

URGENT EVIDENCE BUNDLE

PUBLIC REVIEW COPY

TIRANA

Police force, serious injuries and detention safeguards

A linked visual record of protest policing and its human consequences, 13–19 October 2026. Prepared for urgent review by independent monitors and institutions with a protective mandate.

What demands immediate attention: a reported leg fracture requiring surgery; a reported skull and spinal injury; visible bleeding and round impact wounds; police blows, takedowns and dragging in published footage; tear gas and water cannon; and official findings concerning injured detainees and minors.

INJURIES

Round wounds on neck, chest and thigh.

Nini report, fig. 3, p. 19

17 OCT



Two thigh wounds photographed at a first-aid point.

Nini report, fig. 5, p. 20

WATER

A person is struck by a water-cannon stream.

AP / Hameraldi Agaj, [OPEN SOURCE](#)

The first two images are reproduced from the public report supplied to ADCN. The water-cannon image is credited to AP and linked to its publisher. The injury images are cropped at source to protect identity; visible wounds have not been concealed.

[GO TO VIDEO REGISTER](#) →

Key to the record: visible scene • named report • official finding • live source link

EXECUTIVE ASSESSMENT

What the record now shows

The concern is cumulative: severe bodily injury, repeated crowd-control force and custody safeguards failing at the same time. This is a Tirana-only brief.

01

Serious injuries are documented or credibly reported

L.B., 19, was filmed being carried away by officers near Parliament on 13 October; multiple reports describe a lower-right-leg fracture, surgery and officer suspensions. M.S., 21, is reported to have sustained skull and spinal fractures near the Ministry of Education on 16 October. Cropped photographs reproduced on pages 6–7 show bleeding round wounds to the neck, chest and thigh on 16–17 October.

[L.B. video](#) [Fracture report](#) [M.S. reporting](#)

02

Published video records force against people under control

The supplied public report identifies 25 video/photo entries showing force after a person is on the ground, held or in custody; some entries are different angles of the same event. Direct source clips show knees on prone people, officers surrounding a person on the ground, and a person dragged by the legs. Reuters shot lists independently record baton strikes and dragging on 15–16 October.

[Knee footage](#) [Dragging](#) [Reuters 15 Oct](#)

03

Independent monitors found urgent custody concerns

The People's Advocate contacted 214 detainees over 72 hours and recorded physical signs or allegations of violence in 26 cases at the Security Unit. The Albanian Helsinki Committee visited a Tirana holding facility on 16 October and observed injuries on several detainees, mainly minors, alongside concerns over family contact, legal assistance and medical care.

[Ombudsman](#) [Helsinki Committee](#)

CHRONOLOGY

Seven days of escalation

Dates below refer to the event where the publisher or source report supplies one. A social-media posting date is identified as such when capture time is not available.

13 OCT **Near Parliament / Education Ministry**

L.B. is carried away by officers; a lower-leg fracture and surgery are reported. K.M. is photographed bloodied and handcuffed to railings. News24 broadcasts close police contact and detentions.

[L.B. reel](#) [News24 live](#)

14 OCT **Tirana centre**

News24 records continuing arrests and force. AP photographs exposure to tear gas and water cannon. The People's Advocate later documents major custody concerns across this period.

[News24 live](#) [AP gallery](#)

15 OCT **Boulevard / Education Ministry**

Reuters footage describes an officer striking a protester with a baton, others dragging a protester, and water-cannon use. A student activist suffers a bleeding head wound and receives neurosurgical observation.

[Reuters video](#) [Hospital report](#)

16 OCT **Education Ministry / Pyramid**

M.S. is reportedly struck and sustains skull and spine fractures. Other footage shows a lone-man takedown, a knee on a prone man, dragging, and a person surrounded at the Pyramid. Gas and water-cannon scenes continue.

[M.S. case](#) [Pyramid reel](#)

17 OCT **Education Ministry / central Tirana**

Reuters reporters say police fired a shotgun toward the crowd; Reuters journalists and protesters were struck and reporters collected rubber pellets. Photographs show fresh round wounds and objects recovered after the protest.

