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1,526 executed in 2002. 11 April (ACT 50/007/2003).
http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGACT500072003

http://web.amnesty.org/pages/iraq_summary

http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGASA240022003

Philippines: Youth justice system and violations of children's rights. 11 April (ASA 35/009/2003).
http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGASA350092003

This is a small selection of Amnesty International reports and statements. For a comprehensive overview, please check Amnesty International's website: http://www.amnesty.org/

**Further news**

**Cuba - Dr Biscet sentenced.** Human rights activist Dr Oscar Elias Biscet was sentenced to 25 years’ imprisonment. See BBC, 'Well-known Cuban dissident jailed' (10 April):
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/2938041.stm

Also see a related Amnesty International press release, 'Cuba heavy prison sentences -- a giant step backwards for human rights' (8 April):
http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR250122003

**Iraq - Abu Ghraib prison.** Imad Ahmed Abid tells the Guardian of his imprisonment and torture in Abu Ghraib prison (17 April).
http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,3604,938176,00.html

**Mexico - activist speaks out.** Rodolfo Montiel, environmental activist and former prisoner of conscience, speaks about his experiences. See the Oracle Online (16 April):
http://www.usforacle.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2003/04/15/3e9bfl49a0a1a
Myanmar - "rape as weapon of war". Refugees International has released a report that Myanmar’s army “is using rape as a weapon of war against women from Burma’s numerous ethnic groups” (3 April).
http://www.refugeesinternational.org/cgi-bin/ri/bulletin?bc=00531
Also see BBC, ‘Fresh Burmese army rape claims’ (8 April):
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/2928297.stm

Sierra Leone - truth hearings. The BBC reported that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Sierra Leone is starting its hearings, taking testimonies from both victims and participants in the civil war (14 April).
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/2946255.stm

Conferences

The Canadian Society for International Health is organising its 10th conference, entitled ‘The Right to Health, Influencing the Global Agenda - How Research, Advocacy and Action can shape our future’ from 26 - 29 October 2003 in Ottawa, Canada. For information visit the web-site:
http://www.csih.org/what/conferences2003.html or contact the secretariat at: CCIH Conference Secretariat, c/o Alliance Group, 302-376 Churchill Avenue North, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1Z 5C3. Tel: +1.613.722.4140 (ext 222) or fax: +1. 613.722.8901.

Publications

The first report (UN doc. E/CN.4/2003/58) of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, Professor Paul Hunt, is available online at:
http://193.194.138.190/Huridocda/Huridoca.nsf/0/9854302995c2c86fc1256cec005a18d7/$FILE/G0310979.pdf

Further publications

http://jech.bmjjournals.com/cgi/content/full/57/4/DC1

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