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Kommersant

Afsati Dzhusoyti article headlined "Russia forced out of top three" gives an update on the medal count at the Sochi Winter Olympics; p 1 (275 words).

Nezavisimaya Gazeta

Igor Naumov article headlined "Olympians have healthy appetite" details catering arrangements at the Sochi Olympics; p 2 (500 words).

Ilgar Velizade column headlined "Carte Blanche. Will Sochi Olympics make Caucasus safe?" calls for talks between Russia and the Caucasus states to ensure long-term stability and security in the region after the Winter Olympics; p 3 (698 words).

Rossiiskaya Gazeta

Marina Gritsyuk interview with Deputy Prime Minister Olga Golodets headlined "Painkiller" who answers questions ranging from access to narcotic painkillers for terminally ill people to healthcare provisions at the Sochi Winter Games; pp 1, 7 (723 words).

Moskovsky Komsomolets

Mikhail Zubov et al. article headlined "Pussy Riot make show in Sochi" says that freed Pussy Riot members Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alyokhina have been detained in Sochi on suspicion of theft; pp 1, 3 (300 words).

Izvestia

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Komsomolskaya Pravda

Alexander Gamov report looks at the reaction of the leadership of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia to Viktor Shenderovich's recent remarks, in which he likened figure skater Yulia Lipnitskaya's role in Russia's victory in the team competition at the Olympics in Sochi to German triumphs at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin; p 11 (800 words).

Argumenty i Fakty

Sergei Osipov interview "Best facilities are in Sochi" with U.S. Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul who speaks about his impression of Sochi, the situation in Ukraine and Edward Snowden; p 12 (1,700 words).

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