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26/04/2005 Viet Nam: Release all prisoners of conscience immediately ASA 41/011/2005
25/04/2005 Israel/Occupied Territories: Israeli authorities must put an immediate end to settler violence MDE 15/027/2005
Children

A new report by Save the Children reveals how the lives of thousands of girls around the world are destroyed every year by armed conflict. The report identifies how girls, some as young as eight, are abducted against their will to live life in the army, where they are forced to carry out roles varying from being soldiers to serving as porters, cleaners and cooks, sex slaves or “wives”. Save the Children 29 April

http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk/jsp/resources/details.jsp?id=2746&group=resources&section=news&subsection=details&pagelang=en


HIV/AIDS

UK. A Ugandan asylum seeker has lost an appeal for the right to remain in the UK so that she can receive treatment for HIV/AIDS. See BBC, 6 May, http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/4518381.stm

USA. According to a new study, many young gay and bisexual men who are HIV-positive may not know they have the virus. Reuters, 26 April


Human rights

Kenya. Members of parliament have unanimously passed a motion that could lead to the castration of rapists. Standard, 28 April


Mental health

Australia. Human Rights Commissioner, Dr Zev Ozdowski, speaking at a child health conference in Sydney warned that a funding shortfall, medical neglect and community indifference are driving mentally ill people to suicide, prison and inappropriate general health services. The Age 28 April.


Prisoners

Tunisia. In a meeting with Human Rights Watch, government officials have promised that prisoners will no longer be placed in solitary confinement for more than 10 days and have told the organization that they could visit its prisons on their next visit to the country. HRW 20 April.

http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/04/20/tunisi10523.htm

USA. Human Rights Watch has called for a special prosecutor to investigate the culpability of senior US officials in cases of abuses of detainees in US custody in Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere. Human Rights Watch, 27 April


Right to health

Argentina. A doctor has been sentenced to 10 years’ imprisonment for his role in abuses of political prisoners held in a torture centre during the period of military rule between 1976 and 1983. BBC, 23 April

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4475693.stm
Philippines. Health professionals are abandoning their homeland for better paid and lesser skilled jobs overseas. News International, Pakistan. 19 April

Vietnam/USA. A US federal district court has dismissed the case brought by campaigners against the US chemical companies that produced Agent Orange, the chemical used by the US to defoliate the jungle during the Vietnam war, on the grounds that international law did not prohibit its use at the time. BBC, 2 May
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/4494347.stm

Torture

http://allfrica.com/stories/200504251137.html

Lebanon. Former Lebanese detainees of Syrian prisons have held a press conference to recount their tales of torture and mistreatment. Daily Star 4 May

Pakistan. Journalists participating in rallies to mark the World Press Freedom Day in Lahore and Islamabad have been subjected to violence and arrests by the authorities. Daily Times 5 May

Conferences


Vacancies

The Medical Foundation for the care of victims of torture, UK, is seeking a manager for their North East Office. Closing date for applications: 18th May 2005. To receive an application pack please contact: Angela Kirk, Medical Foundation, 111 Isledon Road, London N7 7JW, UK Telephone: +44 207 697 7804 email: regional@torturecare.org.uk http://www.torturecare.org.uk/index.php?module=articles&func=display&ptid=12&catid=203&aid=537

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