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Children

**Togo.** Togo's parliament passed a new law making it a criminal offence for parents or guardians to offer their children to traffickers, reported the *BBC* (2 Aug).
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Death Penalty
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Uzbekistan. President Islam Karimov signed a decree on Monday to end the death penalty from 2008 and replace it with life imprisonment for very serious crimes. See Reuters on Alertnet (1 Aug): http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L01576248.htm.

Mental Health

USA. A majority of Cambodian refugees settled in the United States suffer from post-traumatic stress, depression or alcoholism decades after surviving their country's 1970s genocide. See Reuters on Alertnet (2 Aug). http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N02336618.htm See the study abstract at: http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/294/5/602

Right to health

Africa. Across southern Africa, the United Nations says some 10 million people - many of them already battling HIV and chronic poverty - could face serious hunger by the end of the year, reported the Cape Times (11 Aug). http://www.capetimes.co.za/index.php?fSectionId=272&fArticleId=2832665


Torture

Dubai. Two British businessmen allege they suffered torture and death threats from secret police in Dubai after British intelligence passed on information that they were suspects in the July 7 London bombings, reported the Guardian (3 Aug). http://politics.guardian.co.uk/foreignaffairs/story/0,11538,1541479,00.html

Egypt. The number of deaths from torture in Egyptian police stations rose to 22 in 2004 from eight in 2003, an Egyptian human rights body said, reported the Gulf Times (3 Aug). http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=47049&version=1&template_id=37&parent_id=17


Malaysia. Detainees held under Malaysia's security laws are routinely tortured during interrogations, stripped naked, beaten and threatened with rape, former inmates said according to Suaram (1 Aug). http://www.suaram.net/display_article.asp?ID=318
USA. The Abu Ghraib prison torture decisions "came from the top," asserted Robert Weiner, a former Clinton White House senior public affairs official, as reported by the US Newswire (1 Aug).

Violence against women

Africa. The New York Times reported on the acceptance and high level of violence against women in a number of African countries (11 Aug).

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