

## **Italian Gymnast Injured**

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Violetta Ballirano, 15, a member of the Italian national gymnastics team, was hospitalized in serious condition after falling out of a sixth-floor window in northern Moscow under unclear circumstances Saturday, news reports said.

Komsomolskaya Pravda said Ballirano jumped out of the window after a fight with her boyfriend, but

Lifenews.ru reported Monday that the girl said she was pushed.

Ballirano, who is half-Russian and half-Italian, has Russian citizenship but performs for the Italian team because of intense competition in the Russian one.

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