

# Belarus activist detained at border



Maria Kolesnikova, one of the three women who joined forces to challenge President Alexander Lukashenko in August's election and the last to remain in Belarus, has resisted an attempt to be deported to Ukraine

Sep 8, Gomel: Kolesnikova detained after reportedly ripping up passport at border crossing south of city so she could not enter Ukraine



**Svetlana Tikhonovskaya**  
Ran for president after husband **Sergei Tikhonovsky** was arrested and barred from standing in election. Pressured by authorities to leave for Lithuania on day after Aug 9 vote



**Veronika Tsepkalo**  
Wife of **Viktor Tsepkalo**, former ambassador to U.S. who was barred from running in election and fled to Moscow with their two sons in July. She fled to join him there on eve of vote. Family reportedly now in Poland



**Maria Kolesnikova**  
Election campaign manager of arrested banker **Viktor Babariko** – seen as candidate with best chance of defeating Lukashenko. Seized by masked men in Minsk one day before being detained at Ukrainian border