

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to greet you at this important meeting.

Today we have concerning problems which directly impacts Europe and along with human rights issues Europe needs to think about its security.

In fact security and human rights are co-related.

I want specifically note here freedom of media and self-expression as the lack of these freedoms are the main problems of our society. If we look at the countries where wars exist, we observe that freedom of media fall behind. The environment of Intolerance negatively influences freedom of media.

In my view, this is not the problem of one country and one society. As for my own country, Azerbaijan has several problems on freedom of media and self-expression. On my way to Warsaw, I heard that journalists of Meydan TV have been arrested at the airport by police and they were taken into custody. Following the custody procedure they were released.

As a human rights advocate It worries me and I call on Azerbaijan government to put an end to this sort of incidents. This is crucially important as we are going to have parliamentary elections on November 1 and freedom of media is important during pre-election period.

On the other hand, problems on freedom of media are experienced not only in Azerbaijan but also in developed countries of Europe, including in the USA.

Shooting of Alison Parker and Adam Ward is the 8th incident that occurred over the past five years in the USA. By emphasizing consequence of these incidents, years when they occurred and the reasons, the USA experts try to dismiss the links among the incidents, but what happened in Virginia contradicted all their theories.

I would like to address to Mr. Ambassador, Daniel Bayer who became expert on making statements other countries, Mr. Bayer, you are expected to talk about your own country and inform us on motives of a series of killings.

In the end, I would like to talk about intolerance tendencies in Europe.

The condition of Syrian refugees in the border of Hungary and the way of Hungary journalist treated made us to think again. Osama Abdul Mohsen and his young son, Zaid made headlines globally after they were tripped over by Hungary journalist Petra Laszlo. I think journalist's job is to get information, if this is done by European journalist we have to think about this.