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**Amnesty International reports & statements**

Please see a selection of recent AI news releases:

Almost one in three people affected by gun crime (19 June).  
http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGPOL300202006

Chad / World Refugee Day. Thousands displaced by attacks from Sudan (20 June).  
http://web.amnesty.org/pages/refugees-200606-action-eng

Jamaica. Political will needed to end violence against women and girls (22 June).  
http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR380082006

Jordan. Investigate use of force against Iranian Kurdish Refugees (22 June).  
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States agree to spot checks of detention centres (22 June).  
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http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGIOR400232006

World Cup Statistics (June 2006).  
http://www.amnesty.org/resources/flash/svaw/worldcup/eng/

These and other press releases and reports are accessible at:  
http://web.amnesty.org/library/eng-recent/index

**Children**

**DRC.** Children continue to face attacks, abduction and rape in Democratic Republic of Congo, often by government forces, reported the BBC following publication of a UN report (21 June).  
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/5100966.stm

**India.** Mass weddings, with children as young as four, take place across India every May despite the practice being outlawed, reported the BBC (6 June).


Death Penalty

Bangladesh. The government aims to carry out the execution of top militant leaders before its tenure ends, states News from Bangladesh (20 June). http://bangladesh-web.com/view.php?hidDate=2006-06-20&hidType=TOP&hidRecord=000000000000000113186

Philippines. Reactions to the abolition of the death penalty by the Senate and Congress have been varied, according to the Manila Standard Today (12 June). http://www.manilastandardtoday.com/?page=ritaLindaJimeno_june12_2006

Taiwan. "Of the 12 death-row inmates executed between 2003 and the present, seven donated their organs of their own free will. None of their organ donations ran against medical ethics principles", according to the China Post (14 June). http://www.chinapost.com.tw/taiwan/detail.asp?ID=84068&GRP=B

HIV/AIDS

Africa should discuss sex openly to win the war against HIV/Aids and other reproductive health challenges, says Kenya's Vice-President in the East Africa Standard (20 June). http://www.eaststandard.net/hm_news/news.php?articleid=1143954222

Right to health

WHO. How much disease could be prevented through better management of our environment? Evidence presented in a new WHO report show that environmental risk factors play a role in more than 80% of the diseases regularly reported by the WHO (19 June). http://www.who.int/quantifying_ghimpacts/publications/preventingdisease/en/index.html

Torture


UK. The highest court, the House of Lords, has ruled that four men cannot sue the Saudi Arabian officials they accuse of having tortured them, reported Aljazeera.Net 14 June) e http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/3D7BFDE8-B814-4EBF-A1E0-875861A7503E.htm

Violence against women
Cameroon. A ‘Campaign Against Breast 'Ironing' has been launched. See allAfrica.com (1 June): http://allafrica.com/stories/200606010812.html

DRC. Six soldiers from the national armed forces were given life sentences of hard labour for crimes against humanity after their convictions on charges of mass rape were re-examined and confirmed, reported allAfrica.com (9 June). http://allafrica.com/stories/200606090551.html

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