

Eastern Partnership: German envoy says EU to show individual approach to ex-Soviet states

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Despite disagreements over the fate of the Eastern Partnership, the Riga Summit showed that the European Union (EU) emphasizes the role of the Eastern Partnership; it will continue to cooperate with the six member countries, including Armenia, German Ambassador to Armenia Reiner Morell told reporters Monday.

http://armenianow.com/news/63970/armenia_eu_eastern_partnership_riga_summit_german_ambassador



Azerbaijan Jailed Dissident Speaks Out on Games Opening Day

The New York Times – June 12, 2015

A journalist jailed in Azerbaijan has criticized the country for corruption and human rights violations on the day the first European Games get underway in the capital, Baku. Khadija Ismayilova was imprisoned last year after investigating corruption allegedly involving President Ilham Aliyev.

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/06/12/world/europe/ap-eu-azerbaijan-dissident.html>

Armenia protest escalate after police turn on demonstrators

The Guardian – June 24, 2015

Thousands of Armenians have taken to the streets to protest against electricity rate hikes. However, situation escalated significantly after

police fired water cannons to disperse seated demonstrators.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/24/armenia-yerevan-protests-electric-prices-russia>



Karabakh: UN Secretary General concerned over ceasefire violations

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United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon expressed his concern over violations of the ceasefire regime on the Armenia-Azerbaijan border and the line of contact in Nagorno-Karabakh.

http://www.armenianow.com/karabakh/64713/armenia_karabakh_azerbaijan_secretary_general_ban_kimoon



From political prisoners to media bans: Baku's European Games in numbers

The Guardian – June 29, 2015

The European Games in Azerbaijan have been shrouded in controversy from the start. The inaugural event, reputed to have cost £6.5bn, saw [6,000 athletes from 50 European countries](#) take part in [20 sporting events](#), but the run-up to the Games saw President Ilham Aliyev's government crack down on dissenting voices, locking up journalists and activists on a scale unparalleled in the post-Soviet era, [according to Human](#)

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<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/29/azerbaijan-european-games-numbers-political-prisoners>

