

A close-up, black and white portrait of Alexei Navalny, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression.

Alexei Navalny

Russian
protest
leader
convicted
of theft
in what he
claims is
“politically
motivated” trial

■ **1976:** Born in Butyn, near Moscow

■ **1998:** Graduates in law at Peoples' Friendship University, Moscow

■ **2008:** Anti-corruption blog attracts wide following and propels him into becoming key opposition figure

■ **Feb 2011:** Famously dubs *Vladimir Putin's* United Russia “the party of crooks and thieves”

■ **Dec:** Inspires major street protests in Moscow following parliamentary election tarnished by allegations of widespread fraud. Jailed for 15 days

■ **Jul 10, 2013:** Declares candidacy for Moscow's mayoral election

■ **Jul 18:** Convicted of embezzling \$500,000 worth of timber from state-owned firm, Kirovles, in 2009.

Sentenced to five years in jail