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In police custody

Two independent journalists arrested while photographing Tashkent market

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Reporters Without Borders is very worried by today's arrest of two independent journalists, **Sid Yanyshv** and **Pavel Kravets**, as they were taking photos of Axia market in Tashkent to illustrate a series of articles on preparations for Uzbekistan's independence day, on 1 September.

"The arrest of these two journalists is disturbing and the grounds given by the police seem absurd," Reporters Without Borders said. "We firmly condemn their arbitrary detention and we call for their immediate release. We intend to follow events closely during the coming hours."

When the police arrested Yanyshv and Kravets at around 5 p.m., they showed no documents proving that it was forbidden to take photos of the market, but they accused the journalists of "pursuing a strategic goal."

They were taken to the internal affairs department in Tashkent, where their mobile phones were confiscated.

Other images



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