

## **Putin Critic Alexei Navalny Was Detained After Landing In Moscow - January 17, 2021**

Putin critic Alexei Navalny has been detained after flying back to Moscow from Germany, five months after he was nearly killed by a nerve agent attack. The activist was led away by police at passport control at Sheremetyevo airport. Thousands had gathered at a different Moscow airport to greet his flight from Berlin, but the plane was diverted. Navalny blames Russian authorities for the attempt on his life last year. The Kremlin denies any role.

The United States and several European governments have demanded the release of opposition politician Alexei Navalny from Russian detention.