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Amnesty International reports & statements

See a selection of recent AI news releases:

African Housing ministers meeting in Kenya. Time to show commitment to addressing housing crisis in Africa (3 April).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAFR320032006>

Albania. Violence against Women in the Family - It's not her shame (30 March).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGEUR110022006>

Bangladesh. Young boy among six killed in electricity protests (13 April).

<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGASA130042006>

Cyprus. Police brutality must not go unpunished (12 April).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGEUR170012006>

India. Bhopal survivors march 800km in search of justice (6 April).

<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGASA200102006>

Nepal. Fears of increasing violence (10 April).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGASA310182006>

Syria. New crackdown on government opponents (4 April).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGMDE240312006>

USA. Front companies used in secret flights to torture and disappearance (5 April).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR510542006?open&of=ENG-313>

These and other press releases and reports are accessible at:

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/eng-recent/index>

'Anti-terrorism'

UK. John Reid, the defence secretary, called for changes to the Geneva conventions to make it easier to mount military actions against other states, according to the Guardian (4 April).
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/0,,1746322,00.html>

UK. Anti-terror laws are in turmoil after a judge lambasts house arrest, according to the Independent (13 April).
<http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/article357435.ece>

Children

Congo. Human Rights Watch draws attention to the plight of tens of thousands of street children (4 April).

Press release: <http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2006/04/01/congo13111.htm>

Report <http://hrw.org/reports/2006/drc0406/>

India. About a hundred bonded labourers, children, women and men, were freed from two brick fields by police, according to the Telegraph (India) (3 April).

http://www.telegraphindia.com/1060403/asp/bengal/story_6050633.asp

Death Penalty

USA. Judges in several states have started to put up potentially insurmountable roadblocks to the use of lethal injections to execute condemned inmates. NYT 13 April

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/12/us/12lethal.html>

HIV/AIDS

Swaziland. Males crowded clinics seeking circumcisions after reports spread that the procedure can substantially reduce the spread of the AIDS virus, reported the Chicago Tribune (4 April).

[http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-0604040163apr04,1,3100833.story?coll=chi-newsnationworld-hed)

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Organ trade

China. Health authorities denied accusations that China harvests organs from executed prisoners, according to the China Daily. Ministry of Health spokesman Mao Qun'an said that organs used in the country's transplant surgeries mainly come from voluntary donations (11 April).

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2006-04/11/content_564719.htm

Egypt. On the back of poverty, legal shortcomings and religious conservatism, Egypt is turned into the regional hub for the human organs trade, reports IOL (4 April).

http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?click_id=68&art_id=qw1144131120904B213&set_id=

Prisons

Bulgaria. Prisons do not meet the conditions defined by the United Nations, reports the Sofia Echo (31 March).

http://www.sofiaecho.com/article/prisons-in-bulgaria-fail-to-meet-human-rights-requirements/id_14371/catid_5

Europe. The BBC reported that England and Wales have the highest per capita prison population in Western Europe (143 people per 100,000). Italy's prisons are the most crowded, Belgium has the most un-sentenced prisoners and the Netherlands has the most women prisoners.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/uk/06/prisons/html/nn1page1.stm>

Nigeria. Prisons in Nigeria are notorious, with many of the country's 40,000 inmates crammed into massively overcrowded, dilapidated cells in old prisons, reports the BBC (7 April).
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/4880592.stm>

Russia. More than 50,000 prison inmates have tuberculosis, there are 35,000 people with HIV and there are nearly 90,000 drug users, reports the BBC (7 April).
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4881078.stm>

Right to health

Africa. In South Africa, 37 percent of the country's doctors and seven percent of its nurses have migrated to Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Portugal, Britain and the United States. In Zimbabwe, 11 percent of doctors and 34 percent of nurses have left the country. See allAfrica.com (7 April):
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200604070701.html>

UK/Malawi. Diary of Mary Ntata, a nurse from Malawi who trained in the UK and returns to Malawi to find out about hospital conditions. See BBC (30 March):
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