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Amnesty International reports & statements

See the following recent AI news releases:

Bangladesh. Impunity encouraging killings of human rights defenders (23 August).
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGASA130062005>

Sudan. The rights of Khartoum's displaced must be respected (23 August).
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAFR540722005>

United Kingdom. Forcible return to Iraq would be unlawful (26 August).
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGEUR450342005>

Zimbabwe. Secret footage reveals desperate plight of homeless (19 August).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAFR460262005>

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

Asylum seekers/refugees

Malta. The government has denied allegations, made in a Council of Europe report, of deliberate physical ill-treatment of immigrants by the police and the armed forces, reported the *Times of Malta* (17 Aug).
<http://www.timesofmalta.com/core/article.php?id=196542>

Death Penalty

Iraq. The Iraqi government should back away from executing three prisoners under the newly-reintroduced death penalty, says the UN representative in Iraq in a *BBC* report (20 Aug). http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/4169586.stm

USA. A new law review article by international death penalty expert Mark Warren concludes that the retention of capital punishment in the United States distances the nation from its closest allies, reported *DPIC* (15 Aug).

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=1533&scid=64>

USA. Nearly 88% of all death row inmates who have "volunteered" for execution have struggled with mental illness and/or substance abuse. See *DPIC* (19 Aug):

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=1538&scid=64>

Mental Health

USA. A study at the US Army's Walter Reed hospital in Washington, DC, found that up to 17% of Iraq veterans - about one in six - suffered depression, anxiety or PTSD reported the *BBC* (16 Aug).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/4122602.stm>

Prisoners

Kenya. Prison officials from 14 south, east and central African nations called for urgent improvements to penal institutions in their countries, reported the South African *Sunday Times*.

<http://www.suntimes.co.za/zones/sundaytimesNEW/basket6st/basket6st1124080473.aspx>

USA. A lawsuit has been filed against U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld regarding the conditions under which a foreign student was held without charges for more than two years as an "enemy combatant", reported *Human Rights Watch* (8 Aug).

<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/08/08/usdom11612.htm>

Right to health

South Africa. Five surgeons have been charged with performing more than 110 illegal kidney transplants, while allegedly using kidneys bought from poor Brazilians, reported the *Guardian* (18 Aug).

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,,1551213,00.html>

Torture

Nigeria. A statement by Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo that Nigerian police officers have committed killings and torture must be followed up by concrete action, *Human Rights Watch* said (22 Aug). <http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/08/22/nigeri11650.htm>

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