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## Amnesty International reports & statements

See the following recent AI news releases/reports:

Burundi: 8,000 asylum seekers facing expulsion (13 June).  
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAFR160052005>

Guatemala: Women in danger - killings of women and girls (9 June).  
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAMR340272005>

Iran: Jailed Dissidents Denied Medical Care Human Rights Groups Protest III-Treatment of Rights Defenders, Journalists (15 June).  
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGMDE130262005>

Myanmar: Arrests of political activists increase as Aung San Suu Kyi turns 60 under house arrest (16 June).  
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGASA160202005>

Nepal: A human rights crisis fuelled by irresponsible arms exports (15 June).  
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGASA310512005>

These and other press releases and reports are accessible at:  
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/eng-recent/index>

## Children

**Brazil.** Incarcerated youth in Rio de Janeiro endure beatings by guards and other concealed abuses that go unpunished because state juvenile detention centers lack independent monitoring, *Human Rights Watch* said (9 June).  
<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/06/09/brazil11086.htm>

report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/brazil0605/>

**Chechnya.** A maternity ward nurse who lives in the Chechen capital Grozny, talks about her afternoon looking after the war-torn city's youngest citizens, reported the *BBC* (8 June).  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4070412.stm>

**International Labour Organization.** This year World Day Against Child Labour focuses on mining and quarrying (ILO, 10 June).  
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/ipecc/wdacl/2005/index.htm>

**UK.** Children are being trafficked into the UK from Africa and used for human sacrifices, a confidential police report suggests, according to the *BBC* (16 June).  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4098172.stm>

## Death Penalty

**Palestinian Authority.** Four Palestinian men convicted of murder were executed by hanging and firing squad in the Gaza Strip. See *New York Times* (12 June).  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/12/international/middleeast/12cnd-mideast.html>

**Uganda.** The country's constitutional court ruled in favour of putting an end to laws prescribing death as a mandatory sentence for certain crimes: see *Reuters* (14 June).  
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/35024160952b1236b73e919e73f86417.htm>

## Female genital mutilation

**Mali.** Early marriage and genital mutilation constitute the single biggest threat to the human rights of young girls, reported *Reuters* (14 June).  
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/1fdb61944b47ec670a54a85aba67aa95.htm>

## HIV/AIDS

**China.** *Human Rights Watch* issued a report on harassment by Chinese authorities of AIDS activists (15 June).  
<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/06/14/china11126.htm>  
report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/china0605/>  
Chinese health officials say they are taking measures to counter the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS (*Reuters* on Yahoo news, 12 June).  
[http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20050613/wl\\_nm/health\\_china\\_aids\\_dc;\\_ylt=A0LaS9nXZq1CMrsApwLVJRIF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCUI](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20050613/wl_nm/health_china_aids_dc;_ylt=A0LaS9nXZq1CMrsApwLVJRIF;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCUI)

## Human rights

**Chechnya.** The Chechen government has stated that there are more than 50 mass graves on its territory. See *Guardian* article (16 June):  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/chechnya/Story/0,2763,1507525,00.html>

**Democratic Republic of Congo.** Fighting over control of gold mines and trade routes has led to grave human rights violations in the north-eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo, *Human Rights Watch* said (2 June).  
<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/06/02/congo11041.htm>  
report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/drc0505/>

**Sudan.** The International Criminal Court has announced a formal investigation into the massacres and rapes in Darfur, the *Guardian* reported (7 June).  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/sudan/story/0,14658,1500903,00.html>

## Prisoners

**Colombia.** Learning about the abuse of prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison led Colombian artist Fernando Botero to use it in his art. See *Reuters* (6 June):  
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L06454124.htm>

## Right to Health

**USA.** A policy advisor for the U.S. Senate Republican majority states in a report the ICRC has lost its impartiality (*Reuters* 14 June).  
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N14214636.htm>

## Torture

**Libya.** Nine Libyan policemen and a doctor who were charged with torturing five Bulgarian nurses to extract confessions have been acquitted (*Reuters* 7 June).  
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L07522522.htm>

## Meetings

Doctors for Human Rights UK is organising a conference on the '**The Right to Health of Detained Asylum Seekers and Migrants**' on Saturday 25 June from 10:00 - 13:00 at the Middlesex Hospital, London. For details see:  
<http://www.doctorsforhumanrights.org/index.php?php=true&content=page&id=39>

## Vacancies

Physicians for Human Rights USA is looking for an **International Forensic Program Director** and a **Director for Constituency Outreach**. For details visit:  
[http://www.phrusa.org/about/whats\\_new/](http://www.phrusa.org/about/whats_new/)

The Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex is looking for a **senior researcher to support the work of Professor Paul Hunt, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health**. For details see: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/personnel/Jobs/details/R880W.htm>

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