[Reuters field report](#)

18 OCT **Tirana**

The Helsinki Committee publishes observations of injured minors in holding rooms. News24 video shows a water jet and police line; the Nini public report is dated 18 October.

[Helsinki statement](#) [News24 reel](#)

19 OCT **Received and published material**

ADCN received short footage of a person bleeding from the temple/ear and a further downloaded social-media reel. These files are logged as received media; visible scenes and available time clues appear on page 12.

[Public reel](#)

SERIOUS INJURY / 13 OCTOBER

A fractured leg after police contact

L.B. • 19 years old • near Parliament, Tirana • 13 October

Two angles show at least five officers bent over a person beside a tree. Officers then carry a young man horizontally by his arms and legs; he appears unable to walk and one leg hangs down. The public report identifies him as L.B. and records media and family accounts of a lower-right-leg fracture, surgery at the Trauma Hospital and no first aid at the scene. Police suspended four officers and a public-order commander pending disciplinary investigation that night.

VISIBLE INJURY



A separate 13 October News24 photograph shows visible red staining beside an officer; the upper face is blurred. It is not presented as L.B.

News24 / earlier ADCN brief

[OPEN SOURCE](#)

SOURCE

Video and hospital trail

Open the two video angles of the person carried away, then the hospital-arrival clip. The hospital clip's publisher identifies the broken-leg patient and explicitly says he was not in a coma. The circulated coma rumour should not be repeated. The point for immediate review is the fracture, the preceding police action and the speed of medical response.

[Angle A](#)[Angle B](#)[Hospital](#)

SECURE NOW

The original camera files from both angles; the body-worn, street and nearby building cameras; the five officers' identities and orders; dispatch and ambulance logs; the first clinical assessment, X-rays, surgery record and consent-based patient statement. An independent investigator should compare these records on one incident timeline.

[Shqiptarja fracture and surgery report](#)[Shteg follow-up](#)

Attribution note: the footage directly shows the police contact and removal. The fracture and surgery are reported by the cited public report and contemporaneous news; the moment of alleged stamping is described by witnesses in that report.

SERIOUS INJURIES / 13–16 OCTOBER

Head, spine and facial injuries

Distinct people and incidents are kept separate here. Their records require confidential, patient-led follow-up.

M.S.**Skull and spinal fractures reported after a strike**

According to the Res Publica open letter described in the public report, M.S., a 21-year-old student, stood near the Ministry of Education on 16 October with empty hands at his sides when an officer struck him. He fell headfirst; family and media accounts describe fractures of the skull and spine, confusion and memory loss. The letter reports a delay of about three hours before an ambulance. These grave accounts should be tested against clinical and dispatch records without delay.

[Res Publica cases](#) [Injury reporting](#)**K.M.****Bloodied and handcuffed in public**

K.M., a 22-year-old law student, is reported to have been left handcuffed to the Education Ministry railings on 13 October with a bloodied face. The public report records footage of an officer striking him before a struggle with several officers, plus photographs of injuries in a police van and continued handcuffing at hospital. The public display, use of force, custody and clinical record each need review.

[Public report p. 13](#) [News24 live](#)**HEAD****Two young women reported bleeding from head wounds**

On 15 October a student activist was taken to the Trauma Hospital, reportedly with a bleeding head wound, and kept under neurosurgical observation. Early accounts differed over whether a canister or stone caused it. On 16 October Panorama published video of another young woman bleeding from the head and attributed it to a tear-gas canister. The injuries themselves are the urgent fact; recovery of objects and complete video can establish their causes.

