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Weekly media report of developments in the Council of Europe

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[Kosovo is ready for accession at the Council of Europe](#)

26/05/2015 - Independent Balkan News Agency

Institutions of Kosovo continue to prepare for accession at the Council of Europe. Representatives of foreign policy in the country say that accession in such an important mechanism of human rights would help in the development of democracy in this young state. President of the country, Atifete Jahjaga says that the strengthening of the protection of human rights makes the accession of Kosovo at Council of Europe a necessity and one of the priorities of Kosovo's diplomacy.

[This UK bill of rights is a recipe for disaster](#)

28/05/2015 - The Times

Yesterday's announcement in the Queen's Speech that the government intends to consult on replacing the Human Rights Act with a British bill of rights raises important questions that show how damaging this could be.

[30e anniversaire du drame du Heysel: le Secrétaire Général appelle à mettre fin à la violence lors des manifestations sportives](#)

28/05/2015 - Agora Sport Online

Le Secrétaire Général Thorbjørn Jagland appelle les Etats membres à intensifier leurs efforts pour lutter contre la violence lors des manifestations sportives, et ajoute que la Convention européenne sur la violence et les débordements de spectateurs lors de manifestations sportives et notamment de matches de football est en cours de révision pour y inclure la sécurité sur les lieux de retransmission publique et améliorer la coopération transfrontalière entre la police et les organisateurs.

[Russia mulls possible steps on ECHR ruling in Yukos case](#)

27/05/2015 - News.Az

Russia does not regard the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) into the Yukos case on compensation to former shareholders of the now-defunct oil giant as an example of a fair and unbiased approach, said Russian Justice Minister Alexander Kononov.

[Belarus bans publication of Council of Europe report on corruption](#)

27/05/2015 - Euroradio

GRECO noted in its present report that Belarus had met only 4 out of the 24 recommendations from the previous report: "The country has managed to achieve substantial progress only in training and specialization of police officers, in the introduction of new mechanisms of seizures of goods and the introduction of accounting and reporting in accordance with international standards."

[Azerbaijan works toward cyber-security](#)

28/05/2015 - Azernews

In today's world where the issue of security transfers to the virtual reality, superpowers blame each other over allegation of cyber terror - cyber spies are now the new danger. A global system of the Internet that now links several billion devices worldwide has experienced sustained exponential growth from the early 1990s.

[Corporal punishment: Irish smacking law violates European charter](#)

27/05/2015 - BBC

The European Committee of Social Rights made its ruling after a formal complaint from a UK-based charity. The Association for the Protection of All Children (Approach) lodged its complaint in February 2013 to the committee, which is part of the 47-nation Council of Europe.

[Anne Brasseur: 'To be credible, FIFA must lance the boil and overhaul its governance'](#)

28/05/2015 - Council of Europe

"Following the arrests of seven leading FIFA officials yesterday morning in Zurich, football's global body is once again shaken by an indescribable scandal only two days before its Congress. Whatever the result of the inquiry, it is imperative that FIFA continue to reform the governance of this organisation," said Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). "These arrests are not a surprise, given the criticisms made over many years. It is now time to lance the boil."

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