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Amnesty International reports & statements

See below a selection of recent AI news releases:

Colombia: Action must be taken to guarantee the safety of abducted human rights defenders (5 April):

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engamr230072005>

Israel/Occupied Territories: Women bear the burden of conflict, occupation and patriarchy (31 March): <http://web.amnesty.org/actforwomen/isr-310305-action-eng>

Malaysia: the future of policing - protectors not violators (7 April):

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engasa280042005>

The death penalty worldwide: developments in 2004 (5 April):

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGACT500012005>

Zimbabwe: more than 250 women arrested, some badly beaten (1 April):

<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAFR460062005>

Links to further news releases and reports can be found at: <http://www.amnesty.org/>

Children

Geneva. The root causes of human trafficking are not being adequately addressed in South Eastern Europe, says a new report launched in Geneva by UNICEF CEE/CIS regional office (31 March).

http://www.unicef.org/ceecis/media_1566.html

Iraq. "Increasing numbers of children in Iraq do not have enough food to eat and more than a quarter are chronically undernourished. Hunger is actually increasing worldwide. Some 17,000 children die every day from hunger-related diseases, a UN report says" reported the *BBC* (30 March).

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/4395525.stm

WHO. The World Health Report 2005: Make Every Mother and Child Count, says that this year almost 11 million children under five years of age will die from causes that are largely preventable.

<http://www.who.int/whr/2005/en/index.html>

HIV/AIDS

A **Libyan** court is set to hear an appeal by five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor sentenced to death for infecting 426 children with Aids, reported the *BBC* (29 March).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/4389395.stm>

Uganda. U.S.-funded abstinence-only programs are jeopardizing Uganda's successful fight against HIV/AIDS, Human Rights Watch said in a new report . *HRW* (30 March)

<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/03/30/uganda10380.htm>

report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/uganda0305/>

Prisons

UK. Nearly a decade after her predecessor walked out of the jail in disgust over conditions, the chief inspector of prisons found that many of the north London jail's "fundamental problems" remained. *Guardian* 30 March

<http://society.guardian.co.uk/crimeandpunishment/story/0,8150,1447885,00.html>

Torture

North Korea . "North Korea has got the worst human rights record of any country anywhere in the world," said the British Foreign minister. *Independent* (5 April)

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/asia/story.jsp?story=626475>

UK. "We Have Ways of Making You Talk" , documentary on *BBC* (5 April).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/4412065.stm>

Zimbabwe. "Zimbabwe torture victims pick up the pieces in South Africa", *Mail&Guardian* (29 March).

http://www.mg.co.za/articlePage.aspx?articleid=200477&area=/breaking_news/breaking_news_africa/

Courses

4th International Human Rights Academy from 16-29 October 2005, Cape Town, South Africa. Level: graduate, professional. Application closing date 1 June 2005. For more information see <http://www.law.ugent.be/pub/humanrightacademy/> Jeremy Sarkin. Law Faculty. University of the Western Cape. Private Bag X17. Bellville 7535. South Africa. phone/fax 27 21 685 7004 cell 27 82 202 3329 See: www.uwc.ac.za/law/people/jeremysarkin.htm

Public Health in Complex Emergencies training program. Bangkok, May 9-21. The course is funded by OFDA for: NGO/PVO staff who are responsible for the health of refugees and internally displaced persons, Ministry of Health staff working in regions affected by complex emergencies, staff from international and governmental organizations instrumental in planning services for people affected by complex emergencies. Contact : Lorna Stevens, Director, Health Training, shortcourse@theirc.org. Brochure and application forms <http://www.theirc.org/phce>. Lorna Stevens Director, Health Training International Rescue Committee 122 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10168 Tel: +1-212-551-3005 Fax: +1-212-551-3185 email: shortcourse@theirc.org

Vacancies

For the fall of 2005, the Oak Institute seeks a human rights practitioner working on health-related human rights issues. The successful candidate should have some background in the health sciences or related fields. For more information, see website at: <http://www.colby.edu/oak>.

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Publications

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