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Indonesia: Barriers preventing women achieving reproductive health

A new report by Amnesty International shows how many Indonesian women and girls, especially those from poor and marginalised communities, are struggling to achieve sexual and reproductive health in the face of restrictive laws, policies and practices.

Left Without a Choice will be launched in Jakarta, Indonesia at the Hotel Aryaduta Jakarta by Amnesty International Secretary General Salil Shetty on 4 November 2010 at 1000hrs Jakarta time (0300 GMT).

The report describes how current laws and practices are restricting access to contraception for unmarried women and girls, and allowing early marriage for girls younger than 16. How women are required to get their husband's consent to access certain contraception methods, or an abortion in the event that her life is at risk. And how health workers frequently deny the full range of legally available contraceptive services to unmarried or childless married women.

Embargoed materials, including the full report, executive summary, images and interviews are available upon request.

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