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Amnesty International reports & statements:

14 August: Sri Lanka: Attacks on journalists, relentless intimidation, and government-imposed restrictions on reporting threaten freedom of expression in Sri Lanka and jeopardize the safety and dignity of civilians displaced by war.

<http://amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/sri-lanka-attacks-free-media-displaced-civilians-risk-20090814>

7 August: Iran: The eight weeks between the presidential election on 12 June and the inauguration of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for a second term as president on 5 August saw an alarming spike in the number of executions by the Iranian authorities, Amnesty International said today.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/iran-alarming-spike-executions-disputed-presidential-election-20090807>

7 August: Sri Lanka: Hundreds of thousands of people displaced by the recent war in North East Sri Lanka and living in camps are being denied basic human rights including freedom of movement, said Amnesty International.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/unlock-camps-sri-lanka-20090807>

5 August: Kenya: More than 4,000 prisoners facing execution in Kenya had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment in the largest commutation in history. There have been no executions carried out in Kenya for 22 years.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/good-news/4000-kenyans-death-row-get-life-20090805>

5 August: Tunisia: A Tunisian national is at risk of torture and other ill-treatment in his home country after being forcibly returned from Italy.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/tunisian-national-risk-after-forcible-return-italy-20090805>

31 July: Japan: Three men were hanged in Japan on Tuesday, bringing the total number of executions carried out in the country this year to seven.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/more-executions-japan-other-countries-reject-death-penalty-20090731>

28 July: Kenya: Kenya's government should provide emergency shelter and other humanitarian aid to the 3,000 people forcibly evicted from their homes and who are now exposed to the cold and rain of Kenya's winter.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/kenya-government-should-provide-emergency-shelter-thousands-forcibly-evi>

27 July: Nicaragua: Nicaragua's total ban on abortions is endangering the lives of girls and women, denying them life-saving treatment, preventing health professionals from practicing effective medicine and contributing to an increase in maternal deaths across the country.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/report/shocking-abortion-ban-denies-life-saving-treatment-girls-women-nicaragua-20090727>

Children:

Bangladesh: Too many teenage girls are getting married in Bangladesh today, say health specialists. According to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) State of the World's Children 2009 report, more than 64 percent of girls marry before they are 18. *IRIN* (31 July):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85516>

International: Noma, an ulcerous disease whose name comes from a Greek word that means "to devour" because it literally eats away at malnourished children's faces in just a few months, is found in the developing world, mainly in Africa. *IPS* (7 August):

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=48006>

Israel/OPT: Tens of thousands of children in Gaza are still suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following Israel's three-week bombing December- January. *IPS* (5 August):

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=47966>

Scotland: Police in Scotland have brought almost 500 rape charges against children and teenagers under the age of 18 in the past five years. *BBC* (21 July):

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/8156610.stm

South Africa: Nine out of 10 child rape victims in Gauteng face repeated delays in their alleged abusers' trials - because there are no trained staff available to help them through their often traumatic testimony. *Independent Online* (5 August):

http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=15&art_id=vn20090805031925965C177217

USA: Medication overdoses send one in every 180 US 2-year-olds to the emergency department every year, researchers from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention report. Such overdoses are responsible for more than two-thirds of all childhood poisonings. *Health 24* (11 August): http://www.health24.com/news/Parenting_Child_health/1-937,52029.asp

USA: Law enforcement officials and rights advocates are looking at new ways to combat child prostitution in the United States. The effort is based on a simple premise: instead of treating the young girls involved in the illegal sex business as criminals, treat them as victims. *Voice of America* (28 July): <http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-07-28-voa12.cfm>

USA: Almost a quarter of a million US public school children were subjected to corporal punishment in the 2006-2007 school year, and a disproportionate number of them were students with mental or physical disabilities. *Human Rights Watch* (10 August): <http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/08/07/us-students-disabilities-face-corporal-punishment-higher-rates>

Death Penalty:

China: China will reduce the number of people it executes and impose more suspended death sentences, Zhang Jun, vice-president of the supreme people's court has said. *The Guardian* (29 July): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jul/29/china-death-penalty-executions>

