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## **Local EU Statement on recent clashes between protestors and police in the Republic of Armenia**

*The European Union Delegation issues the following statement:*

We have followed closely the recent clashes between protestors and police in Armenia in the context of major discontent over the increase of the electricity price.

Reports about excessive use of force against a peaceful rally, as well as on violence directed against journalists are alarming.

It is important to ensure an impartial investigation of these events and to immediately release the detained peaceful protestors.

A genuine dialogue between authorities and the civil society is the only way to overcome tough and unpopular economic decisions.