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HUMAN RIGHTS

[Implementing the European Convention on Human Rights: a shared responsibility](#)

26/03/2015 - The Financial

Speaking at the opening of a high-level Conference on the “Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights: our shared responsibility” in Brussels on March 26, PACE President Anne Brasseur reaffirmed the key role of the Parliamentary Assembly and its members to ensure that European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) standards are effectively protected and implemented domestically.

[European nations sign world's first organ trafficking treaty](#)

25/03/2015 - France 24

Fourteen European nations signed Wednesday in Spain the first ever international treaty to fight human organ trafficking, a business that generates over one billion dollars in illegal profits worldwide every year.

[George Soros and the Council of Europe reach agreement on new European Roma Institute](#)

26/03/2015 - Human Rights Europe

Billionaire financier and philanthropist George Soros and the Council of Europe are to help set up a new European Roma Institute, it has been announced. Soros, chairman of the Open Society Foundations and Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland today authored an article published by ‘European Voice,’ which sets out the purpose of the new institute.

[Judge orders ‘Naked Rambler’ to get dressed](#)

25/03/2015 - The Irish Examiner

The European Court of Human Rights has rejected a final legal challenge brought by a man known as the Naked Rambler, who had claimed he had a right to be nude in public.

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

[PACE delegation to visit Ukraine on March 25-27](#)

25/03/2015 - Interfax Ukraine

Mailis Reps and Jean-Claude Mignon, the PACE co-rapporteurs on the implementation of the commitments made by Ukraine, will visit the country on March 25-27," Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said at a briefing on Tuesday.

[PACE rapporteur to speak with Turkish officials on transit migration](#)

24/03/2015 - Today's Zaman

The rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Tineke Strik, is scheduled to meet with Turkish officials in preparation for a report on the use of Turkey as a transit route for migrants entering the EU.

[PACE co-rapporteurs: De facto Tskhinvali-Moscow deal is 'creeping annexation'](#)

24/03/2015 - Agenda.ge

PACE co-rapporteurs for the monitoring of Georgia Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark) and Boriss Cilevics (Latvia) today [condemned](#) the signing of the "Alliance and Integration" treaty between the Russian Federation and Georgia's breakaway Tskhinvali region (South Ossetia).

[PACE Migration Committee calls upon Russian Federation to release Savchenko](#)

23/03/2015 - Parliamentary Assembly

"The committee takes note of the fact that Nadiya Savchenko, a Ukrainian parliamentarian, remains in the custody of the authorities of the Russian Federation. It notes that on 16 March 2015, following her omission from the exchange of prisoners under the Minsk agreements, she resumed her long-standing hunger strike, at the risk of grave consequences to her health.

CONGRESS OF THE REGION AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

[Le Conseil de l'Europe appelle les autorités locales à protéger les cimetières juifs](#)

27/03/2015 - Radio Chine Internationale

Le Congrès du Conseil de l'Europe invite les 47 Etats membres à protéger les cimetières juifs, en adoptant une résolution portant sur la responsabilité des autorités locales, lors de leur 28ème session qui s'est clôturée jeudi à Strasbourg. La Résolution encourage les collectivités locales à promouvoir la protection et la préservation des lieux sacrés d'enterrement juifs, et à engager le dialogue avec les représentants des communautés juives.

[Le Congrès du Conseil de l'Europe se détermine à combattre la radicalisation en Europe](#)

27/03/2015 - Xinhua

Le Congrès du Conseil de l'Europe se montre déterminé à combattre la radicalisation en Europe, en adoptant une résolution et une recommandation sur le rôle des collectivités locales et régionales dans la lutte et la prévention, lors de sa 28ème session.

RUSSIA

[Russian Foreign Ministry: Russia's withdrawal from Council of Europe not on agenda so far](#)

26/03/2015 - Kyiv Post

The issue of Russia's possible withdrawal from the Council of Europe is not relevant today, the director of the Russian Foreign Ministry's pan-European cooperation department, Ivan Soltanovsky, has said.

INTERVIEW WITH OUR HEAD OF DELEGATION

[Exclusive interview with the EU Ambassador to the Council of Europe](#)

26/03/2015 - The European Post

Russia, Ukraine, reforms of the Council of Europe, the role of the High Representative for Foreign Policy Federica Mogherini are among the topics discussed by the EU Ambassador to the Council of Europe Jari Vilen with The European Post.

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