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Weekly Media Report of developments in the Council of Europe 20 – 24 July 2015

[Anniversary of the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17](#)

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Statement by Igor Crnadak, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina: "On the sad occasion of the anniversary of the downing of flight MH17, I wish to reiterate my sympathy to the families of the victims of this tragedy and to the people and governments of the victims' countries of origin."

[Statement by the Secretary General on the attack in Suruc](#)

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"I strongly condemn today's brutal attack on innocent victims in Suruc, at a time when hundreds of young people were staying there. I extend my sincere condolences to the families of the deceased and wish a swift recovery to the wounded."

[CoE calls for establishing 'Victims of Hate Crime' day](#)

22/07 Xinhua News Agency

Anne Brasseur, president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, repeated the call Wednesday for July 22 to be recognized as European Day for Victims of Hate Crime.

[Cyprus: CoE's Moneyval sees progress in banking checks](#)

23/07 Financial Mirror

The Council of Europe's anti-money laundering watchdog said that Cyprus banks seem to have made significant progress in banking checks and will report on its next assessment in September.

[Tunisia parliament approves death penalty for 'terror crimes'](#)

23/07 Channel NewsAsia

Tunisia's parliament approved on Thursday imposition of the death penalty for "terrorist" crimes, despite opposition from rights groups and a de facto quarter-century moratorium on executions.



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Council of Europe calls on Hungary to do more to fight corruption

23/07 NewEurope

Hungary should strengthen its anti-corruption legislation by regulating contacts between lawmakers and lobbyists and limiting the immunity of public officials, according to the Council of Europe.

ECHR

Ukraine to file another lawsuit to ECtHR against Russia – Deputy Justice Minister

20/07 Interfax

In September, Ukraine will prepare and file another lawsuit against Russia with the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), Deputy Justice Minister Anton Yanchuk said during a meeting with representatives of the European External Action Service on the consequences of the illegal occupation of Ukrainian territory.

Italy breaches human rights by blocking gay marriage

22/07 Deutsche Welle

The European Court of Human Rights has condemned Italy for failing to provide legal recognition to same-sex couples. It said the country should introduce some form of civil union for homosexual couples.

ECtHR Began Communicating with Azerbaijani Government on Murder of E. Huseynov

23/07 Turan News Agency

The European Court of Human Rights has started communication with the Azerbaijani government on the complaint of Rushaniya Huseynova, widow of the editor of the magazine Monitor Elmar Huseynov assassinated on March 2, 2005.

Vincent Lambert case: 'Kidnap threat' in life support row

23/07 BBC

Doctors in France have unexpectedly decided to keep the paralysed patient on life support after reportedly hearing of a plan to kidnap him.