EU/USA: The European Union presidency, currently held by Sweden, released a statement noting the 1,000th lethal injection execution and calling on the US to halt executions, pending the abolition of the death penalty. *The Telegraph* (21 July): <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/5881094/US-holds-1000th-lethal-injection-execution.html>

Saudi Arabia: Amnesty International has expressed serious concern about the recent execution of foreign nationals, including a Nigerian, Qorbi bin Mussa Adam, over an allegation of murdering a Saudi national. *This Day* (11 August): <http://www.thisdayonline.com/nview.php?id=151294>

Food Security and Poverty:

Central African Republic: Urgent action by the international community is needed to assist humanitarian efforts in the Central African Republic (CAR), where conflict has left one-quarter of the population in need of assistance. *UN News Centre* (10 August): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31730&Cr=central+africa&Cr1=>

Ethiopia: The current hunger season is particularly severe and will be longer than normal this year, FEWS Net said in an overview of the country's food security. *IRIN* (11 August): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85666>

Somalia: Hostility towards relief organizations has caused the United Nations Children's Fund to postpone the distribution of life-saving supplies to prevent and treat acute malnutrition in over 85,000 children in central and south Somalia. *UN News Centre* (13 August): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31759&Cr=Somali&Cr1=>

Health Services:

Afghanistan: The Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has added its voice to concerns aired by aid agencies about the use of health centres around the country as voting stations in the 20 August election. *IRIN* (12 August): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85683>

Afghanistan: There are currently 1,677 government-run hospitals throughout Afghanistan. There are 156 private hospitals and clinics, 67 of which are in Kabul. In addition to these facilities, there are hundreds of medical laboratories throughout the country. Many of these are poorly regulated and patients say, charge exorbitant fees for sub-standard services. *IPS* (5 August): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=47964>

Indonesia: Indonesia's health system is failing to provide even the most basic care to vast swathes of the population, say specialists. *IRIN* (6 August): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85600>

UK: Gordon Brown has offered to help some of the world's poorest countries to make healthcare free – starting with pregnant women and children – in a push to widen access to doctors across Africa and Asia. *The Guardian* (3 August): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2009/aug/03/brown-free-healthcare-poor>

Health Workers:

Afghanistan: Women and girls are often stopped from going to health centres or schools because of a lack of female health workers and teachers. *IRIN* (12 August): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85680>

Africa: To meet ambitious goals in improving maternal and child health and reducing AIDS deaths by 2015, Africa needs an additional 800,000 health care workers, a new study has concluded. *The New York Times* (10 August): <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/11/science/11glob.html>

Angola: Public health expert, José Luís Pascoal, defended the urgency to recruit more doctors and nurses to improve services assistance in the country's health centres. *ANGOP* (8 August): http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/en_us/noticias/saude/2009/7/33/Expert-defends-recruitment-more-health-workers.3c75302e-3f3f-4bd5-8921-6e6bf0eaffeb.html

Kenya: Doctors and nurses were asked to desist from carrying out female genital mutilation in their clinics. Health experts and human rights activists said the doctors' performing of "the cut" was making the harmful practice more acceptable. *The Daily Nation* (20 July): <http://www.nation.co.ke/News/-/1056/627094/-/ul0xvh/-/>

HIV and AIDS:

Asia: An estimated 50 million women in Asia, who are either married or in long-term relationships with men who engage in high-risk sexual behaviours, are at risk of becoming infected with HIV from their partners, according to a new report published by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. *UN News Centre* (11 August): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31733&Cr=unaids&Cr1=>

Asia-Pacific: The time has come for countries in Asia and the Pacific to translate their growing economic clout into positive political influence to help set the global AIDS agenda and the response to the epidemic, Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS has said. *UN News Centre* (10 August): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31722&Cr=UNAIDS&Cr1=>

Cambodia: The Cambodian government should urgently address dangerous conditions in a de facto AIDS colony it has created and immediately stop sending HIV-affected families there, more than 100 international HIV/AIDS and social justice organizations and experts said in a joint letter delivered on July 27, 2009 to Cambodia's prime minister and health minister. *Human Rights Watch* (28 July): <http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/07/28/cambodia-aids-colony-violates-rights>

