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Amnesty International reports & statements

See a selection of recent AI news releases:

Amnesty International launches global campaign against internet repression (20 July).
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGACT300162006>

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Elections are a chance to embrace human rights reform (19 July).
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAFR620152006>

Guatemala. Killings of women on the rise in 2006 (18 July).
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR340232006>

Peru. Poorest women and children are let down by discriminatory health services (11 July).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAMR460172006>

South Korea. US base demonstrator attacked and detained by police (19 July).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGASA250062006>

UN Security Council must adopt urgent measures to protect civilians in Israel-Lebanon conflict (18 July).
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGIOR410122006>

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

Death Penalty

Philippines. The government abolished the death penalty at an unusual speed. See the BBC's comment (21 July):
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/5117128.stm>

USA. "Death penalty is doctors' dilemma". See StarNewsonline (15 July):
<http://www.wilmingtonstar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060715/NEWS/607150370/-1/State>

HIV/AIDS

South Africa. A group of rural primary school children in KwaZulu-Natal are helping to break the silence about HIV/AIDS by recording their 'autobiographies' for radio, reported Reuters Alertnet (source Irin) (17 July).

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/e551de12b3aaf6ec85b08f9e26bc7337.htm>

USA. A once-a-day pill that combines three medicines for people with HIV has been approved in the US, reported CBC News (12 July).

<http://www.cbc.ca/story/science/national/2006/07/12/hiv-drug.html>

World. Ongoing rights abuses are undermining efforts to respond to HIV, said Human Rights Watch (17 July).

<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2006/07/17/canada13744.htm>

Prisoners

USA. All detainees in U.S. military custody at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are to be given all the rights of the Geneva Conventions, reported CNN com (11 July).

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/LAW/07/11/guantanamo.geneva/>

Torture

Iraq. A group linked to al-Qaeda has released a video appearing to show the mutilated bodies of two US soldiers, reported the BBC (11 July).

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/5167524.stm

Violence against women

India. India eNews reported on the torture of sisters accused of theft by villagers (10 July).

See: <http://indiaenews.com/2006-07/14282-medieval-torture-sisters-accused-theft.htm>

Senegal. President Abdoulaye Wade has likened early marriage to rape. He has ordered his government to allow free treatment for women suffering from obstetric fistula, often a result of early childbirth, reported allAfrica.com (18 July).

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