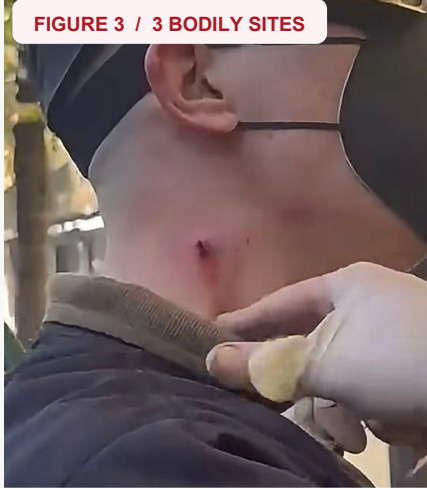
[Hospital account](#) [16 Oct video](#)

Other takedown footage is logged separately on page 9; it is not used to illustrate M.S.'s reported injury.

GRAPHIC INJURY RECORD

Round bleeding wounds, 16–17 October

These are direct photographs of bodily injury, reproduced from the supplied public report. Source crops already protect identity while leaving the injuries visible.

FIGURE 3 / 3 BODILY SITES**(a) Neck****(b) Chest****(c) Thigh**

Neck wound beneath the ear; central chest wound; bleeding thigh wound. The source report labels these Figure 3, items #77–78, and dates the photographs to 16–17 October.

Source: Av. Dea Nini, public report, p. 19

FIGURE 5 / 17 OCT

Two separate round wounds on the same thigh. A witness placed the image outside the Education Ministry at about 13:00 on 17 October.

Source: Av. Dea Nini, public report, p. 20

WHY THIS MATTERS

The public report assesses the wound pattern as consistent with rubber-ball or multiple-projectile munitions. The neck and chest are especially dangerous impact sites. Two wounds on one thigh show that a single person was struck more than once. Reuters independently reports that its journalists and protesters were hit by pellets on 17 October, leaving round marks.

Reuters field account

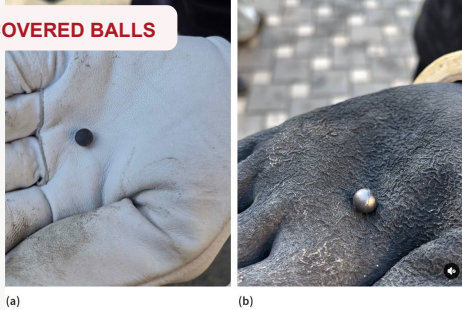
The originals of Figures 3 and 5 were not supplied to ADCN. Figure 5 is held by the public report's author. The images are shown without retouching by ADCN; the report should accompany any evidentiary use requiring provenance and clinical comparison.

PROJECTILES / 17–18 OCTOBER

Pellets, shells and impact injuries

The independent forensic question is specific: what was issued, what was fired, where, by whom and with what resulting harm?

RECOVERED BALLS



Two small balls photographed around the 17 October protest; the report estimates roughly 6–12 mm.

Nini report, fig. 4, p. 19

SHELLS / CANISTER



Photographs include shells marked “PALLA IN GOMMA” and “LAW ENFORCEMENT / PLASTIC GRANULI.”

Nini report, fig. 6, p. 20

REUTERS' FIRST-HAND 17 OCTOBER ACCOUNT

Reuters reports that its own video shows police firing a shotgun toward the crowd outside the Education Ministry. Reporters found rubber pellets on the ground. Two Reuters journalists and protesters were hit and had round marks. The police chief, asked about the weapons, said force was used in a limited manner; seven officers were suspended in relation to authority or proportionality concerns.

OPEN REUTERS REPORT

ACTION

Forensic preservation is immediately practical

Preserve each recovered object in a labelled bag with finder, place, time and transfer history. Obtain the police issue logs, launcher and cartridge inventories, batch and procurement records, orders, firearm reports and trajectory-related video. Offer the projectiles and medically documented wounds to an independent forensic examiner. Do not merge different objects or dates into a single asserted firing event.

Public report pp. 18–23

The source report holds additional photographs of recovered items; provenance and exact recovery sites vary. This page depicts the photographed objects, not a completed ballistic identification.

RECORDED PHYSICAL FORCE

Contact, restraint and batons on film

Still frames are shown as frames, not a fabricated continuous sequence. Each linked recording should be preserved unedited.



Several officers restrain one person on 13 October.