Ethiopia: About one-third of the 1.1 million Ethiopians with HIV/AIDS need ARVs, but just 120,000 are getting the medication. Ethiopia hopes to more than double that number to meet the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of having 80 percent of those eligible for treatment receiving it by 2010. *IRIN Plus News* (7 August): <http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85606>

Indonesia: "Thank God for condoms!" Donald Messer of the U.S.-based Centre of Church and Global AIDS declared during one of the many sessions at an AIDS conference for the Asia-Pacific, which ended here Thursday. *IPS* (13 August): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=48070>

Indonesia: Pharmaceutical firms have developed drugs that have lengthened lives and cut death rates from HIV and AIDS, but their financial clout in no way overrides their social responsibility in fighting the pandemic, a key advocate argued at an Asian conference on AIDS Wednesday. *IPS* (12 August): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=48052>

International: According to the results of a global youth survey launched by Standard Chartered and AIESEC International, the world's largest student organization, although 84 per cent of young people believe the hiv and aids epidemic remains one of the great challenges of our time, almost 50 per cent have a dangerously low knowledge about the virus. *Medical News Today* (13 August): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/160616.php>

Mozambique: Thousands of people took to the streets of Maputo, capital of Mozambique, and the country's second city, Beira this week, to protest the government's closure of day care hospitals for HIV-positive patients. *IRIN Plus News* (5 August): http://www.health24.com/news/Flu_Influenza/1-912,52042.asp

Uganda: A new HIV and AIDS campaign dubbed 'Stay Negative and Love Condoms' has been launched by the AIDS Health care Foundation. *Daily Monitor* (14 August): http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/New_HIV_AIDS_campaign_launched_89233.shtml

Malaria, TB and Other Diseases:

Indonesia: At the 9th International Conference on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, an Indonesian health ministry official signed an agreement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria's executive director worth \$18 million that will fund TB control programs. *Medical News Today* (12 August): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/160465.php>

São Tomé and Príncipe: Malaria is endemic in the Gulf of Guinea, where the islands of São Tomé and Príncipe lie. Yet the impoverished country has led since 2004 an anti-malarial campaign that has won praise from the World Health Organisation. From first cause of death, malaria dropped to third. *IPS* (11 August): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=48032>

Saudi Arabia: Saudi Arabia has the highest number of laboratory confirmed pandemic H1N1 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. *IRIN* (10 July): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85653>

South Africa: The National Institute for Communicable Diseases on Tuesday confirmed the third swine flu death in South Africa. *Health 24* (12 August): http://www.health24.com/news/Flu_Influenza/1-912,52042.asp

Uganda: A rare and unexplained brain disease has affected hundreds of Ugandan children, health workers say. *IRIN* (10 August): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85646>

UK: Britain has seen an "alarming" growth in oral cancer rates for people in their 40s, largely due to rising alcohol consumption, a leading British charity has warned. *Health 24* (11 August): <http://www.health24.com/news/Cancer/1-898,52035.asp>

UK: The government's handling of swine flu was criticized by a House of Lords report, which expressed concerns over its preparedness for an expected "second wave" of the virus in the autumn. *The Guardian* (28 July): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jul/28/swine-flu-lords-criticise-government>

Mental Health:

International: Lesbians, gays and bisexuals are twice as likely as heterosexual men and women to seek help from mental health professionals, according to a new study by the UCLA School of Public Health. *Insciences* (14 August): http://insciences.org/article.php?article_id=6481

UK: The number of people killed by those with a mental illness increased between 1997 and 2005, official figures show. *BBC* (28 July): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8173386.stm>

UK: A solicitor specialising in mental health issues has warned that a shake-up of local health boards could lead to "yet another postcode lottery". *BBC* (13 August): http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/north_east/8198957.stm

Prisons:

Argentina: The former general who ran a base that was the backdrop for multiple abuses during Argentina's 1976-83 dictatorship was sentenced to life in prison for human rights violations. *AFP* (12 August): http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gi_Jw6Zgmn2gW5zBWVUp5IbR_Elg

South Africa: South Africa wants to build seven more new prisons to help ease chronic overcrowding in its jails, the correctional services minister said. *Reuters* (13 August): <http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-41741820090813>

