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26/09/2006 Turkey: Journalist targeted yet again EUR 44/017/2006
22/09/2006 China: Increase pace of reforms to meet Olympic deadline ASA 17/053/2006
22/09/2006 Kosovo (Serbia): Need to consult civil society and ensure effective protection of human rights EUR 70/014/2006

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Death Penalty

USA (California). U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel, who is conducting a four-day hearing that will explore the inner workings of lethal injection, began the proceedings by emphasizing that the case is not a referendum on the death penalty reports the Mercury News, 26 September;
HIV/AIDS

Kazakhstan’s health minister and a regional governor were dismissed following the deaths of at least four babies and the infection of at least 55 children with the HIV virus, reported Reuters 20 Sept
http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L20827531.htm

Human rights

Canada. A public inquiry in Canada has strongly criticised the country’s authorities for wrongly accusing a Syrian-born Canadian of terrorism. BBC 19 September; http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/5358762.stm

Israel dropped at least 350,000 cluster bomblets on south Lebanon in its war with Hizbollah guerrillas, mostly when the conflict was all but over, leaving a deadly legacy for civilians, a U.N. official said. Reuters 19 Sept
http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L19915140.htm

Mental Health

Ireland. On October 10th, World Mental Health Day, Amnesty International Irish section will launch the second phase of its campaign for respect for the right to the highest attainable standard of mental health and mental health services.
http://www.amnesty.ie/user/content/view/full/6485

Prisoners

Jordan. The General Intelligence Department frequently carries out arbitrary arrests and abuses suspects in its own detention facility, Human Rights Watch said in a report. HRW 19 Sept
http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2006/09/19/jordan14205.htm
report: http://hrw.org/reports/2006/jordan0906/

USA. The US military has created a global network of prisons that now hold 14,000 detainees beyond the reach of established law reports the Chicago Sun Times, 18 September

USA/Cuba. Jonathan Raban reviews a film and two books on the prisoner’s experiences in Guantanamo. See New York Review of Books (8 October)
http://www.nybooks.com/articles/19356

Right to health

United Nations - Five nations launched an initiative on Tuesday to raise at least $300 million next year to buy generic drugs at steep volume discounts to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in developing countries. Yahoo news 19 Sept
http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20060919/wl_nm/aids_unitaid_dc_1

Torture
**Bulgaria.** A delegation of the Council of Europe’s Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) recently carried out a twelve-day visit to Bulgaria. The visit, which began on 10 September 2006, was the Committee’s fourth periodic visit to Bulgaria. See: http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/bgr/2006-09-28-eng.htm (28 September)


**Zimbabwe** Human Rights Forum said torture in Zimbabwe was “both widespread and systematic”. 17 Sept http://www.news24.com/News24/Africa/Zimbabwe/0,,2-11-1662_1999842,00.html

**Violence against women**

**DRC.** Jan Egeland, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, has called sexual abuse in the Democratic Republic of Congo a cancer “that seems to be out of control” according to the BBC 15 Sept http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/afrika/5351012.stm


**Courses**

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