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Dear All

Please find below the last edition of our human rights update for 2015 - full of news, opportunities and events. As always please do feel free to circulate this update to your colleagues, students, friends and family.

Law Society News

Join us on International Human Rights Day

We are holding a suite of activities on the 10 December to mark international human rights day and you are warmly invited to join us at any or all of the events. Book now for our morning [Seminar on Freedom of Expression](#), our afternoon session on [‘The future of human rights’](#) and our evening [Carol Service](#) and [drinks reception](#).

Business and Human Rights Seminar: Brussels 1st December

The interaction between business and human rights raise questions that are on the cutting edge of ethics, law and politics. What is the relation between the two? What do businesses and their clients need to know about human rights? How can NGOs and political institutions work with businesses to ensure that human rights are respected?

If you would like more info and to reserve your place, please register [here](#)

Enter now: Human Rights Essay Competition

Each year law students, trainee solicitors, pupil barristers and junior lawyers (current, prospective or in-between stages) are invited to enter the Law Society’s annual Graham Turnbull essay competition.

This year’s essay title is: ‘A most radical recommendation? Should interception warrants be judicially authorised or does there need to be democratic accountability?’

David Anderson QC, the independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, will be the guest judge.

[Find out more](#)

Law Society raises concern for Iranian refugees at Camp Liberty in Iraq

The Law Society strongly condemns the attack on 29 October 2015 on Camp Liberty, Iraq, as a repeated violation of fundamental human rights.

[Read more](#)

Law Society raises concerns over arrest of regional Turkish bar association president

President of the Law Society Jonathan Smithers has written to the Turkish Minister of Justice to express his concerns over the arrest of prominent human rights lawyer and president of the Diyarbakir Bar Association Tahir Elçi.

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Law Society calls on Assad to release human rights lawyer

Law Society president Jonathan Smithers has written to the Syrian president to call for the release of human rights lawyer Khalil Ma'touq.

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What is the International Action Team (IAT) and are you interested in joining it?

The International Action Team or IAT is a Law Society driven project that relies on a pro-bono network of lawyers and law students who intervene on behalf of lawyers at risk across the globe. Please note the IAT may be required to

undertake both factual and legal research as well as drafting.
Find out more and get involved

Law Society Interventions

[All interventions can be found on our website](#)

Events of Interest:

The future of human rights

Date: 19/10/2015
Time: 16:00 - 19:00
Venue: Law Society, London
[More info](#)

Human Rights Day Seminar on Freedom of Expression

Date: 10/12/2015
Time: 9:30 – 11:15
Venue: Law Society, London
[Register](#)

Opportunities

Job title: Middle East and North Africa Caseworker - Death Penalty Team
Employer: Reprieve
Deadline: 27 November
Location: London
[More info](#)

Training:

International Action Team (IAT)
[Take our training now to become part of the IAT](#)

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Kind regards

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