UK: The human rights lawyers group Reprieve began a legal case on behalf of Saad Iqbal Madni, who they say was transited through the UK-controlled Indian Ocean island as part of the CIA's secret rendition programme. *The Guardian* (28 July): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/jul/28/diego-garcia-cia-rendition-torture>

Uzbekistan: The Uzbek authorities should promptly investigate allegations of ill-treatment against the jailed dissident Yusuf Jumaev and ensure his prompt release from prison. *Human Rights Watch* (24 July): <http://www.hrw.org/en/category/topic/torture>

Refugees and Migrants:

Democratic Republic of Congo: More than 12,000 civilians have been forced from their homes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) following a wave of attacks by the rebel group, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). *UNHCR* (7 August): <http://www.unhcr.org/4a7c4ac49.html>

International: Encompassing all forms of physical and sexual violence, gender violence plagues women around the world. It is a crime that strips women of their human rights and disproportionately affects refugees. *The Women's International Perspective* (23 July): http://thewip.net/contributors/2009/07/refugees_and_the_risk_of_rape.html

Greece: Greek authorities are arresting large numbers of migrants and asylum seekers in the country's cities and islands and moving many of them to the north, raising fears of illegal expulsions to Turkey. *Human Rights Watch* (28 July): <http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/07/27/greece-halt-crackdown-arrests-migrants>

Sexual and Reproductive Rights:

Afghanistan: Women in Afghanistan are outraged at a proposed family planning law that sanctioned marital rape and brought back Taliban-era restrictions on women by outlining when a woman could leave her house and the circumstances in which she has to have sex with her husband. *International Planned Parenthood Federation*, (27 July): <http://www.ippf.org/en/News/Intl+news/Afghanistan+women+outraged+at+proposed+family+planning+law.htm>

Africa: Dwindling donor support in the face of rising contraceptive demand, combined with diminishing government budgets could make already widespread shortfalls in the provision of contraceptives worse. African reproductive health experts are suggesting that the private sector could be the key to filling the gap. *IPS* (7 August): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=47996>

Guinea Bissau: One in 13 women in Guinea-Bissau dies from complications during pregnancy – one of the highest death rates in the world, according to the UN Children's Fund. *IRIN* (5 August): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85588>

International: The second World Out Games, held in the Danish capital, offered up a veritable smorgasbord of sport, politics and arts while celebrating sexual and gender diversity. But it also reminded participants that bigotry against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, sometimes culminating in violence, remains a scourge across the world. *IPS*. (5 August): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=47977>

Jordan: A Jordanian institute has issued a fatwa, or Islamic ruling, banning the practice of pre-marital virginity examinations for women. *All Headline News* (4 August): <http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7015984315?Jordanian%20Fatwa%20Bans%20%27Virginity%20Checks%27>

West Africa: With limited access to time-saving agricultural tools and technologies, rural women in West Africa are forced to cut down on the time they spend breastfeeding, in some cases over-feeding their newborns into slumber to free time for the fields. *IRIN* (7 August): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85625>

Torture:

International: Torture victims should be able to sue foreign governments in the UK courts, a committee of MPs and peers have said. *BBC* (10 August): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8194387.stm>

Iran: A group of independent United Nations human rights experts voiced serious concern today over accusations of torture and rough interrogation tactics in connection with trials of protesters of Iran's disputed presidential elections. *UN News Centre* (13 August): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31756&Cr=Iran&Cr1=>

UK: The government has come under renewed pressure to disclose what it knew about a UK resident who says he was tortured. It has emerged that an MI5 officer visited Morocco three times while Binyam Mohammed says he was being tortured there as a terrorist suspect. *BBC* (1 August): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8179409.stm>

Uzbekistan: The Uzbek authorities should promptly investigate allegations of ill-treatment against the jailed dissident Yusuf Jumaev and ensure his prompt release from prison. *Human Rights Watch* (24 July): <http://www.hrw.org/en/category/topic/torture>

Violence against Women:

Australia: Mainstream media can empower sexual assault victims to share their experiences and seek help, an expert says. *World News Australia* (6 August): <http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/1068017/Media-'can-help'-rape-victims>

Democratic Republic of Congo: With reports of widespread rape and other atrocities pouring in from the eastern Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the United Nations mission there has sent some 40 teams to the region over the past six months to bolster the protection of civilians. *UN News Centre* (5 August): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31692&Cr=monuc&Cr1=>

