

Media Advisory: Protests planned across Europe on 12 June to mark opening ceremony of European Games in Azerbaijan

With human rights advocacy and campaigning now impossible in the current climate in Azerbaijan, the Sport for Rights campaign is coordinating with human rights organisations across Europe to organise **a series of protest actions on 12 June to mark the opening ceremony of the European Games**. Protesters will be calling for an end to the ongoing human rights crackdown in Azerbaijan, and the release of the country's jailed journalists and human rights defenders. **Actions will take place in Barcelona, Berlin, Geneva, London, Oslo, Prague, San Foca (Italy), Tbilisi, Warsaw, Zagreb, and other locations to be confirmed**. In addition, there will be a relevant roundtable discussion the same day in **Istanbul**.

Details:

City: Barcelona, Spain

Location: European Commission Office, Passeig de Gràcia, 90, 1r

Time: 17:00-18:00 local time

Description: Static demonstration in front of the European Commission Office

Contact: Alfons Pérez, alfons.perez@odg.cat or +34 660614352

City: Berlin, Germany

Location: Azerbaijani Embassy (Hubertusallee 43, 14193 Berlin)

Time: 15:00-16:00 local time

Description: Static demonstration in front of the Azerbaijani embassy

Link: <https://de-de.facebook.com/pages/Urgewald-eV/173088689389030>

Contact: Katrin Ganswindt, katrin@urgewald.org or +49 176 32411130

City: Geneva, Switzerland

Location: Palais des Nations

Time: 13:00 local time

Description: Static protest

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/371590483047868/>

Contact: Florian Irminger, florian.irminger@humanrightshouse.org or +41 79 751 8042

City: London

Location: BP's office, 1 Saint James's Square, London SW1Y 4PD

Time: 8:30 local time

Description: Static demonstration in front of BP's office, with participants then travelling together to the next protest in front of the Azerbaijani embassy

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/473830169432311/>

Contact: Emma Hughes, emma@platformlondon.org or +44 (0)7801 140192

City: London

Location: Azerbaijani Embassy (4 Kensington Court, W8 5DL)

Time: 10:00-11:00 local time

Description: Static demonstration in front of the Azerbaijani embassy

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/882985098432602/>

Contact: Rebecca Vincent, rebecca.jane.vincent@gmail.com or +44 (0)7583 137751

City: Oslo, Norway

Location: Ullevaal stadion

Time: 20:00 local time

Description: Protest at the football match between Norway and Azerbaijan

Contact: Kaja Haldorsen, kaja.haldorsen@humanrightshouse.org or +47 997 22 009

City: Prague, Czech Republic

Location: Náměstí Republiky (Republic Square)

Time: 11:00-12:00 local time

Description: Street event with parody sketch of the European Games, as well as an exhibition about human rights in Azerbaijan

Contact: Adela Pospichalova, adela.pospichalova@clovekvtsni.cz or +420 777 787 968

City: San Foca (Lecce), Italy

Location: San Foca waterside

Time: 18:00 local time

Description: Static demonstration near the tower of San Foc, the landing place of the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP)

Contact: Alberto Santora, santoralberto@libero.it or +32 90631924

City: Tbilisi, Georgia

Location: Heydar Aliyev Park

Time: 11:00 local time

Description: Static protest

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1593908840881978/>

Contact: Nino Gvedashcili, gvedashvili@gmail.com or +995 98178417

City: Warsaw, Poland

Location: Starting at Free Speech Square, ending at the Azerbaijani Embassy

Time: 16:00-18:00 local time

Description: Freedom Parade from Free Speech Square to the Azerbaijani Embassy

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/969805673053726/>

Contact: Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska, d.bychawska@hfhr.org.pl or +48 504 080 152; or Aleksandra Antonowicz-Cyglicka, ola@globalnepoludnie.pl or +48 601 325 242

City: Zagreb, Croatia

Location: Outside the office of the Croatian Olympic Committee

Description: Event in front of the office of the Croatian Olympic Committee

Contact: Sanja Sarnavka, sarnavka.sanja@gmail.com or +385 98 9824 645

Location: Belarus (online protest)

Description: Belarusian human rights defenders will gather to be photographed with pictures of their jailed Azerbaijani colleagues.

Contact: Anna Gerasimova, director.belarus@humanrightshouse.org

In addition, there will be a roundtable discussion in **Istanbul**, Turkey titled "Behind the Glitz of the European Games: Looking at the crackdown in Azerbaijan and Turkey's silence". The event will take place at 10:30 at the Cezayir Restaurant, Hayriye Cd. No:12. Contact: Arzu Geybullayeva, arzu.geybullayeva@gmail.com or +90 5363521917.

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