News24 published frame

[OPEN SOURCE](#)



A person is pulled amid a police confrontation.

News24 published frame

[OPEN SOURCE](#)



An officer holds a baton against or across a blue-shirted person.

News24 published frame

[OPEN SOURCE](#)



Person on the pavement beside an officer with a baton.

News24 published frame

[OPEN SOURCE](#)

Separate Reuters video shot lists for 15 and 16 October explicitly describe officers striking protesters with batons, dragging a person on the ground, tackling a protester, and repeated water blasts. Reuters footage is linked for review; licensed footage has not been copied into this bundle.

[Reuters / 15 Oct](#)

[Reuters / 16 Oct](#)

SCENE-LEVEL VIDEO LOG

Force after a person is down

The public report's 25 entries are a count of evidence items, including duplicate angles. The clips below identify the strongest Tirana scenes for immediate review.

01 Knee on a person curled face down

Tirana street, 15–16 Oct. Officer's weight is on the back of a person on asphalt; baton in hand. Item #27, 05.5–08.5s.

[VIDEO](#) [Second angle](#)

02 Officer kneels on man's back in park

16 Oct. The man is pinned face down; four other officers stand nearby. Item #38, 14–18s.

[VIDEO](#)

03 Six to eight officers around one grounded person

Pyramid, Tirana, 16 Oct. One officer makes a raised-leg motion and a baton is raised over the person. Item #70, 05.5–06.5s and 33–40s.

[VIDEO](#)

04 Person dragged along road by the legs

Education Ministry area, 16 Oct. Person lies on back while pulled by officers; item #71, 00.3–02.3s and ~16s.

[VIDEO](#)

05 Reporter's longer 13 October record

News24 live: at 1:42:05 a youth is pulled; around 4:36:35 visibly bloodied students appear; around 4:38:25 an older man is pushed, falls and is struck, according to the supplied timestamp notes.

[LIVE VIDEO](#)

06 Arrests and force during 14–15 October

News24 notes identify a youth surrounded by more than five officers around 11:00:30 on 14 Oct and gas on the boulevard at ~7:33:48 on 15 Oct.

[14 OCT](#) [15 OCT](#)

Source basis: Av. Dea Nini, public report pp. 12–13 and Annex 2; the News24 timestamps come from the attached six-page Albanian transcription notes. Links open the original publisher or social post.

CROWD-CONTROL FORCE

Gas and water cannon at close range

Dated footage and reporting show recurrent deployment across 13–18 October. Witness descriptions of irritating water warrant immediate sampling and disclosure of any additives.

15 OCT / WATER



AP photograph: a water-cannon stream strikes a person in Tirana on 15 October. The hood conceals the face.

AP Photo / Hameraldi Agolli

[OPEN SOURCE](#)

VIDEO, BY DATE

15 Oct: Reuters shot list places the water cannon at the Education Ministry. 16 Oct: dated footage shows a flag bearer in heavy water spray and a smoky street with armoured water-cannon vehicles. 18 Oct: News24 elevated footage shows a visible water jet near a police line.

[Reuters](#)[16 Oct / spray](#)[18 Oct / jet](#)

TEAR GAS

A2 CNN's 16 October clip shows a student wearing a respirator and saying police are "throwing gas." RNEWS footage records a police line, gas clouds and later water-cannon vehicles. AP and Reuters also report tear-gas deployment.

[A2 CNN](#) [RNEWS](#) [AP](#)

IRRITANT WATER

Witnesses described water-cannon exposure as irritating. The precise composition should be established by prompt water sampling, procurement logs, operational records and clinical notes. The photographs and videos record use of the stream; no specific additive is identified here.

[AP photograph](#)

CLOSE SPRAY

A JOQ clip shows a masked officer extend an arm toward seated young women at face level. Its caption describes pepper spray. Obtain the original recording and any medical notes, including symptoms and distance from nozzle to face.

[Video](#)

DETENTION SAFEGUARDS

Injured people in police custody

Two independent Albanian bodies have recorded urgent gaps in custody documentation, family contact and safeguards for children.

