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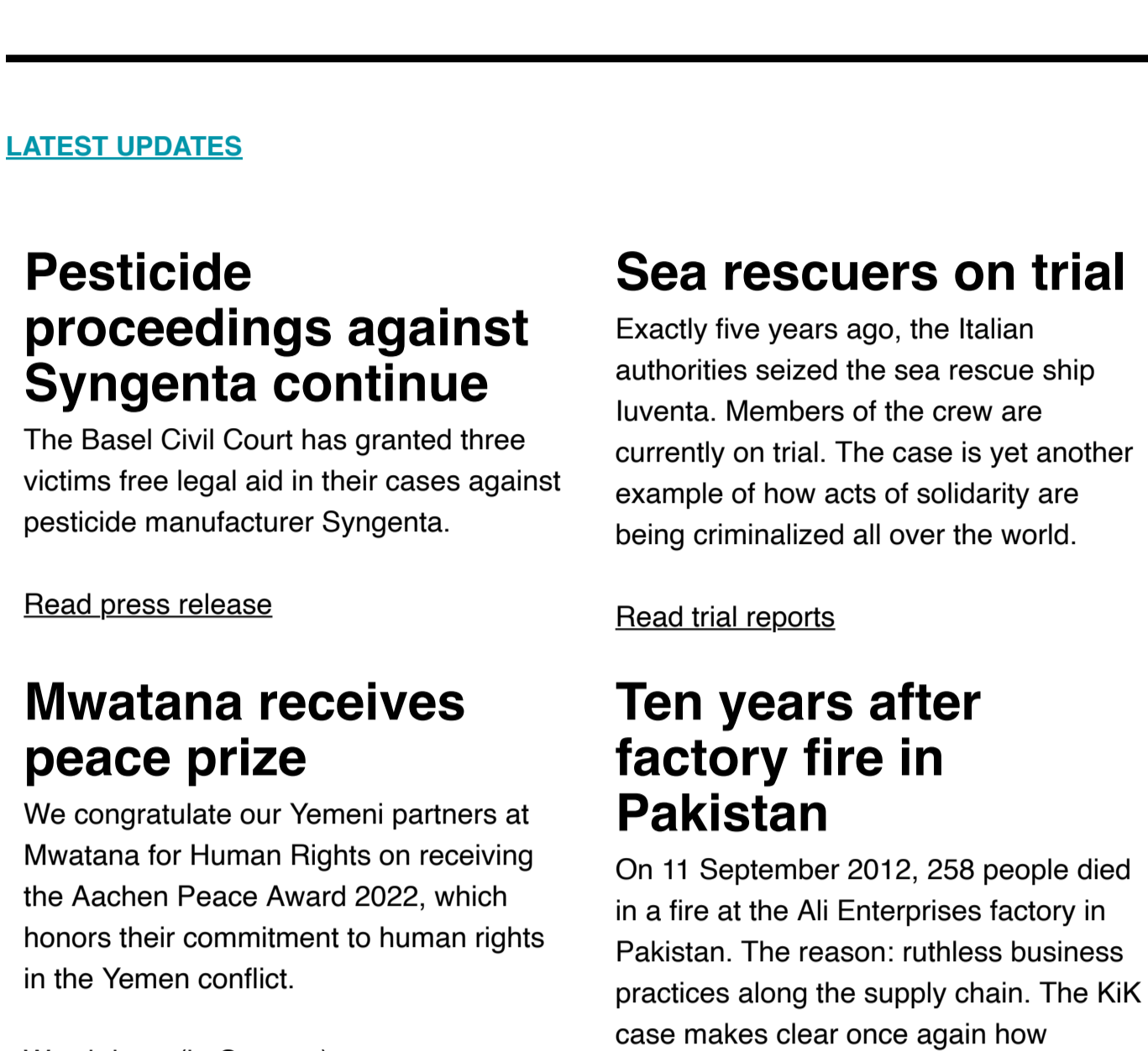
First France, then the Netherlands and, in 2023, Germany – more and more European countries are introducing supply chain laws because they have come to recognize that oil spills, theft of natural resources and forced labor do not come from nowhere. They are the result of the ruthless practices of companies along their global value chains.

Yet, a patchwork composed of separate national laws is not enough to effectively protect human rights and the environment. Now, the EU has the chance to pass a robust law that is binding for all European companies. Learn more about this and other topics in this newsletter.

The ECCHR-Team

Working together for a strong supply chain law

As part of the [Justice is Everybody's Business](#) campaign, ECCHR is advocating for a legal framework at the EU level that adequately protects human rights, along with the environment and the climate, and empowers those affected when companies violate their rights.



