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27 October: Global: The 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is now considering a resolution on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/un-consider-third-resolution-moratorium-executions-2010-10-27>

26 October: Pakistan: The Pakistani government must investigate the torture and killings of more than 40 Baloch leaders and political activists over the past four months.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/pakistan-urged-investigate-murder-and-torture-baloch-activists-2010-10-26>

22 October: USA: AI called on the USA to investigate how much US officials knew about the torture and other ill-treatment of detainees held by Iraqi security forces after new evidence emerged in files released by the Wikileaks organization. <http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/usa-must-investigate-detainee-abuse-claims-wikileaks-files-2010-10-22>

19 October: Indonesia: The Indonesian government should initiate an independent investigation into reports of torture and other ill-treatment in Papua over the last two years, AI said. <http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/indonesia-papua-%E2%80%9Ctorture-video%E2%80%9D-demands-independent-investigation-2010-10-19>

18 October: Turkey: In this briefing AI expresses its concern regarding the continued practice of torture and other ill-treatment, which is occurring in official places of detention.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR44/023/2010/en>

18 October: Bosnia and Herzegovina: This briefing is submitted by AI in advance of the Committee against Torture's consideration in November 2010 on its implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The briefing summarises AI's main concerns about the failure of Bosnia and Herzegovina to implement some of its obligations under the Convention.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR63/005/2010/en>

Children

Bangladesh: The High Court ordered the government to transfer all children from jails to safe homes immediately. Keeping a child in jail either in the name of safe custody or in a criminal case is completely illegal and prisons cannot be a safe place for the children, said the verdict. *Sana News* <http://www.sananews.net/english/2010/10/26/free-all-children-from-prisons/>

UK: A high court challenge to bring to an immediate end the detention of children in immigration removal centres was launched. The UK Home Office said it was fighting the case as it remained committed to the removal of those found by the courts to have no right to remain in the UK. *The Guardian* (26 October) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/oct/26/child-detention-immigration-centres-challenge>

Zimbabwe: Speaking during a tour of Khami Maximum Prison the Zimbabwe Prison Services Commissioner said existing prisons were not fit to house female prisoners with children and juveniles. He also said there is a need to build more friendly structures for juveniles so that rehabilitation programmes could run efficiently. *The Herald* (26 October) <http://allafrica.com/stories/201010260788.html>

Death Penalty

USA: "Why does the United States, alone among Western democracies, still have the death penalty?" It's not a new question, but David Garland, a distinguished professor of law and sociology at New York University, provides fresh answers from a multilayered analysis. *The Boston Globe* (22 October) http://www.boston.com/ae/books/articles/2010/10/22/peculiar_institution_puts_the_death_penalty_on_trial/

Ethics

Chile: According to a report from the New York-based Centre for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and the Chilean NGO Vivo Positivo released, titled 'Dignity Denied,' forced sterilisation of HIV-positive women was routine in Chile prior to 2000, when its health laws were revised to include the notion of informed consent. But the practice continued: In a 2004 Vivo Positivo country study, 29 percent of participants – seropositive women – said that their health care providers pressured them to get sterilised, while 12.9 percent said they were sterilised without consent. *IPS* (22 October) <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=53254>

Pakistan: Habib ur Rehman Soomro, secretary-general of the Pakistan Medical Association, acknowledged that sectarianism in the health services is causing delays and refusal of treatment to injured parties in rival political and ethnic groups. *IRIN* (24 October) <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportID=90865>

Mental Health

USA: This is a special report on mental health issues in prisons. The report finds that prison suicide rates are on the rise and that solitary confinement adds to the risk of self-harm. *Poughkeepsie Journal* (17 October) <http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/article/20101017/NEWS01/10170366/SPECIAL-REPORT--Prison-suicide-rates-rise--solitary-confinement-adds-to-risk>

Prisons and Detention Centres

Uganda: The Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), a constitutional body financed by the Uganda government, released their annual report. While the report says the conditions in military centres were satisfactory, the detention centres in civilian prisons do not yet meet the required standards because most are overcrowded. UHRC also stated that torture in prisons has resurfaced. *The Independent* (27 October) <http://www.independent.co.ug/index.php/news/news-analysis/79-news-analysis/3588-human-rights-situation-in-uganda->

USA: Aging inmates often require special care, which drives up the cost of incarceration. NPR's police and prisons correspondent Laura Sullivan and Jonathan Turley, director of the Project on Older Prisons, discuss the options available to prison systems in dealing with thousands of inmates ageing behind bars. *NPR* (26 October)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=130837434>