OMBUDSMAN**214 people contacted; 26 recorded concerns**

In a 16 October public statement, the People's Advocate said staff contacted 214 detained people during the preceding 72 hours. Official observation records at the Security Unit documented physical signs of violence or allegations in 26 cases. The statement also records reports of minors questioned without parents, guardians or psychologists, delayed medical attention, unidentified plain-clothes officers, incomplete custody entries and crowded conditions.

PRIMARY STATEMENT**HELSINKI****Injured minors seen in holding rooms**

The Albanian Helsinki Committee visited a Tirana police holding facility on 16 October. It described rooms built for one person holding three or four, mostly minors; staff saw visible injuries on several. Several minors alleged police beatings and one was sent to the Trauma Hospital for a second time. The Committee called for independent investigation, including command responsibility and preservation of footage, custody and forensic records.

PRIMARY STATEMENT**WHY THE RECORDS CANNOT WAIT**

Every person taken by police should have a traceable arrest, transfer, examination and release timeline. For minors, identify the adult notified, lawyer and psychologist present, and the time of medical assessment. Preserve holding-room video, vehicle and station cameras, officer assignment sheets, custody books and clinical photos. Inform families promptly and protect witnesses from retaliation.

People's Advocate**Helsinki Committee**

The AHC also condemns violence and damage by some participants. These acts require individual investigation; they do not erase the State's duty to protect peaceful people and those in custody.

RECEIVED VIDEO / 19 OCTOBER

Visible bleeding in received footage

This page preserves the human impact while keeping the footage's provenance transparent. The videos are included unchanged as companion files in the complete archive.

V01 / BLOOD VISIBLE



Fresh blood runs from a young man's temple or ear. Bystanders assist; his hand is bloodied. Face softened, wound visible.

ADCN received file V01

V02 / BLOOD VISIBLE



At 00:06 a wounded man kneels with blood on hand and pavement as people bring tissues. Later frames show blood around his ear.

Zhurma.AL watermark / 19 Oct post

[OPEN SOURCE](#)

PROVENANCE AND LIMITS

V01 is a 6.6-second user-supplied WhatsApp MP4 (576 × 1024, 30 fps) with sound. V02 is a 2:29 downloaded Instagram MP4 with original sound and a Zhurma.AL watermark. It shows an injured man receiving help, with visible blood at his ear, on his hand and on the pavement. Their receipt and post dates are not capture timestamps. Neither recording shows the preceding injury mechanism. Both originals are retained with hashes in the archive.

[PUBLIC POST FOR V02](#)

Face redaction is limited to identity protection. Blood, wounds, body position and surroundings are preserved in the displayed frame. The unmodified source videos remain in the accompanying archive for confidential review.

INDEPENDENT CORROBORATION

The picture beyond single posts

The pattern is supported by journalist observation, direct media footage and two Albanian monitoring bodies.

REUTERS / 15–17 OCT

Video shot lists describe baton blows, a person dragged on the ground, tackles and repeated water blasts. On 17 October, Reuters reporters themselves observed pellet strikes on journalists and protesters.

[15 Oct footage](#) [16 Oct footage](#) [17 Oct report](#)

AP / 17 OCT

AP reports tear gas, water cannon and baton charges, while also recording stones, fireworks, fires and damage by some participants. These are separate acts for individual examination.

[AP report](#) [Photo gallery](#)

ALBANIAN MONITORS

The People's Advocate's records cover 214 contacted detainees and 26 with signs or allegations. Helsinki monitors saw injured minors and reported failures of care and contact in custody.

[Ombudsman](#) [Helsinki](#)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The Commission stated on 18 October that police responses must be lawful and proportionate and peaceful assembly protected. It also condemned arson and violence against police.

[Official statement](#)

Protective position. Peaceful students, bystanders, journalists, medics and detainees retain their rights during disorder. Police force must meet necessity and proportionality requirements and injuries require effective investigation. Damage or violence by identifiable individuals should be examined on its own evidence.

