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TERRORISM

Council of Europe Head Warns of Surge in Far-Right Sentiment

12/01/2015 – Sputnik News

The recent Islamist attacks against Charlie Hebdo magazine in Paris could fuel far-right movements across Europe, which in turn would lead to more jihadists' violence, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjørn Jagland said Monday.

<http://sputniknews.com/europe/20150112/1016820385.html>

Le Conseil de l'Europe veut accélérer contre le terrorisme

15/01/2015 – Zaman France

Le Conseil de l'Europe demande aux 47 Etats membres d'accentuer leur coopération dans la lutte contre le terrorisme et de ratifier la Convention européenne pour la prévention de ce phénomène, après les attaques qui ont fait 17 victimes la semaine dernière à Paris et Montrouge.

<http://www.zamanfrance.fr/article/conseil-leurope-veut-acceler-contre-terrorisme-14009.html>

Strasbourg initie une « conférence citoyenne » après les rassemblements pour Charlie Hebdo

13/01/2015 – La Gazette

Pour éviter que le mouvement citoyen après les attentats en France ne s'essouffle, la ville de Strasbourg va organiser une "conférence citoyenne" chargée d'élaborer des propositions concrètes pour améliorer le "vivre ensemble".

<http://www.lagazettedescommunes.com/313717/strasbourg-initie-une-conference-citoyenne-apres-les-rassemblements-pour-charlie-hebdo/>

RUSSIA

Naryshkin may take part in PACE session

12/01/2015 – ITAR TASS

Russia's State Duma (lower house) Speaker Sergey Naryshkin may attend the session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) due to be held in Strasbourg from January 26 to January 30, a PACE source told TASS on Monday.

<http://itar-tass.com/en/russia/770771>

Alexei Navalny case an example of Putin's tightening grip

15/01/2015 – The Boston Globe

The sham trial and sentencing of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny is a brazen attempt to silence a fierce critic of corruption among the country's government and business elite — and yet more evidence of Vladimir Putin's tightening grip on national politics.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2015/01/14/alexei-navalny-case-example-putin-tightening-grip/QKDG4DuchnvTlpgDzAy4gN/story.html>

NGOs could be removed from foreign agents list upon their request

14/01/2015 – Russian Legal Information Agency

The Russian Ministry of Justice has submitted a bill to the government to eventually remove some NGOs from the foreign agents list, Minister Alexander Kononov told journalists on Wednesday.

http://rapsinews.com/legislation_news/20150114/272948558.html

Too early to say if Russia will pay in Yukos case — justice minister

14/01/2015 – ITAR TASS

Russia's Justice Ministry said about the decision that “further action regarding the ruling would be taken proceeding from the need for ensuring the sovereign rights of Russia and rely on the norms of existing national legislation, including the Constitution, which has the highest legal power in the territory of Russia.”

<http://itar-tass.com/en/russia/771232>

UKRAINE

Ukrainian pilot Savchenko vows to die in prison if not freed

16/01/2015 – Radio Free Europe

January 13 marks one month since Nadia Savchenko, the Ukrainian military pilot held in Russia, began her hunger strike. Savchenko says she is determined to starve to death in pretrial detention if Russian authorities do not release her.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/ukraine-russia-savchenko-vows-to-die-in-prison/26791758.html>

Yatseniuk meets with PACE President

15/01/2015 – Interfax Ukraine

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk, during a meeting with PACE President Anne Brasseur, stated how important her arrival in Ukraine was, considering the country's difficult situation.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/244720.html>

Ukrainian minister, PACE delegation discuss humanitarian crisis in country's east

15/01/2015 – ITAR TASS

Ukrainian Foreign Ministry's press service said Brasseur gave assurances to the Ukrainian side PACE would further support the 'territorial integrity' and sovereignty of Ukraine.

<http://itar-tass.com/en/world/771462>

Council of Europe amounts Berkut's actions on Maidan to torture

13/01/2015 – Ukrinform

The Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) is going to amount the treatment of Maidan detained protesters to torture.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/council_of_europe_amounts_berkuts_actions_on_maidan_to_torture_328194

Council of Europe finds no evidence of Russian security force presence on Kyiv's Maidan during 2013-2014 protests

13/01/2015 – Interfax Ukraine

The Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) said it had not found any evidence of Russian security forces' presence on Independence Square (Maidan) in the center of Kyiv during the protests there in 2013 and 2014.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/244117.html>

HUMAN RIGHTS

Council of Europe says EU should be part of the European Convention on Human Rights

13/01/2015 – Hurriyet Daily News

The European Union should sign up for the European Convention on Human Rights, but recent negative advice from the Court of Justice of the European Union is worrying, according to Council of Europe Secretary-General Thorbjorn Jagland.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/council-of-europe-says-eu-should-be-part-of-the-european-convention-on-human-rights.aspx?PageID=238&NID=76850&NewsCatID=351>

Rights commissioner reminds Latvian President on gay rights

12/01/2015 – LSM

Nils Muižnieks, the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights, has criticized recent comments in a newspaper interview about homosexuality and society by Latvian President Andris Bērziņš, the LETA newswire reported Monday.

<http://www.lsm.lv/en/article/societ/society/rights-commissioner-criticizes-presidents-view-on-gay-rights.a113397/>

Amal Clooney takes on Armenia genocide case in European court

12/01/2015 – The Telegraph

A century on from the 1915 genocide, in which up to 1.5 million Armenians were slaughtered by the Ottoman Turks, the newly wed wife of George Clooney will be part of a legal team representing Armenia in a case involving denial of the genocide by a Turkish politician.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/armenia/11341003/Amal-Clooney-takes-on-Armenia-genocide-case-in-European-court.html>

AZERBAIJAN

The Supreme Court postpones consideration of the complaint of Ilgar Mamedov and Tofiq Yagublu

13/01/2015 – Contact

On Tuesday a Supreme Court, chaired by Imran Hajibayov, started hearing in the case of the leader of REAL Ilgar Mamedov and deputy chairman of the party "Musavat" Tofiq Yagublu convicted in connection with the events in Ismayilli region on January 2013.

<http://www.contact.az/docs/2015/Politics/011300102854en.htm#.VLkDgS50fTo>

TURKEY

Council of Europe warns Turkey over use of tear gas in confined spaces

15/01/2015 – Today's Zaman

The Council of Europe's (CoE) Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) published a report on Thursday regarding its most recent visit to Turkey on June 9-21, 2013, in which it cited "serious misgivings" about the police use of tear gas.

http://www.todayszaman.com/diplomacy_council-of-europe-warns-turkey-over-use-of-tear-gas-in-confined-spaces_369926.html

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