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### **FCCJ Statement – Release WSJ Journalist Evan Gershkovich**

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan unequivocally condemns the arrest of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich ( <https://www.wsj.com/news/evan-gershkovich> ) and demands his immediate release.

Mr. Gershkovich was arrested while on a reporting trip and is being held on allegations of espionage that The Wall Street Journal and the U.S. government vehemently denied. He is being held at Russia's notorious Lefortovo Prison and was denied bail.

Russian authorities have failed to produce evidence to support their allegations, and Mr. Gershkovich faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted. We are especially concerned because most espionage trials in Russia end in a guilty verdict.

FCCJ joins with governments, journalism, and civil rights organizations across the world in calling on Russia to immediately release Mr. Gershkovich.

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