LINKED SOCIAL-SOURCE REGISTER / 1

Supplied reels, reviewed scenes

The links open the full posts. Captions here state the observed scene and publisher's stated date or context; the original file and upload metadata should be preserved where available.

S01 15 Oct • @kianaalvarado

Crowd beneath a broad white spray or plume. On-screen text: "Tirana, Albania Day 137."

[OPEN REEL](#)

S02 16 Oct • A2 CNN

Student wearing a respirator speaks to reporter about police "throwing gas"; on-screen date 16.10.2026, Tirana.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S03 16 Oct • @_skerditopalli_

Flag bearer on smoke-filled road facing armoured water-cannon vehicles; location and date on-screen.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S04 16 Oct • @klevimuka

People beside Albanian flag in a heavy water spray.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S05 18 Oct • News24

High view of police line and armoured vehicles; a water jet fires into the street.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S06 18 Oct • @ari_shady

Age-gated post. Link retained for source preservation; no scene description is assigned.

[OPEN REEL](#)

These videos add visible water, gas exposure context and police deployment. A post date is not automatically a capture timestamp. Each was assessed against its own on-screen text, caption and publisher identity.

LINKED SOCIAL-SOURCE REGISTER / 2

Additional reels and the new download

These entries ensure the user-supplied record is not silently omitted; links with weaker incident value are labelled as context.

S07 17 Oct • TVA News

Burning bins and building frontage. Publisher identifies the Supreme Court. Context for damage by some participants.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S08 17 Oct • News24

Night police line and smoke; caption reports tactical-unit deployment.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S09 17 Oct • @xhiliola_lamaj_official

Young man seated with eyes closed while others assist him. The clip records visible distress.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S10 17 Oct • Vox News

Tactical officers walking along guarded government perimeter; context for deployment.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S11 17 Oct • TVA News

Marked police car passes near a pedestrian. Publisher alleges a near collision; preserve full clip for trajectory review.

[OPEN REEL](#)

S12 19 Oct • @zhurma.al

Age-gated post downloaded as V02. It shows a bleeding man kneeling while bystanders assist, and blood around his ear.

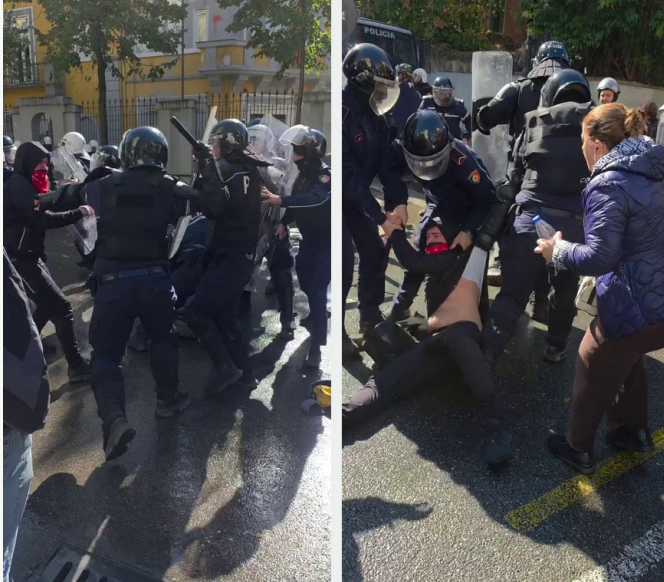
[OPEN REEL](#)

The private V01 and downloaded V02 files can be reviewed from the full archive. If an Instagram page later disappears, retain the file, URL, publisher name, post date, file hash and the date the copy was received.

SUPPLEMENTAL VIDEO REVIEW / 1

Three new camera records of force and distress

Original audio is preserved. Open the linked reels to review each still in its full sequence.



Two frames: baton raised (02.8s) and person carried (14.5s). Source: @osman_stafa.

