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Amnesty International reports & statements:

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5 June: Myanmar: Cyclone survivors at increased risk because of Myanmar government's actions

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/myanmar-cyclone-survivors-increased-risk-because-myanmar-government%E2%80%99s-ac>

5 June: Uganda: Amnesty International condemns attacks against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR59/004/2008/en>

5 June: Brazil: Freedom of expression under threat - para-police torture reporters

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/brazil-freedom-expression-under-threat-para-police-torture-reporters-200>

29 May: Council of Europe: Women should be free of all gender-based violence

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/IOR61/007/2008>

25 May: Amnesty International Report 2008: The state of the world's human rights

<http://thereport.amnesty.org/eng/download-report>

22 May: World must act on food crisis

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/world-must-act-food-crisis-20080522>

Children:

Africa: In its latest study, UNICEF reports there are 5 million child deaths every year in Africa. *IPS* (30 May): <http://www.ipsnews.net/africa/nota.asp?idnews=42593>

Ethiopia: Soaring malnutrition is hitting children the hardest. *IRIN* (28 May): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=78443>

Haiti: UNICEF has joined a national call to halt the kidnappings of children in Haiti. *UNICEF* (4 June): http://www.unicef.org/media/media_44320.html

International: A study by Save the Children UK has found rampant child abuse by aid workers and peacekeepers in countries affected by conflict and natural disaster. *Voa News* (27 May): <http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-05-27-voa25.cfm>

Zimbabwe: The political violence in Zimbabwe has displaced at least 10,000 children and is hampering the delivery of humanitarian relief to children and their families. *UNICEF* (28 May): http://www.unicef.org/media/media_44183.html

Death Penalty:

Afghanistan: Afghanistan's appeal court referred a reporter sentenced to death to hospital for medical tests after he said he was tortured. *Agence France Presse* (1 June): <http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5gR83BLmZB2D3Uj9EoEaqhxgmi-Cg>

Ethiopia: Ethiopia's former Marxist leader, Mengistu Haile Mariam, was sentenced to death by the country's Supreme Court for genocide and other crimes against humanity. *The Sun News* (5 June): <http://www.sunnewsonline.com/webpages/opinion/editorial/2008/jun/05/editorial-05-06-2008-001.htm>

Ghana: The President of the Ghana Bar Association has called for the removal of the death penalty from the country's statute books describing it as a cruel form of punishment that does not serve any good purpose. *ModernGhana.com* (31 May): <http://www.modernghana.com/news/167822/1/why-not-abolish-the-death-penalty.html>

Nigeria: Lawmakers in Nigeria are moving towards abolishing the death penalty from the nation's statute books. *This Day Online* (2 June): <http://www.thisdayonline.com/nview.php?id=113063>

USA: An appeals court in Texas will create a new integrity unit to examine and correct problems in the justice system. *Chron.com* (4 June): <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/5819149.html>

USA: Executioners struggled for 35 minutes to find a good vein for lethal injection. *Atlanta Journal Constitution* (4 June): http://www.ajc.com/search/content/metro/stories/2008/06/04/execution_0605_web.html

Drugs:

Canada: Ottawa wants to shut down Canada's only safe injection site. *The Globe and Mail* (30 May): <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/ArticleNews/freeheadlines/LAC/20080530/BCINSITE30/national/National>

Scotland: Scotland has launched the country's first national strategy to tackle drugs. *Scotland.gov.uk* (29 May): <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/05/29103236>

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:

International: A resolution calling for the integration of a human rights dimension in the fight against the food crisis has been adopted by the Human Rights Council. *Human Rights Tribune* (30 May): <http://www.humanrights-geneva.info/The-orphan-s-famine.3153>

Zimbabwe: Aid workers fear the worst after President Mugabe banned the distribution of food aid. *BBC* (6 June): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/7439457.stm>

Health Workers:

Guinea: Doctors are demanding bribes to treat patients as their salaries are not enough to live on. *IRIN* (3 June): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=78535>

India: Over 300 doctors, who were on strike for 11 days, have been sacked by the Jharkhand Government. *News Post India* (5 June): <http://newspostindia.com/report-58952>

South Africa: A doctor is fighting for his right to be guided by his conscience after being dismissed for supporting the dispensing of anti-retrovirals for rape survivors. *Health-e.org* (5 June): <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20031981>

Health Services:

Africa: The health of African women is lagging behind the rest of the world, says the UN. *UN News Centre* (30 May): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=26863&Cr=ticad&Cr1=>

Czech Republic: In the Czech Republic you can now see a doctor for about \$1.85, but some say this is too much. *New York Times* (29 May): <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/27/world/europe/27czech.html?pagewanted=1&r=1>

