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The research should **focus on the period between 1 November 2024 – 1 November 2025.** Limited relevant information covering **November 2025** to be added where available.

- **Political opposition, activists, minority groups, women**
  - Political context and developments
  - Legal context and its impact on freedom of speech and freedom of assembly
  - Treatment of specific profiles
    - Political opponents
    - Journalists
    - Human rights defenders and lawyers
    - Activists, including environmental activists
    - LGBTIQ
    - Religious minorities
    - Women

- **Military Service**
  - Overview of the armed forces
  - Compulsory military service
  - Contract military service
  - Military service in the North Caucasus, particularly in Chechnya
  - Consequences for desertion

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