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[Scrapping the Human Rights Act must mean escaping Strasbourg too](#)

30/05 the Telegraph

The abolition of the Human Rights Act and its replacement with a new Bill of Rights is vital for public protection and national security. But Michael Gove, the new Justice Secretary, is wise to avoid rushing into changes that might not work.

[Michael Gove determined to scrap the Human Rights Act – even if Scotland retains it](#)

31/05 the Independent

Scotland could be allowed to retain the Human Rights Act even if Westminster sidelined the European Court in favour of an “English” Bill of Rights, according to new plans being considered by Michael Gove.

[CE Commissioner welcomes Serbian PM, ombudsman meeting](#)

01/06 Tanjug

The Council of Europe (CE) Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Muiznieks welcomed on Monday the intention of the Serbian government and Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic to strengthen cooperation with Ombudsman Sasa Jankovic, and called for full respect for the independence of the institution of ombudsman.

[Nils Muižnieks, Michel Forst, and Dunja Mijatović : Sport cannot ignore human rights](#)

03/06 Open democracy

Athletes will rely on free and fair competition at the European Games. Yet outside the stadium there is no free competition of ideas. They can take a stand.

[Council of Europe grants to support citizen participation initiatives in four communities in Armenia](#)

04/06 Public Radio of Armenia

Four Armenian communities – Urtsadzor, Ararat Marz, Vardenik, Gegharkunuk Marz, Akhtala, Lori Marz, and Artik, Shirak Marz signed agreements, on 3 June 2015, with the Council of Europe to receive grants for implementing citizen participation initiatives in their communities.



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[Un couple d'hommes au tribunal pour avoir eu recours à la GPA](#)

05/06 Le Monde

Ils ont conscience d'avoir contourné la loi française pour devenir parents. Mais leur désir d'enfant était le plus fort. Deux quadragénaires girondins, homosexuels en couple depuis de longues années et récemment mariés, étaient jugés mercredi 3 juin par le tribunal correctionnel de Bordeaux pour « *provocation par don, promesse, menace ou abus d'autorité à l'abandon d'enfant né ou à naître* », délit passible de six mois de prison et de 7 500 euros d'amende.

[Slovenia will insist on settlement of bank's claims in Croatia](#)

04/06 Dalje news

The Slovenian government said on Thursday it would use every option to exercise the collection of claims which Ljubljanska Banka's former Zagreb branch had from its former clients in Croatia. The government issued a press release in response to a decision of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), which said that the bank's application against Croatia for those claims was inadmissible.

[ICANN speak clearly now .gay has gone – Council of Europe](#)

05/06 The Register

An alliance of 47 countries has called on ICANN to respect privacy and freedom of expression when allocating top level domains. The Council of Europe (CoE) has no legal power to force ICANN to change its procedures, but does have official observer status with ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC).

[La Cour européenne des droits de l'homme valide l'arrêt des soins à Vincent Lambert](#)

05/06 Le Monde

La Cour européenne des droits de l'homme (CEDH) a validé vendredi 5 juin l'arrêt des soins qui maintiennent artificiellement en vie Vincent Lambert, ce tétraplégique en état végétatif depuis sept ans. La Cour a en effet estimé que cela ne violerait l'article 2 de la convention européenne des droits de l'Homme, régissant le droit à la vie de l'ancien infirmier psychiatrique de 38 ans.