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[Kosovo's New War Court: How Will it Work?](#)

06/08 – Balkan Insight

The 50-page Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, which was negotiated between the EU and Kosovo, was finally passed this week by the Kosovo parliament after months of bitter arguments, street protests, frenzied media speculation and delays caused by political opposition to the legislation that will see former KLA guerrillas - who are seen as heroes of the liberation struggle in Kosovo - put on trial.

[Armenia May Withdraw Parliamentary 'Runoff' Election Option](#)

06/08 – Azatutyun

A member of the Constitutional Reform Commission (CRU) drafting amendments to Armenia's Basic Law does not rule out that a controversial provision on holding a second round of parliamentary elections will eventually be removed from the draft.

[More Chapters of Armenia's Draft Constitution Published](#)

05/08 – Asbarez

The commission drafting constitutional amendments has released eight more chapters of Armenia's new proposed constitution, suggesting Armenia's switch to a parliamentary form of government.

[Armenian Opposition Slams Authorities Over Constitutional Reform Provision](#)

04/08 – Azatutyun

Armenia's leading opposition parties have criticized the Armenian authorities for their reluctance to at least listen to the recommendations of a Council of Europe advisory body and remove a controversial provision on the so-called "second round" in parliamentary elections from the draft amendments to the Constitution.

[Officials Warn of Modern Racism Against Roma at Commemorations for 'Forgotten Holocaust'](#)

04/08 – Newsweek

The leaders of prominent European human rights organisations spoke about the importance of educating people about the Roma holocaust during World War II, in order to help combat the discrimination the community continues to face.



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[Ukraine to file fourth lawsuit with ECHR against Russia – Justice Minister](#)

04/08 – Interfax

Ukraine is finishing the preparation of the fourth lawsuit filed with European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) against Russia, Ukrainian Justice Minister Pavlo Petrenko has said.

[Turkey fails to prevent women killings despite signature](#)

03/08 – Hürriyet Daily News

It's been a year since the Istanbul Convention, a landmark treaty of the Council of Europe (CoE) dedicated to preventing and combating general and domestic violence against women. Although the convention entered into force Aug. 1, 2014, the country has failed to take steps on this road.

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[Leyla Yunus: "They're planning to wipe us out"](#)

07/08 – X Index

The following letter was written by Leyla Yunus, director of the Peace and Democracy Institute, who is currently on trial on spurious charges in Azerbaijan. Her husband, Arif, a historian and researcher is also on trial.

[Rasul Jafarov hopes for reconciliation with the authorities](#)

06/08 – Contact AZ

Rasul Jafarov hopes his outstretched hand to Azerbaijani authorities will find counter understanding. "I want to believe that they will respond to my appeal, and I will be released," said Jafarov.

[ECHR accepts objector's plea against Turkey](#)

06/08 – Cyprus News

Conscientious objector Murat Kanatli, who was jailed in the north for refusing to report for reservist duty, saw his petition against Turkey for breach of human rights accepted by the European Court of Human Rights on Wednesday.

[Secretary General of Council of Europe Calls for Release of Ilgar Mamedov](#)

05/08 – Contact AZ

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjørn Jagland sent a letter to the Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan Fikret Mamedov, which expressed concern about the pressure on the leader of the movement REAL Ilgar Mamedov imprisoned in Jail No 6.

He also called for the immediate and unconditional execution of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights to release Mamedov, said the movement REAL.