USA: The number of women in America's state prisons has reached a record high, yet many states have inadequate policies for dealing with the large portion of them who have children or are pregnant, according to a new 50-state survey. *Associated Press* (21 October)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iWP7CwoLTOhX7ogNzvZjIгнаKz9g?docId=e3181a1b207749fd92f8c91f751fce7c>

Report at: <http://www.rebeccaproject.org/images/stories/files/mothersbehindbarsreport-2010.pdf>

Refugees and Migrants

Greece: Greece must send doctors, interpreters and social workers as a matter of urgency to help migrants crammed into detention centres at its border with Turkey, the UNHCR said. The agency said migrants detained in the border area are typically crammed into cells with "dire hygiene conditions." *Ekathimerini* (16 October)

http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcgi/w_articles_politics_100006_16/10/2010_120494

Lebanon: Many cases of torture in Lebanese prisons continue to go unreported because of a lack of understanding, insufficient access to victims and the propensity of the establishment to turn a blind eye. Refugees or migrant workers seem to be most at risk. *The Daily Star* (29 October)

http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=1&article_id=120908#ixzz141tSq4X

Torture and Ill-treatment

Bosnia: Human rights violations, torture, and ill-treatment - international criticism has repeatedly called attention to the deplorable conditions in the prisons of Bosnia. But prison leaders deny the problem. *Deutsche Welle* (22 October)

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,6135054,00.html>

Global: Many states which have ratified the Convention Against Torture still torture detainees, the head of a UN watchdog committee said. *Middle East Online* (20 October)

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=42047>

Indonesia: Indonesia admitted recently that its soldiers had tortured Papuan men seen in an online video being beaten and humiliated, and promised a thorough investigation. *AFP* (22 October)

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iRWeVAaZblu9eQMa_rXCH1_4-xKw?docId=CNG.090b1023cf78213bdc38304851f6b44a.a61

Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories: The Palestinian Authority should promptly investigate the alleged torture of two detainees over the past month in a Jericho prison and ensure that officials responsible for the abuse are prosecuted, Human Rights Watch said. *Human Rights Watch* (20 October)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/10/20/west-bank-reports-torture-palestinian-detention>

Violence Against Women

DRC: Thirty Congolese women on the border of Angola and Congo were held in a prison and systematically raped by uniformed men, according to U.N. officials. *CNN* (28 October)

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/africa/10/27/congo.women.raped/index.html?hpt=T2>

India: A rights groups is calling for a ban to the two-finger rape test in India, which they say is physically invasive and contradicts legal standards against using a victim's previous sexual experience against her. *Women's eNews* (21 October)

<http://www.womensenews.org/story/rape/101020/india-relies-two-finger-test-verify-rape>

Special Section: Detainees in Iraq

26 October: UN human rights chiefs and experts launched a new offensive on the US conduct of its "war on terror" and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. *AFP* (27 October)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iZLlg7enAJNH9U4pmvOppz9PU2zw?docId=CNG.649b17bec7b81efcd323b354848d4489.171>

22 October: (Video) It is the biggest leak of military secrets in history. Al Jazeera has details of nearly 400,000 classified US documents. Al Jazeera's access to leaked documents reveals secret US military order not to investigate Iraqi torture. *AlJazeera*

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/10/20101022184243877818.html>

22 October: A grim picture of the US and Britain's legacy in Iraq has been revealed in a massive leak of American military documents that detail torture, summary executions and war crimes. *The Guardian* <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/oct/22/iraq-war-logs-military-leaks>

22 October: The public image of detainees in Iraq was defined by the photographs, now infamous, of American abuse at Abu Ghraib. While the documents disclosed by WikiLeaks offer few glimpses of what was happening inside American detention facilities, they do contain details of abuse carried out by Iraq's army and police. *New York Times*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/23/world/middleeast/23detainees.html?scp=2&sq=war%20ogs&st=cse>

Courses & Conferences

Health and Human Rights

1 November-12 December 2010

This short certificate course jointly organised by Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) and the Human Rights Centre of the UN Mandated University for Peace introduces participants to the doctrinal, actual and policy related linkages between health and human rights, and the contemporary challenges associated with them. Register:

<http://www.hrea.org/health-human-rights/>

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http://www.pcar.org/sites/default/files/TAB_2010_Fall_HealthcareandSurvivors.pdf

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The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) has published 'Practical Guide to the Istanbul Protocol' for medical doctors, psychologists and lawyers. The document is available in Spanish, English and French at IRCT. <http://www.irtc.org/library/other-irtc-key-publications.aspx>

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