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RUSSIA – UKRAINE CONFLICT

[Council of Europe Committee of Ministers insists on political solution to situation in Ukraine](#)

16/04/2015 - Ukrinform

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe insists on a political settlement of the military conflict in Ukraine on the basis of maintenance of its territorial integrity and sovereignty. It is said in the draft decision, the text of which is available to Ukrinform. "The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has confirmed that a permanent political settlement of the crisis in Ukraine can be only based on the principles of peaceful settlement of disputes, on full respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders and protection of human rights in Ukraine," the document says.

[ECHR postpones Ukraine's lawsuit against Russia for six months](#)

14/04/2015 - Ukrinform

The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has postponed consideration of the application Ukraine versus Russia for half a year at the request of Moscow. As noted, the ECHR has agreed to extend to September 25, 2015 the time allowed for submission of the Russian Government's observations on the admissibility of applications lodged by Ukraine over the actions of the Russian Federation in Donbas and Crimea.

[West, Russia should exert pressure for settlement in Ukraine - head of COE Committee of Ministers](#)

13/04/2015 - Interfax

The EU and the United States should use the potential of their influence on Kyiv to make the Ukrainian authorities observe the Minsk agreements while Russia should exert pressure on representatives of the self-proclaimed republics, Chairman of the Council of Europe (COE) Committee of Ministers Didier Reynders has told Interfax.

[CoE Committee of Ministers chair says Savchenko must be liberated](#)

13/04/2015 - Interfax

The Council of Europe has insisted on a release of Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko as a part of the implementation of the Minsk deal as of February 12, Chairman of the Council of Europe (COE) Committee of Ministers Didier Reynders said in an interview with Interfax.

[Council of Europe says no improvements made to quality of Maidan investigations by Ukraine's respective agencies](#)

15/04/2015 - Kyiv Post

The Chair of the International Advisory Panel (IAP) on Ukraine, Nicolas Bratza, while addressing the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, presented the key findings of the Panel's report on the investigations into violence surrounding the Maidan events in 2013-2014.

HUMAN RIGHTS

[Complain of journalist is sent to the European Court of Human Rights](#)

16/04/2015 - Turan Information Agency

Correspondent of the Turan agency and the radio station "Voice of America" Tapdig Farhadoglu appealed to the European Court of Human Rights because he cannot find possibilities to achieve justice in Azerbaijan.

[Le Conseil de l'Europe appelle ses Etats membres à mieux protéger les enfants contre la traite](#)

17/04/2015 - CRI online

Selon un nouveau rapport du Groupe d'experts du Conseil de l'Europe sur la lutte contre la traite des êtres humains (GRETA), rendu public jeudi, des mesures sont nécessaires dans beaucoup de pays pour améliorer plus généralement l'identification des victimes de la traite, pour leur offrir une assistance plus adaptée et pour rendre réellement effectives les investigations liées à la traite, les poursuites et les condamnations.

[EU initiative risks turning Roma into entertainers, not real people with human rights](#)

15/04/2015 - The Conversation

The Council of Europe recently announced a joint initiative with the Open Society Foundations (OSF), a charity led by billionaire philanthropist George Soros, to create a [European Roma Institute](#) (ERI). Billed as a "Roma-led" initiative, its declared purpose is to sponsor Romani artistic cultural production, to raise awareness of the Roma and to advise the Council of Europe on policy in relation to Roma.

[Rasul Jafarov Sentenced to 6.5 Years in Jail](#)

16/04/2015 - Turan Information Agency

The well-known human rights activist, organizer of the campaign Art for Democracy Rasul Jafarov has been sentenced to six and a half years in prison. This decision was made by Judge Eldar Ismailov in the Baku Court of Grave Crimes on April 16. After his release Jafarov will be prohibited from holding any office or for three years.

[Council of Europe holds consultations on draft internet freedom text](#)

15/04/2015 - Intellectual Property Watch News

A committee of the Strasbourg-based Council of Europe is drafting recommendations on internet freedom and is requesting public comments until the end of the month. "The Council of Europe is working on a draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to its member states on Internet freedom," a Council of Europe official announced.

[Renseignement: 'Le projet de loi porte gravement atteinte aux libertés' Par Nils Muižnieks, Michel Forst et Ben Emmerson](#)

13/04/2015 - Le Monde

Le terrorisme est une menace réelle et un défi à la solidité de nos démocraties. Cette menace nécessite une réponse efficace pour protéger nos sociétés. Néanmoins, les Etats ne sauraient prendre des mesures antiterroristes qui sapent la démocratie, l'Etat de droit et les droits de l'homme.

[Armenia highly appreciates support of Council of Europe](#)

15/04/2015 - Armenia Now

Armenia highly appreciates the support offered by the Council of Europe in the process of the ongoing democratic reforms implemented in the country, Armenia's President Serzh Sargsyan said on Tuesday while receiving the visiting President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Anne Brasseur.

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