International: Forty states have agreed at a Japan summit that stronger health systems and better maternal health are critical to Africa's development. *UNFPA* (30 May): <http://www.unfpa.org/news/news.cfm?ID=1136>

Malawi: An initiative to improve the health, wealth and environment of Malawians is being driven by a proposal to trade in carbon credits. *IRIN* (29 May): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=78467>

Pakistan: Saudi-funded health centres will provide primary care to around 60,000 people, including women and children. *IRIN* (5 June): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=78580>

HIV/AIDS:

Africa: A caravan is travelling through West Africa in a campaign aimed at educating, testing and counselling people about HIV/AIDS. *Voa News* (5 June): <http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-06-05-voa25.cfm>

Barbados: The Government of Barbados will spend \$180 million between 2008 and 2013 in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS. *Nation News* (28 May): <http://www.nationnews.com/story/340565471128971.php>

India: Vast distances are a major barrier to combating HIV/AIDS in India. *Reuters* (2 June): <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUST2472220080603>

International: New studies have found ways to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission. *Voa News* (5 June): <http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-06-05-voa2.cfm>

International: More than 3 million people in developing nations are receiving treatment for HIV, says the UN. *UN News Centre* (2 June): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=26873&Cr=hiv&Cr1=aids>

Rwanda/Namibia: Rwanda and Namibia are the only African countries that have made significant progress in increasing HIV/AIDS treatment access and care. *New Times* (6 June): <http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=13553&article=6914>

South Africa: The prevalence of HIV in pregnant women has decreased over the last two years in South Africa. *Bua News* (6 June): <http://www.buanews.gov.za/view.php?ID=08060610151005&coll=buanew08>

Intellectual Property Rights:

International: The World Health Organization's member governments have overcome a rich-poor rift of how to overcome intellectual property. *Reuters* (24 May): <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSL2419043220080524>

Malaria and Other Diseases:

Myanmar: The UN is stepping up efforts to combat major diseases in Myanmar that are now the main threat to millions left homeless after Cyclone Nargis. *Reuters* (29 May): <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSL2981477220080529>

Mental Health:

UK: Women's Institute members have voted overwhelmingly to back a resolution calling for an end to "inappropriate imprisonment" of the mentally-ill. *BBC* (4 June): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7436237.stm>

Prisons:

Iraq: Juveniles languish for months in US-run prisons in Iraq. *IRIN* (2 June): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=78472>

Russia: Russian officials have confirmed the beating to death of four inmates at a prison in the Ural mountains, allegedly at the hands of prison guards. *Voa News* (3 June): <http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-06-03-voa43.cfm>

USA: Immigrants in detention in the US receive inadequate medical care whilst awaiting deportation, say Human Rights Watch. *Human Rights Watch* (3 June): <http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2008/06/02/usdom18997.htm>

Sexual and Reproductive Health:

Cuba: New horizons have opened up for transsexuals in Cuba with the approval of a Public Health Ministry resolution that establishes guidelines for their health care, including free gender reassignment operations. *IPS* (6 June): <http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=42693>

Kenya: Teenage mothers are denied education in Kenya, according to a new report. *IPS* (23 May): <http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=42487>

Liberia: A major campaign intended to curb the old-age practice of female genital mutilation has intensified in the country with the Women and Children Desk of the Inter-religious Council of Liberia (IRCL) taking the lead in the campaign. *The News Online* (30 May): http://www.thenews.com.lr/story.php?record_id=3407&sub=News

Nigeria: A rise in maternal mortality rates in Nigeria have been linked to a drop in girls' education. *allAfrica.com* (3 June): <http://allafrica.com/stories/200806030448.html>

Torture:

USA: The US is to investigate how its immigration service deported a Syrian-born Canadian to Syria where he was allegedly tortured. *BBC* (5 June): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/7438508.stm>

Violence against Women:

Azerbaijan: The UN has launched a project to prevent violence against women in Azerbaijan. *Today.Az* (4 June): <http://www.today.az/news/society/45429.html>

Burundi: Human rights abuses including sexual abuse are widespread in the Burundian capital. *IRIN* (4 June): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=78566>

Conferences/Seminars/Courses:

Australia: From Margins to Mainstream: 5th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and the Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders, Melbourne, 10-12 September, 2008. Please see: <http://www.margins2mainstream.com/registration.php>

Canada: 15th Canadian Conference on International Health. The theme this year is "Checking In: Health for All or Health for Some?" Ottawa, Canada, 26-29 October 2008. Call for papers by 15 June 2008. For further details please visit: <http://www.csih.org/en/ccih/index.asp>

Kenya: The 1st conference on Strengthening Linkages Between Sexual and Reproductive Health And HIV/AIDS Services: The Sexual Violence Nexus, Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, 29 September to 1 October 2008. For more details please see: <http://www.svconference2008.org/>

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