicate the Action

Press Releases

1st PR action oriented issued on 8th December 2010 "Why, when, how, who?"

2nd PR political message issued on 14th December 2010

"EU should act to support democracy and the European development of Belarus"

3rd PR before the election issued on 17th December 2010

"JEF has mobilised young people in the whole world with a common message: We care about human rights"

4th PR after elections issued on 21th December 2010

"A stable, democratic regime does not suppress the voice of the people and does not use violence."

- Translated into Belarusian and Russian (German/ French)
- Sent to all JEF sections and organizations/individuals partners
- Sent to all press institutions from JEF data base
- · Available on www.jef.eu





Communicate the Action

Facebook page

More than 1000 persons were Informed on Facebook about the political message and steps of the action.

Facebook picture

Working Group Communication created a special tool to create personalised Facebook profile pictures promoting the action.

Twitter account

@freebelarusjef
#freebelarus









Partner organizations

Partners:





The Norwegian Children and Youth Council





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Amnesty International Switzerland











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Liberal Alliance (Fileleftheri Symmahia) – Greece, Italy



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Partnership



An online petition addressed to the acting Belarusian President, Alexander Lukashenka, was published with the support of JEF Europe.

This petition was a joint initiative of Amnesty International, Libereco – Partnership for Human Rights, Östgruppen – Swedish Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights, Belarus Watch, People in Need, Association Human Rights in Belarus and Free Belarus Initiative.



"Extract":

Dear Mr. President

We, the undersigned, urge you to ensure that Belarus fulfils its human rights obligations, in particular, with the implementation of the following recommendations:

- to declare an immediate moratorium on executions and to abolish the death penalty......



Online activism



thenewfederalist.eu

Webzine of the Young European Federalists

A thematic week was launched on thenewfederalist.eu in order to draw attention to Belarus situation.

The following articles were published:

- ➤ thenewfederalist/ English version- 12 articles
- ➤ Eurobull/ Italian version 11 articles
- ➤ Treffpunkt Europa/German version 9 articles

Articles written from a range of perspectives and individuals / organisations including:

- JEF Members
- •The European Youth Forum
- Human rights organisations
- A young Belarusian
- •The Executive Bureau of JEF Europe





Media coverage

Belarus Action 2010 was supported by many individuals and press organizations.

According to the "Media monitoring report" available on jef.eu the main results are the following:

Number of news coverages:

by language 24 news coverages in Russian 12 news coverages in Belarusian World – 3 coverages Ukrainian – 2 coverages Germany – 2 coverage Switzerland – 1 coverage









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Young European Federalists Plan New Action of Solidarity with Belarus

Ahead of the upcoming presidential election in Belarus, the Young European Federalists plan to organize a pan-European solidarity action to demand the Belarusian government to hold the election free and transparent. Considering that the European leadership has virtually given up demanding this and seems to have nearly accepted the new reelection of the current Belarusian president, this action is especially important

New elections will be held in Belarus on 19 December. Media, academics and NGO representatives announce already that they will be neither free nor fair.

This is why JEF is organising the 6th edition of its pan-European Belarus action on Thursday 16 December! All sections, NGOs and activists in Europe and across the globe are called upon to join in a massive protest against the last dictatorship on the European continent and ask for the democratisation of the country. The people in Belarus must be given a real choice as well as a voice to speak up!

The action will consist of

- The traditional gagging of statutes in the streets. Pictures will be uploaded on JEF's Flickr account.
- A number of Press Releases, also in Russian and Belarussian
- Facebook and Twitter campaigns. Follow us on Twitter via: @freebelarusjef
- A dedicated week of articles about Belarus on www.thenewfederalist.eu
- Lobby actions among political decision-makers in Brussels or elsewhere

Stay tuned for more info coming soon! We are counting on your support and involvement!

Read more on jef.communicate-europe.co.uk

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6-я акцыя JEF-Europe «Свабодная Беларусь» Newsblog Палітыка Грамадзтва Культура Злароўе Блогі

14.12.2010 20:19

Радыё Свабода Маладыя эўрапейскія фэдэралісты (арганізацыя JEF-Europe) абвясьцілі аб правядзеньні 16 сьнежня чарговай. шостай па піку міжнаролнай акцыі «Свабодная Беларусь». Летась у падобным мерапрыемстве адначасова ўзялі ўдзел актывісты з найменей як 125 гарадоў ва ўсім ChRelle.

Як паведамляецца на сайце арганізацыі, сёлетняя імпрэза адбудзецца за тры дні да прэзыдэнцкіх выбараў у Беларусі, якія ўжо цяпер «шмат хто называе недэмакратычнымі і несвабоднымі». Паводле традыцыі, удзельнікі вулічных акцыяў у розных гарадах сьвету ўначы прыйдуць да вядомых гарадзкіх статуяў, каб завязаць кожнай рот стужкай з надпісам «Дайце голас людзям у Беларусі — Свабодная

Іншыя артыкулы на гэтую тэму

100 гарадоў супраць Лукашэнкі

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- JEF нагадаюць сывету пра нелегітымную перамогу Лукашэнкі
- 125 гарадоў сьвету пратэставалі супраць беларускага рэжыму

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Более 100 городов Европы - за свободу Беларуси



Вечером 16 декабря, когда оставалось только три ночи до президентских выборов в Беларуси, частники и партнеры JEF (Молодые Европейские Федералисты) провели очередную акцию «За свободу Беларуси» на площадях более сотни городов, чтобы завязать рты памятникам и таким образом выразить протест белорусской диктатуре. Девиз акции - «Дайте голос демократии!», сообщает сайт JEF-

Президент организации ЈЕГ-Европа заявил, что Европа должна дать отпор шизофреничному режиму в Беларуси.

