



**Sport for Rights Presentation**  
**“Baku 2015: a failed attempt at ‘sportswashing’ Azerbaijan’s image”**  
**Play the Game Conference**  
**Aarhus, Denmark**  
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- I. Introduction of speakers and campaign
- II. Video clip – Amanpour: Where human rights finish in last place ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnt\\_xbL25uY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnt_xbL25uY))
- III. Pre-Baku 2015 crackdown: arrests of journalists and human rights defenders and targeting of independent media
  - a. Rasul Jafarov
  - b. Emin Huseynov
  - c. Leyla and Arif Yunus
  - d. Intigam Aliyev
  - e. Arrest of Khadija Ismayilova and closure of RFE/RL
- IV. Violations during the games - international journalists and human rights defenders barred entry to Azerbaijan
- V. Post-games crackdown
  - a. Murder of Rasim Aliyev
  - b. Pressure against Meydan TV and other independent media
  - c. Pre-elections violations and deteriorating relations with the European Parliament and the OSCE
- VI. The involvement of the sporting world and future implications
  - a. The European Olympic Committees – policy of non-intervention
  - b. National Olympic Committees – mixed responses
  - c. Baku European Grand Prix
- VII. Conclusion – words of jailed journalist Khadija Ismayilova