V03 / 16 OCT POLICE CONTACT

A person carried from the road

At 02.5–03.2s, an officer raises a baton amid a close confrontation. At 13.5–15s, several uniformed officers carry a person by the arms and legs as others try to reach him. At 21–24s, officers grapple with an older man at the line. The publisher places the scene outside the Ministry of Education; the recording has no embedded capture time.

[OPEN FULL REEL](#)

V04 / STREET SCENE



White spray or plume crosses a wet road. Officers close around a person seated or down on the pavement, 00–05.5s.

@osman_stafa / 16 Oct

[OPEN SOURCE](#)

V05 / CAFÉ

TIRANË
Ishin ulur në kafe, policia sulmon me spraj djegës Altin Goxhajn dhe Shpend Gashin



Helmeted officers enter a café and make contact. Later, two men wipe their eyes; the publisher alleges an irritant spray.

JOQ / 18 Oct

[OPEN SOURCE](#)

The café reel is labelled “TIRANË” on screen. Its spray jet is not visible in these frames; the entry records officers’ contact followed by prolonged eye distress. The pair of stills shows 01s and 51s. Faces are softened in the displayed copy.

SUPPLEMENTAL VIDEO REVIEW / 2

Fresh facial bleeding during first aid

A further supplied clip shows serious visible harm. The source should be preserved with the clinical and witness record so the injury is investigated promptly.

V06 / SEVERE INJURY LEAD

Same first-aid scene; face softened, blood visible.

Blood from the eye and brow

Throughout much of the 32-second reel, a man receives first aid while fresh blood runs from the eye or brow area down his cheek and mask. The publisher's overlay discusses projectile danger. The clearer user-supplied screenshot matches this first-aid scene. Obtain the camera original, clinical findings and witness account to establish the cause and precise site.

[OPEN FULL REEL](#)

V07 / CONTEXT ONLY**A street restraint, then police intervention**

In the 13 October post, a masked black-clad person restrains a man on the pavement. Red-vested uniformed officers enter at about 03.3s and pull the black-clad person away. The masked person's affiliation is unestablished, so this recording is logged for scene context and excluded from the police-injury count.

[OPEN FULL REEL](#)

@vlora.views posted the injury reel on 17 October; its filmed location is not established by the clip, so this is a lead for follow-up, separate from the located Tirana incidents. The 13 October context reel is by @osman_stafa. Both source MP4s retain their original sound.

UNMARKED REMOVALS / URGENT TRACING

Forcible removals and families left searching

The public calls these episodes kidnappings. The evidence calls for a person-by-person inquiry into the legality, recording and consequences of each deprivation of liberty.

15 OCT / UNMARKED WHITE VAN



Plainclothes men remove a person

A 27-second reel shows several men in civilian clothing forcing a person beside an unmarked white van in Tirana. JOQ calls the scene an abduction of a girl. In its 16 October response, Tirana Police says the person was male and was escorted by Criminal Police officers on suspicion of throwing metal objects. This acknowledgement establishes claimed police involvement; it does not supply the arrest, transfer, family-notification or medical record. The same white-van sequence is logged in the accompanying public report (item #2).

[JOQ REEL](#)[POLICE RESPONSE](#)

Source display still; identifying detail softened.

FAMILIES / DIRECT REPORTS

Whereabouts and welfare unknown

Shteg reported that on 15 October some families lacked information about the location or condition of relatives taken by police. On 16 October lawyer Adriana Kalaja said a parent had not contacted a 15-year-old for two days despite inquiries at Tirana stations. The child's subsequent whereabouts and custody status have not been established in the cited report.

[SHTEG](#)[LAWYER REPORT](#)

INDEPENDENT MONITORS

Custody records and contact gaps

The People's Advocate recorded incomplete custody registers, minors questioned without a parent or psychologist, and a report that about 12 minors were isolated inside a ministry that it is verifying. The Albanian Helsinki Committee recorded detainees' accounts that they could not communicate with family or counsel.

