

Estonia Weekly:

Navalny and Public Transport

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February 5th - February 11th, 2024

New observations this week:
Main channel: Facebook

Main keywords:

**Putin, Russia, Kai Kallas, Russian language,
Bureaucrats, Government spending, Transport**

Main narratives:

- Doubts surrounding Navalny's fate and the transparency of his custody conditions.
- The Estonian government's disconnect from public sentiment and inaction during economic challenges.
- Policy shifts affecting the economically disadvantaged, particularly in areas like public transportation.
- The prioritisation of language policy in education over teacher welfare and the broader issue of governmental inefficiency and perceived overreach.

Overview:

This week, the focus remained on Kai Kallas and the signatures that had been collected that called for her resignation. According to the articles and a survey of 30,000 Estonian citizens conducted by the Centrist Party, two-thirds of the Estonian public supported the resignation of Kai Kallas. There was also a focus on the death of Navalny, with an article claiming that his associates have no way to prove that he died in custody. Other articles focused on the Estonian economy and the massive government spending, as well as claims that a government department wants to remove free public transport for school children and pensioners. Finally, there were articles mentioning the government refusing to give out delays on switching school language of study to Estonian in areas where the teachers still need to be at the C1 level. The articles claim that the Estonian government is more worried about the language switch than the quality of education the students receive.