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Amnesty International reports & statements

See the following recent AI news releases:

Burundi. Refugee rights at risk: human rights abuses in returns to and from Burundi (27 June).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAFR160062005>

The G8 global arms exporters (22 June).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGPOL300072005?open&of=ENG-366>

Stop. Investigate. Prosecute. Stop torture and ill-treatment in the "war on terror" (26 June).

<http://web.amnesty.org/pages/stoptorture-index-eng>

Zimbabwe. More deaths as mass evictions continue unabated (30 June).

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAFR460212005>

These and other press releases and reports are accessible at:

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

Children

Indonesia. Hundreds of thousands of girls working as domestic workers in Indonesia face physical and sexual abuse as well as gross labor exploitation, *Human Rights Watch* said (20 June).

<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/06/20/indone11143.htm>

report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/indonesia0605/>

UK. A little over a year ago a loophole allowing girls to be taken from the UK to go elsewhere for genital mutilation was finally closed. But figures show that nobody has been prosecuted so far, the *BBC* said (29 June).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4631741.stm>

Death Penalty

Texas Governor Rick Perry has signed the bill that gives juries in death penalty cases the option of sentencing a defendant to life without the possibility of parole, the *Death Penalty Information Centre* reported (20 June).

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=1487&scid=64>

HIV/AIDS

Brazil has threatened to break the patent on an anti-Aids drug in order to make a cheaper generic version, the *BBC* said (25 June).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/4621735.stm>

Japan. A strong stigma against AIDS in Japan is hampering access to treatment in the world's second-largest economy, activists said, even as experts warn an explosion of the disease may be looming, *Reuters* reported (22 June).

<http://today.reuters.co.uk/News/CrisesArticle.aspx?storyId=T14450>

WHO. A target to get three million people in the poorest parts of the world onto aids drugs by the end of the year will almost certainly not be met, the *BBC* said (29 June).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4635197.stm>

Prisoners

USA. Scores of Muslim men living in the United States are held indefinitely without charge, *Human Rights Watch* and the *American Civil Liberties Union* said in a report (27 June).

<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/06/27/usdom11213.htm>

report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/us0605/>

Right to health

Ghana. Despite spending more than £4m a year on medical training, Ghana still has only 1,500 doctors for a population of 20m, the *BBC* said (27 June)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4627709.stm>

The **World Health Organization** has released a publication to help address the often unacceptable conditions in which people with mental disabilities live (20 June).

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/notes/2005/np14/en/>

Torture

Iraq. US soldiers discovered a 'torture house', the *International Herald Tribune* reported (20 June).

<http://www.ihrt.com/articles/2005/06/19/news/torture.php>

Kenya. The Independent Medico-Legal Unit and the Legal Resource Foundation released studies of torture to mark the U.N. world day for torture. See *Reuters* (26 June):

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L26592526.htm>

US. The *Fort Worth Weekly* (22 June) and the *BBC* (30 June) report on the use of tasers:

<http://www.fweekly.com/content.asp?article=770>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4125030.stm>

Violence against women

China. Sexual harassment is soon to become a crime in China under new gender equality laws, state media have said, as reported by the *BBC* (27 June).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/4625913.stm>

Palestinian Authority. The *Guardian* reported a rise in 'honour killings' (23 June).

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,3604,1512272,00.html>

The **United Nations'** top relief official said that organized sexual attack had become a preferred weapon of war in conflicted parts of Africa, the *New York Times* reported (22 June).

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<http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/content/full/331/7507/7>

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<http://www.psychiatristimes.com/showArticle.jhtml?articleId=164303114>

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