

# Pro-Navalny demonstrations in Russia

Thousands of people have taken to the streets across Russia to demand the release of jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny, keeping up a second week of protests that have rattled the Kremlin



**Jan 17:** Navalny (*left*) was arrested on his return to Russia, for allegedly violating parole conditions while he was recovering in Germany from nerve agent poisoning. **Kremlin critic blames Russian security services for Aug 2020 assassination attempt**



● **Demonstrations / arrests**  
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■ More than 5,100 people detained across Russia, including 1,600 in Moscow and 1,100 in St. Petersburg

■ Some of biggest rallies held in Novosibirsk in eastern Siberia and Yekaterinburg in Urals

*Protests fuelled by video – viewed over 100m times – showing vast Black Sea palace (right) purportedly built for Russian President Vladimir Putin. Putin denies this*

■ Russia has seen extensive corruption during Putin's time in office while poverty has remained widespread