«Это мощная скоординированная акция, которая одновременно проходит в разных уголках планеты, показывает единственное явление – диктатуру за пределами Евросоюза. Европа должна занимать определенную позицию в отношении к шизофреничному режиму в Беларуси. Если ее руководитель и высшие чиновники желают ездить в Европу, они обязаны содействовать дальнейшей экономической и политической интеграции Беларуси в Евросоюз. Поэтому наша акция - знак солидарности с не менее европейской Беларусью, жители которой требуют свободу вместо угнетения», - говорит президент организации JEF-Европа Филипп Адрианссенс.

Сейчас Сегодня Вчера За неделю Обсуждаемые Рекомендуемые

"Молодые европейские федералисты" проведут акцию "Свободная Беларусь 2010"

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Минск, 24 ноября. Организация "Молодые европейские федералисты" (МЕФ) 16 декабря проведет международную акцию "Свободная Беларусь 2010". Официальный сайт организации сообщает, что акция, которая пройдет в городах Европы, приурочена к президентским выборам в Беларуси.

"Все отделения МЕФ, неправительственные организации, активисты в Европе и по всему миру призываются принять участие в массовом протесте против последней диктатуры на европейском континенте и потребовать демократизации страны. Люди в Беларуси должны получить реальную возможность выбора, а также голос, чтобы высказываться", -

Ожидается, что в рамках акции активисты будут завязывать рты статуям на улицах европейских городов и проведут кампании в социальных сетях, а сайт www.thenewfederalist.eu опубликует ряд статей, посвященных Беларуси.

МЕФ также планирует провести лоббистские акции, нацеленные на ответственных чиновников в Брюсселе и других городах.

МЕФ призывает ЕС принять "целевое участие" в установлении процедуры демократических выборов в Беларуси "навсегда". В частности, организация требует, чтобы Верховный представитель ЕС по иностранным делам и политике безопасности Кэтрин Эштон "содействовала расширению сотрудничества между государствами — членами ЕС и европейскими институтами с целью положить конец белорусской диктатуре"

Как сообщает МЕФ, аналогичная акция "против последней диктатуры в Европе" прошла 18 марта в 125 городах 41 страны

European human rights organizations started collecting

signatures under the petition to President of Belarus

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Evaluation of Events Related to the Presidential Election: Position of the Human Rights Center "Viasna"

The Human Rights Centre "Viasna", as one of the participants of the national monitoring mission "Human Rights Defenders for Free Elections", cannot but mention some improvements at separate stages of the campaign, but in general, believes the 2010. presidential election fell short of a number of key international standards for democratic elections.

The Election of the President of the Republic of Belarus has neither been recognized as free nor democratic by the OSCE / ODIHR

international election observation mission. Since 1996 no Belarusian election campaigns including presidential ones of 2001 and 2006.

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16:49 Трое бывших футболистов БАТЭ отправились на просмотр в зарубежные

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Вечером 16 декабря в более чем 100 городах Евразии и Америки прошла акция "За свободу Беларуси". Участники акции на площадях завязывали рты памятникам, чтобы напомнить, что в Беларуси люди не могут свободно выражаться и выбирать власть

Как сообщил активист акции Америго Ломбарди на "Фейсбук" - странице кампании "Правозащитники за свободные выборы", мероприятие организовала организация "Молодые европейские федералисты", МЕФ (Young European Federalists, JEF). Ее председатель Филипп Адрианссенс пояснил: " Это мощная скоординированная акция, которая одновременно проходит в разных уголках планеты, показывает единственное явление диктатуру за пределами Евросоюза. Европа должна занимать определенную позицию в отношении к шизофреничному режиму в

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Девиз акции - "Дайте голос демократии!". Накануне белорусских президентских выборов ее участники в Оттаве, Берлине Брюсселе, Хельсинки и других городах в 36 странах выразили протест белорусскому правящему режиму и солидарность с демократическими силами в Беларуси. "Через 5 лет после референдума, который позволил Лукашенко бесконечно переизбираться на пост верховного правителя страны, в Беларуси по-прежнему нарушаются права человека, до сих пор не существуют гражданские свободы, а Евросоюз в это время закрывает глаза на своего нецивилизованного соседа. Вот почему среди членов МЕФ и других молодых людей в Европе и мире растет протест против пародии на демократию в Беларуси, "- говорит организатор акции Даниэла Видайчу.

Какой смысл кроется в завязывание ртов памятникам? Оса Гунвен, один из активистов, объясняет: "У нас родилась идея поставить городские символы, а значит и сами города, на место жителей Беларуси, которые не имеют возможности высказаться, так как болться преспедований со стороны режима. Все статии напоминают о людях которых мы итим

Street action through pictures







Street action through pictures







The winners pictures







The most courageous picture
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JEF POSITION

"A stable, democratic regime does not suppress the voice of the people and does not use violence. Democracy does not end when the polls close — and there was no democracy in how last night's protests were crushed. We demand immediate release of the detainees with no charges pressed against them, and new elections in accordance with OSCE standards, before, during, and after the election process. Only then can we talk of a democratic winner and a representative of the people"

"We urge the EU to join JEF in following closely the fate of the detainees and to use both its political and economic leverage to guarantee safety for Belarusian Citizens. Their problems are the problems of all Europeans."





Give a voice to democracy!

Thanks for your time, effort, dedication and attention!

www.jef.eu
JEF *Flickr* account for more pictures

Daniela Vidaicu

Action Co-ordinator /Executive Bureau of JEF-Europe