Nepal: The United Nations is stepping up its efforts to help protect the rights of Nepalese women, who are increasingly victims of rape, witch-hunt, dowry, and other forms of gender-based violence as well as deeply entrenched domestic abuse and discrimination. *UN News Centre* (11 August): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31738&Cr=Nepal&Cr1=>

Occupied Palestinian Territories: A 27-year-old mother of five was bludgeoned to death with an iron chain by her father last week in Gaza in what human rights groups report was an honor killing. *CNN* (30 July): <http://edition.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/meast/07/30/mideast.honor.killings/>

Women's Rights:

Afghanistan: Afghanistan's influential international supporters should insist that President Hamid Karzai act to amend the notorious law that formalizes discrimination against Shia women. *Human Rights Watch* (13 August): <http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/08/13/afghanistan-law-curbing-women-s-rights-takes-effect>

Democratic Republic of Congo: A sewing centre in the Democratic Republic of Congo is giving women the skills to start a new life and helping them cope with the mental and physical trauma caused by decades of conflict. *One World Net* (30 July): <http://us.oneworld.net/article/365730-repairing-scars-conflict>

India: While Kerala, in southwest India, enjoys enviable indices when it comes to health and human development, the state seems unable to shake off high chronic morbidity rates among its women. *IPS* (29 July): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=47858>

International: A landmark meeting in New York, co-organized by the UN refugee agency, has given important impetus to efforts to eradicate discrimination against forcibly displaced and stateless females, including rape, domestic violence and other abuses. *Pambazuka News* (24 July): <http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/wgender/58024>

Sierra Leone: Sierra Leone in 2007 passed innovative laws aimed at reinforcing women's rights and clamping down on sexual violence, but as the government and social services struggle to implement the laws crimes against women remain rampant, officials say. *IRIN* (30 July): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=85511>

Sudan: Police fired teargas and beat supporters of a Sudanese woman facing 40 lashes for wearing trousers in public shortly before her trial was adjourned this morning. *The Guardian* (4 August): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/aug/04/sudan-woman-trousers-court>

Conferences/Seminars/Courses:

International Conference on Healthcare and Trade

10-11 December 2009, Erasmus Expo and Conference Centre, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

The International Conference on Healthcare and Trade, organised by the Erasmus Observatory on Health Law, will focus on the influence of the law of both the European Union and the World Trade Organization on trade in health services, health insurance services and health goods (pharmaceuticals).

The application of the EC Treaty, the GATS and the TRIPS to national regulation of health services, health insurance services and pharmaceuticals raises questions of applicability of, compatibility with and possible exceptions to the provisions of these instruments. In these areas, these questions have not yet been answered conclusively and further research and discussion in this area is ongoing. The conference aims to contribute to the discussion, attempting to formulate both legal and economic answers to these questions. For more information please visit:

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/health/health-events-and-announcements&id=43918&type=Item>

Training Conference on Extreme Trauma

2-3 October 2009, Flagstaff, Arizona, USA.

The Hopi Foundation, in conjunction with the 2009 Barbara Chester Award, presents "Re-Making the World of the Trauma Survivor -- the Treatment of Extreme Trauma. A Unique Training Conference Opportunity." Co-sponsors include National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Amnesty International USA, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Hopi Veterans Program and more.

The conference has two training tracks: treatment of survivors of torture and treatment of Native American war veterans. Accreditation provided by: Indian Health Service, American Academy of Family Physicians, Arizona Psychological Association, and Arizona State University School of Social Work. For more information and the conference program see:

http://www.barbarachesteraward.org/index.php?option=com_content&id=76&Itemid=87

International Course on Epidemiological Methods

International Epidemiologic Association (IEA), 3-14 April 2010, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

This is an intermediate level residential course. The participants should already have some experience of epidemiology and have already completed some form of introductory course. It will include lectures, computer-based analyses (using the Stata package), exercises, discussion sessions, and practical experience in the design of a research proposal. The course will be of interest to epidemiologists, public health professionals, statisticians, and clinicians. Priority will be given to IEA members. For more information see:

<http://publichealth.massey.ac.nz/courses/IEA%202010.htm>

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