Approximately 100 organizations are supporting the campaign © JEB

We are calling for:

- all companies to be obliged to respect human rights, the climate and the environment
- risks to be actively combated and prevented
- legal avenues to hold companies liable under civil law and to take action against them when necessary
- the strengthening of trade unions and other entities representing the interests of workers
- mandatory, binding guidelines on environmental and climate protection, such as limits on the emission of greenhouse gases

[More about our demands](#)

LATEST UPDATES

Pesticide proceedings against Syngenta continue

The Basel Civil Court has granted three victims free legal aid in their cases against pesticide manufacturer Syngenta.

[Read press release](#)

Sea rescuers on trial

Exactly five years ago, the Italian authorities seized the sea rescue ship Iuventa. Members of the crew are currently on trial. The case is yet another example of how acts of solidarity are being criminalized all over the world.

[Read trial reports](#)

Mwatana receives peace prize

We congratulate our Yemeni partners at Mwatana for Human Rights on receiving the Aachen Peace Award 2022, which honors their commitment to human rights in the Yemen conflict.

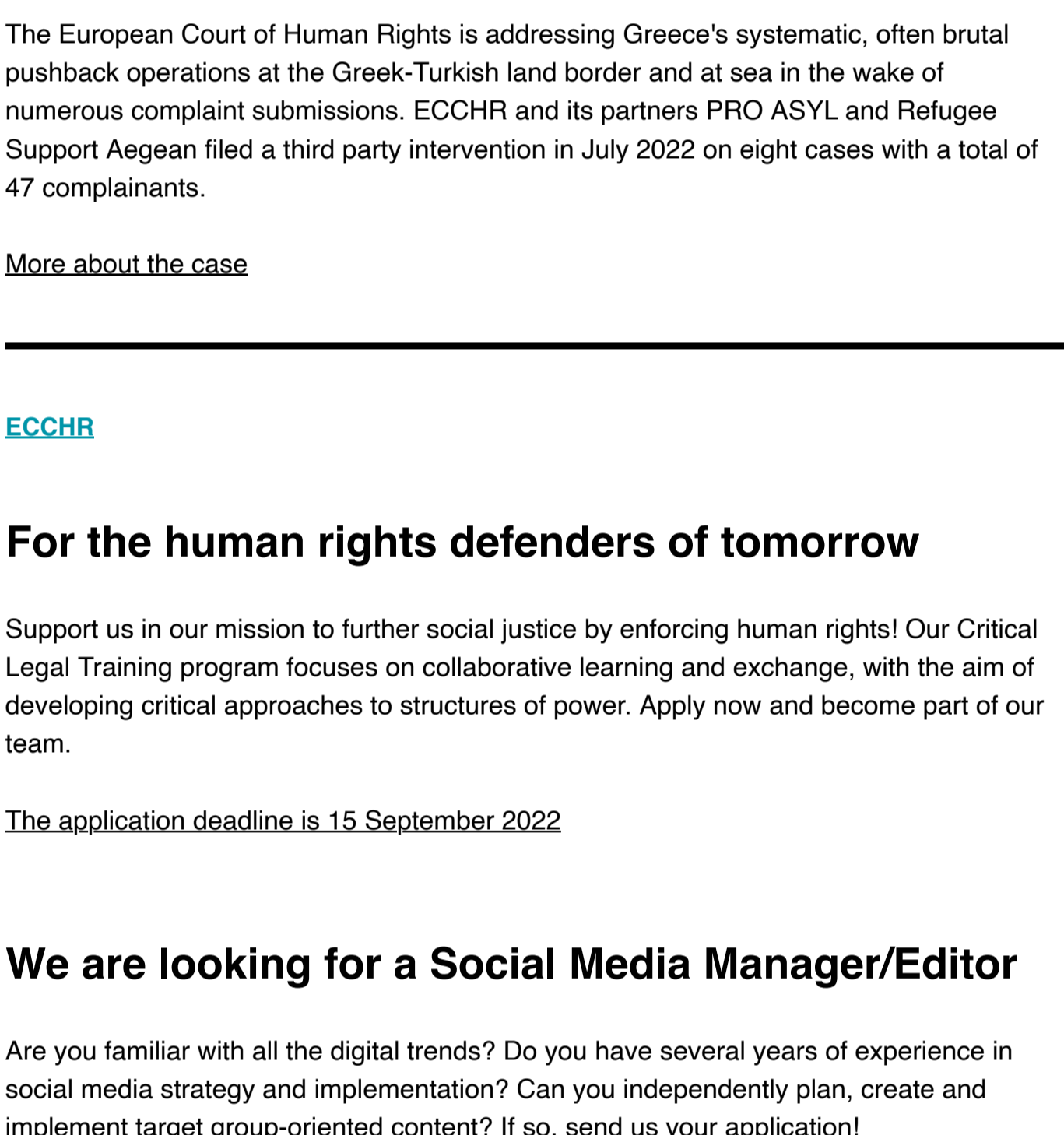
[Watch here \(in German\)](#)

Ten years after factory fire in Pakistan

On 11 September 2012, 258 people died in a fire at the Ali Enterprises factory in Pakistan. The reason: ruthless business practices along the supply chain. The KiK case makes clear once again how urgently we need stronger corporate responsibility laws.

