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## Weekly media report of developments in the Council of Europe

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### RUSSIA - UKRAINE CONFLICT

#### [Russian, Belgian diplomats to discuss implementation of Minsk Agreements](#)

08/04/2015 - Sputnik News

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and his Belgian counterpart Didier Reynders will discuss the possible role of the Council of Europe in the Minsk agreements implementation, including implementation of the constitutional reform in Ukraine.

#### [Savchenko's lawyers to appeal against refusal to recognize her PACE delegate immunity](#)

07/04/2015 - Ukrinform

The lawyers of Ukrainian pilot, MP and delegate of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Nadiya Savchenko have lodged a new complaint in the Basmany district court of Moscow against refusal of the Investigative Committee to recognize the immunity of Savchenko as the PACE delegate.

#### [Crimean man accused of terrorism appeals to European Court over 'forced' Russian citizenship](#)

09/04/2015 - The Moscow Times

A Moscow court ruled that a Crimean man arrested on suspicion of terrorism will remain in detention in Moscow through May 16, days after he filed a complaint with the European Court of Human Rights claiming that he was illegally forced to give up Ukrainian citizenship and become Russian, the BBC's Russian-language service reported Thursday.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

#### [Council of Europe launches online platform for media protection](#)

06/04/2015 - IFEX

The Council of Europe has launched an [online platform](#) dedicated to recording violations of journalists' rights in its member states in order to promote their safety.

### [International Roma Day: A symbol of political unity](#)

08/04/2015 - Euractiv

The 8th of April is International Roma Day, widely celebrated in all countries where the world's 12 million Roma live. It is a day when Roma celebrate the vision of the older generation of Romani politicians, to establish the foundations of Romani empowerment in Europe. Thanks to them and their vision, we are able to witness the eagerness of Europe's Roma to struggle for equality. This day is about celebration, political debate, and glorifying the determination of the Roma to keep up their fight.

### [Italy found guilty of using torture during G8 protest](#)

10/04/2015 - The Irish Times

In a landmark judgment, the European Court of Human Rights yesterday found Italy guilty of using "torture" against protesters at the G8 Summit in Genoa 2001. The court also expressed its regret that, due to both Italy's extensive Statute of Limitations legislation and to a "lack of co-operation from police authorities", no police personnel had been sanctioned or prosecuted for their role in the "totally gratuitous" violence perpetrated on the "No Global" protest movement.

### [Immigrants in Spain held in 'carceral' environment - Anti-Torture Committee](#)

09/04/2015 - Sputnik News

The report by the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment summarizes the results of the Committee's visit to detention centers for immigrants and asylum seekers located in the Spanish cities of Barcelona, Madrid and Melilla in July, 2014.

### [Council of Europe: Don't spy on your staff, you naughty employers](#)

07/04/2015 - The Register

Private electronic communications at work should not be monitored under any circumstances says the Council of Europe. The recommendation is aimed at both public and private sectors. In a nutshell it says that employers have no right to unreasonable interference with employees' private lives even in the workplace.

### [Danish politicians consider filing lawsuit against Turkey at European court](#)

08/04/2015 - Today's Zaman

Dismayed by what they say is reticence on the part of Turkey to offer a satisfactory explanation for the release of a suspect believed to be involved in an attack on a Danish writer known for his strong anti-Islam stance, a number of Danish politicians are considering filing a lawsuit against Ankara at the European Court of Human Rights.

## DEMOCRACY & RULE OF LAW

### [A common legal space for both sides of the Mediterranean](#)

10/04/2015 - Council of Europe

Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland welcomed representatives from Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, The Palestinian National Authority and Tunisia to open the launch of a new EU-funded Council of Europe initiative to promote democracy in the southern Mediterranean.

### [CoE Secretary General's Special Representative to visit Azerbaijan](#)

07/04/2015 - News.Az

The visit will last 2 days. Mr.Gessel is represented in the Joint Group on Human Rights which resumed its activity on the initiative of Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjørn Jagland. Jafaroglu, who is also represented in the Joint Group on Human Rights, said that she has no information whether the Group will hold a meeting regarding Gessel's visit.

### [PACE President on official visit to Armenia](#)

09/04/2015 - Parliamentary Assembly

Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), will make an official visit to Armenia from 13 to 15 April 2015. In Yerevan, Ms Brasseur is due to meet the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Foreign Minister. Meetings are also scheduled with parliamentary groups of the National Assembly, the Armenian delegation to PACE and representatives of civil society. Ms Brasseur will also meet students of Yerevan State University.

### [PACE President Brasseur highlights press freedom issues in Turkey](#)

09/04/2015 - Today's Zaman

While paying a visit to Turkey and meeting with Turkish politicians and civil society groups, Brasseur briefed members of the Diplomacy Correspondents Association (DMD) early Thursday. She met with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu and EU Affairs Minister Volkan Bozkır on Wednesday and with Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu on Thursday.

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