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Four-Year Anniversary of Politkovskaya Murder

October 7th marks the fourth anniversary of the murder of Anna Politkovskaya, a highly respected investigative journalist. Politkovskaya devoted much of her career to shining a light on human rights abuses and unmasking the misery of war, especially in Chechnya. She stood for what is best in independent journalism by giving a voice to victims and illuminating the truth.

Four years have passed since her murder, yet those responsible have yet to be brought to justice. We welcome the recent announcement by Russian officials that the criminal investigation into Ms. Politkovskaya's case will be reenergized and that 19 unsolved cases of murdered journalists will be re-opened. The U.S. will continue to focus attention on Ms. Politkovskaya's case and that of Paul Klebnikov, the murdered editor of Forbes' Russian edition, as well as the cases of all the other brave journalists who have been killed in Russia.

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