[Read more here](#)

CLIMATE



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Appeal for climate justice

Four Indonesians are taking legal action against the cement corporation Holcim in Switzerland to save their island and their livelihoods. They need your support.

[Sign appeal here](#)

PUSHBACKS

Greece before the European Court of Human Rights

The European Court of Human Rights is addressing Greece's systematic, often brutal pushback operations at the Greek-Turkish land border and at sea in the wake of numerous complaint submissions. ECCHR and its partners PRO ASYL and Refugee Support Aegean filed a third party intervention in July 2022 on eight cases with a total of 47 complainants.

[More about the case](#)

ECCHR

For the human rights defenders of tomorrow


Support us in our mission to further social justice by enforcing human rights! Our Critical Legal Training program focuses on collaborative learning and exchange, with the aim of developing critical approaches to structures of power. Apply now and become part of our team.

[The application deadline is 15 September 2022](#)

We are looking for a Social Media Manager/Editor

Are you familiar with all the digital trends? Do you have several years of experience in social media strategy and implementation? Can you independently plan, create and implement target group-oriented content? If so, send us your application!

[To the job posting](#)



STOP EXPLOITATION

Within global supply chains, millions of people are forced to work in degrading, sometimes life-threatening conditions. The climate and the environment suffer. We fight using legal means to hold companies from the Global North accountable for exploitation.

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EVENTS

How can the German government implement the export ban on pesticides?

Reparations for colonial crimes - the negotiations between Germany and Namibia as an example for the ambivalent role of the law in these cases
Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, July 2022

12 September 2022, 11:00 am, online - *the event language will be German*

[Register now](#)

War crimes in the Ukraine war: Possible paths to prosecution

The Evangelische Akademie Bad Boll is hosting a discussion with Ukrainian lawyer Nadia Volkova and Andreas Schüller, ECCHR Program Director of International Crimes and Accountability.

15 September 2022, 6:30 pm, online - *the event languages will be German and English*

[Register now](#)

A permanent state of emergency? Human rights challenges at the EU's external borders – and across the Mediterranean Sea

While millions of refugees are mostly welcomed with open arms at the EU's borders with Ukraine, those seeking protection at other external borders face a completely different reality. What are the different discourses that underlie European border policies? How can the rights of asylum seekers be defended when emergency measures threaten to become the new normal at many external borders? A conference organized by Amnesty International, Bread for the World, ECCHR and many more.

26 September 2022, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, Caroline-Michaelis-Straße 1, 10115 Berlin

The event languages will be German and English

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PUBLICATIONS

Wolfgang Kaleck

[The principle of universal jurisdiction: Will Putin be brought to trial?](#)

Spiegel Online, 9 July 2022 - *only available in German*

Andreas Schüller

[What does the war in Ukraine mean for international criminal justice?](#)

Forschungsjournal Soziale Bewegungen, July 2022 - *only available in German*

Sarah Imani & Karina Theurer

[Reparations for colonial crimes - the negotiations between Germany and Namibia as an example for the ambivalent role of the law in these cases](#)

Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, July 2022

ECCHR JOINT STATEMENT

[Human rights advocacy is not terrorism](#)

medico international, July 2022

PUBLICATIONS ECCHR-ALUMNI*AE

Julia Emtseva

[Practicing reflexivity in international law: Running a never-ending race to catch up with the Western international lawyers](#)

German Law Journal, June 2022

Fin-Jasper Langmack/Susann Aboueldahab

[Universal jurisdiction cases in Germany: A closer look at the poster child of international criminal justice](#)

Minnesota Journal of International Law 31:2

Michael Bader

[Business and Human Rights](#)

Völkerrechtspodcast #20, June 2022 - *only available in German*

FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

The world can only be just when human rights are universally recognized and realized for everyone. This is what we are fighting for all over the world: with those affected, with partners, with legal means.

Thank you for helping us in our efforts to achieve this aim.

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As you can see, we have redesigned our newsletter for you. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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