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WORLD news

FRANCE

France's Socialist and Green parties will draft a law to open up ordinary marriage to same-sex couples.

"Marriage should be open to everybody," Socialist Party leader François Hollande told the French Press Agency wire service May 13. "Every society should be organized on the principle of equal rights and respect."

For the past five years, French gay couples have been able to enter into Civil Solidarity Pacts, which grant many but not all of the rights and obligations of matrimony. Deputies from France's ruling party, the conservative Union for a People's Movement, are lukewarm or opposed to the new proposal, reports said.



Socialist Party leader François Hollande is pushing for same-sex marriage in France

BRAZIL

Brazil launched an anti-homophobia campaign in schools and police departments May 25, national human rights minister Nilmário Miranda announced.

"Prejudice and discrimination breed much of the violence practiced against homosexuals," he told the Agência Brasil news service. "To stem this violence, teachers must be able to transmit values of tolerance and respect."

Gay leaders welcomed the move and expressed hope it will amount to more than "just a bunch of well-intentioned words on paper,"

prominent activist Antonio Martins dos Reis said.

In other news, the Brazilian government extended official recognition to the gay Metropolitan Community Churches in early May. The move designates MCC as a Christian denomination that is authorized to establish churches nationwide.



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YEMEN

A court in Yemen convicted three journalists May 18 of violating the nation's morals and customs for writing a story about gays.

The March 2003 article in the Arabic-language newspaper *This Week* quoted men jailed for engaging in gay sex. "The ruling came as a huge shock to me," former editor in chief Jalal al-Sharaabi told Reuters.

Al-Sharaabi, who received a three-month suspended sentence, and the other two journalists, who received five-month suspended sentences, vowed to appeal. They all now work for other newspapers.

UNITED KINGDOM

Members of the gay group OutRage! and the Queer Youth Alliance took part in a London demonstration May 15 urging greater respect for human rights in Palestine. They also carried signs urging the Palestinian Authority to stop arresting and torturing homosexuals, which led to friction with other demonstrators.

When they arrived in Trafalgar Square to join the protest, the gay activists were surrounded by Islamic fundamentalists, Anglican priests and members of the Socialist Workers Party, the Stop the War Coalition and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign who called them "racists," "Zionists" and "CIA and MI5 agents," according to Peter Tatchell of OutRage!. He said the gay activists were told to move to the rear of the demonstration and, when they refused, the protest organizers blocked their placards and shouted down their interviews with reporters.

"We call on the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority to condemn homophobia, uphold queer human rights and to order an immediate end to the abuse of lesbian and gay Palestinians," said Brett Lock of OutRage!.

Tatchell added: "Gay Palestinians live in fear of arrest, detention without trial, torture and execution at the hands of Palestinian police and security services. They also risk abduction and so-called honor killing by vengeful family members and vigilante mobs, as well as punishment beatings and murder by Palestinian political groups such as Hamas and Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement."

"For over 30 years I have supported the Palestinian struggle for national liberation," Tatchell said, "but I cannot remain silent while the PLO, Hamas and the Palestinian Authority are abducting, brutalizing and murdering lesbian and gay Palestinians."

TAIWAN

Taiwan's Sister Radio, FM 105.7, was fined May 15 by the Government Information Office for airing the sounds of women having orgasms during the Valentine's Day broadcast of *Lez Radio*, according to *The Taipei Times*.

The agency said the two-minute segment was indecent and "adversely affected good social customs." Station head Wang Li-ping denounced the fine as "a blow against progressive thinking in Taiwan" and said she will appeal the ruling.

Sister Radio broadcasts to Yunlin, Chiayi and Tainan counties. *Lez Radio* airs from 11 p.m. to midnight Saturdays.

GREECE

Transsexuals will be permitted to participate in the Athens Olympics this August, the International Olympic Committee announced May 17. The committee's medical commission said they must meet the following criteria:

(1) "Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy." (2) "Legal recognition of their assigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities." And (3) "Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned sex has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimize gender-related advantages in sport competition."

The committee said women who were born male lose most of their physical advantages over female-born women after lengthy administration of female hormones. In addition, transsexual participants must have completed their hormone therapy at least two years before the start of the Games.