[OMBUDSMAN](#)[HELSINKI](#)

IMMEDIATE REQUEST: TRACE EVERY PERSON TAKEN

Identify each person and account for every hour from street seizure to release or transfer. Preserve the legal basis, officer IDs, vehicle plate and dispatch, arrest and custody entries, CCTV, medical assessment and the time a parent, family member or lawyer was notified. Article 5 ECHR and the Enforced Disappearance Convention require safeguards against unrecorded or hidden custody. Investigate any removal that lacks a lawful, traceable record.

[ECHR ARTICLE 5](#)[DISAPPEARANCE CONVENTION](#)

The police response disputes the viral claim about a girl. The separate report about a 15-year-old is an urgent tracing lead, not an identification of the person in the van.

MUNITIONS / TRACEABILITY

Tear gas, grenade devices and pellets

Three object classes require separate inventory, location, chemical and ballistic checks. The images do not by themselves prove a single firing event.

TEAR GAS / VISIBLE EXPIRY MARKING



The pictured CS cartridge reads “EXP. DATE 07/2023.” JOQ published a citizen-supplied photograph on 15 October. Its precise recovery history and use during these protests remain unverified.

Received screenshot / public report fig. 1, p. 17

[OPEN SOURCE](#)

GRENADE BODY / 40 MM



A red-banded grenade-shaped body and fired 40 mm “TRIPLE” cartridge were photographed by a protester; contents and recovery site require confirmation.

Public report fig. 8, p. 22

SMOKE-GRENADE CLAIM

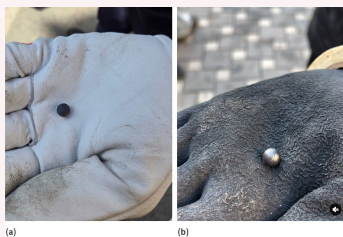


Figure 9. Frames from footage broadcast by News24 television and published by the BalkanWeb news portal on 18 October 2026, captured from the published footage: (a) device lying on paving in daylight (R92); (b) a reporter holding up a device, with the caption “A grenade used by the police during the protest is found on the ground with its safety unopened” (R93). The reporter’s face has been blurred. Date and place of filming not stated.

News24/BalkanWeb showed a device on paving and one held by a reporter. Police attribution is the broadcaster’s; device type, place and filming date need verification.

Public report fig. 9, pp. 22–23

RUBBER PELLETS / 17 OCT



Recovered balls and round wounds appear on pages 6–7. Reuters says its journalists and protesters were struck and that reporters found pellets on the ground. Obtain police issue logs, spent rounds and medical records to link each object to a launcher, officer and injury.

REUTERS FIRST-HAND REPORT

The full screenshots and the public report’s Figures 1, 8 and 9 are in the companion archive. No cartridge has been chemically or ballistically examined by ADCN.

URGENT PRESERVATION AND ACTION

What recipients can do now

The purpose of this bundle is immediate protection and an independent, scene-by-scene account of what happened in Tirana.

01 Protect injured people and witnesses

Arrange confidential contact with consent; check the welfare of people with fractures, bleeding wounds and post-custody injuries, especially minors. Record care delays and reprisals.

02 Secure the source record

Preserve unedited publisher videos, phone originals, body-worn footage, CCTV, dispatch and radio logs, medical notes, custody and transfer registers, officer identities and orders.

03 Investigate each force incident

Take statements and commission independent forensic analysis of pellet wounds, recovered objects, launcher records, gas canisters and any additives in water-cannon tanks.

04 Prevent repetition at the next assembly

Seek an explicit command plan for de-escalation, protected medical access, visible officer identification, safeguarded detention and prompt family notification.

SOURCE CONTROL

The accompanying archive contains this brief; Av. Dea Nini's 18 October report; News24 timestamp notes; 11 unmodified source MP4s; four received screenshots (one matched to V06 and three munitions images); and a SHA-256 manifest. The annotated film retains original clip audio. The new abduction and munitions leads are reviewed on pages 18–19.

Editorial method: visible scenes, source-reported diagnoses, official observations and unresolved allegations are labelled separately. Selected displayed stills are cropped or softly redacted to protect identities while leaving injuries visible. No incident imagery or sound has been generated.