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France: Deaths during forcible deportations from Roissy must be fully and impartially investigated. 22 January (EUR 21/001/2003).  
http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/EUR210012003

http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/AMR340022003

http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/ASA200032003

http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/ASA350032003

http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/EUR460082003
Also see BBC (23 January): http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/2686399.stm

http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/ACT790022003

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Further news

China - HIV prejudice. The New York Times (14 January) published an article entitled "Despite Law, China's HIV Patients Suffer Bias", which states that many people with HIV/AIDS find the stigma, not the illness, is their biggest problem. http://www.nytimes.com/2003/01/14/international/asia/14CHIN.html


Council of Europe - bioethics study. The Council of Europe has published (20 January) a study on laws and/or practices concerning euthanasia and assisted suicide in 34 of the Council's member countries and in the United States, which has observer status with the Organisation. See: http://www.coe.int/euthanasia-report.


European Year of People with Disabilities This year long event -- the goal of which is achieving equal rights for people with disabilities -- is being officially launched in Athens on 26 January 2003 under the auspices of the Greek presidency of the European Union. This event is jointly organised by the Greek authorities and the European Commission, with the support of the European Disability Forum and the Greek Confederation of Disabled People. See: http://www.eypd2003.org/eypd/index.jsp


Israel/Occupied Territories - health care. Gideon Levy writes of the obstacles to obtaining health care in the Occupied Territories and of the work of PHR-IL doctors (Haaretz, 17 January). http://www.haaretzdaily.com/hasen/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=252785&contrassId=2&subContrassId=14&sbSubContrassId=0&listSrc=Y

Sierra Leone - sexual violence. Human Rights Watch published a report on the "widespread and systematic use of rape and other sexual violence during the ten-year civil war in Sierra Leone". http://www.hrw.org/reports/2003/sierraleone/
Also see:
BBC (16 January): http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/2662807.stm
Guardian (16 January): http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,3604,875480,00.html

Torture - articles in Economist. The Economist (9 January) features the following articles on torture:
Ends, means and barbarity: http://www.economist.com/printedition/displayStory.cfm?Story_id=1522792
False hopes (truth serum): http://www.economist.com/printedition/displayStory.cfm?Story_id=1522805

UK - Mahmoud Abu Rideh: hunger strike. Mahmoud Abu Rideh detained in Broadmoor Special Psychiatric Hospital in Berkshire under UK anti-terrorism legislation, is reported to have started a hunger strike. See:
http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,878080,00.html
The case of Mahmoud Abu Rideh is described in a 2002 AI report: http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/Index/EUR450162002

USA - bioterrorism. The Massachusetts Nurses Association has urged the state's nurses not to volunteer for smallpox vaccinations until the state resolves important safety and legal liability issues, reports the Boston Globe (22 January).
http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/022/metro/Nurses_wary_on_smallpox_vaccine+.shtml
(See also review of Henderson et al. under Publications below)

USA - death penalty. Oral arguments began on 21 January before the International Court of Justice in a case brought by Mexico against the USA. The case concerns US use of the death penalty against Mexican nationals. Mexico has asked the court to recommend that the US stay all 54 executions involving Mexicans until the ICJ issues a ruling. See:
(See also:
Globe and Mail (21 January):
http://www.globeandmail.com/servlet/ArticleNews/front/RTGAM/20030121/wmexi0121/
Economist (21 January):
http://www.economist.co.uk/agenda/displayStory.cfm?story_id=1545325

USA/Guantanamo. The ICRC has reiterated its appeals to the US authorities to clarify the status of hundreds of suspects it is holding at Guantanamo without charge (BBC, 18 January).
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/2671287.stm
AI is calling on the US authorities to charge or voluntarily repatriate them. See:
http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/Recent/AMR510022003

WHO - new leadership. On 27-28 January 2002, the World Health Organization executive board appointed a new director-general-elect. The BMJ and Lancet have extensive coverage of this. The BMJ asked all eight candidates to present their vision of WHO. See:
http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/326/7381/122 (and links below article). See also the Lancet:

Zimbabwe - interview Sherri Eppel. The Lancet (25 January) publishes an interview with Sherri Eppel who worked with the Amani Trust supporting victims of violence until the Trust was shut down by the government. http://www.thelancet.com/journal/vol361/iss9354/full/llan.361.9354.dissecting_room.24253.1

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http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/326/7382/220

http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/326/7382/184

http://www.hrw.org/wr2k3/
Also see *BBC* (14 January): http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/2657647.stm

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