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See a selection of recent AI news releases:

China. Will China's government uphold the Olympic ideal? *The Wire* (Sept 2005).
<http://web.amnesty.org/wire/September2005/China>

Indonesia. Killing and torture acquittals demonstrate failure of justice system (8 Sept).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGASA210182005>

Liberia. Peace elusive as Liberians prepare to elect new government (19 Sept).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAFR340042005>

Nigeria. Demonstrate commitment to justice -- surrender Taylor to the Special Court for Sierra Leone (14 Sept).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAFR440232005>

The rights of women in armed conflict: an activists' guide (21 Sept).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGAFT770562005>

Uzbekistan. Truth under siege (20 Sept).
<http://news.amnesty.org/index/ENGEUR620222005>

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Asylum seekers/refugees

Italy. Following a visit to an Italian refugee camp on Lampedusa socialist MEPs are accusing Italy of breaking human rights laws and the UN's refugee Convention, as reported on *eu observer.com* (21 Sept).
<http://euobserver.com/9/19904>

Children

Children around the world face systematic barriers to schooling that are undermining global progress towards universal primary education, *Human Rights Watch* said (12 Sept).
<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/09/12/global11697.htm>
report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/education0905/>

European countries launched a new scheme to provide \$4 billion in vaccines to millions of children, according to the *Ethiopian Herald* (10 Sept).
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200509100030.html>

South-eastern Europe. A report by the International Organisation for Migration on trafficking in south-eastern Europe says new trends in the the trade in human beings - both adults and children - are emerging, reported the *BBC* (16 Sept).
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4253252.stm>

Death Penalty

China . A Chinese cosmetics company is using skin harvested from the corpses of executed convicts to develop beauty products for sale in Europe, the *Guardian* said (13 Sept)
http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1568467,00.html

Taiwan. President Chen Shui-bian has vowed to abolish the death penalty, reported *DPIC* (14 Sept).
<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=1559&scid=64>

Human rights

Uganda. The military and the rebel Lord's Resistance Army continue to kill, rape and uproot civilians in northern Uganda with impunity, *Human Rights Watch* said in a report (20 Sept).
<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2005/09/20/uganda11752.htm>
report: <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/uganda0905/>

UK. Countries identified by the government as having poor human rights records have been invited to an arms exhibition in London, reported the *Guardian* (13 Sept).
http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1568593,00.html

Prisoners

UK. Men in prison are five times more likely to commit suicide than those in the general population, a *Lancet* online study has found, reported the *BBC* (14 Sept).
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4245354.stm>

Right to health

China. The national population and family planning agency said that an investigation has proven that reported population-control abuses by family planning officials in east Shandong Province are factual, according to the *China daily* (20 Sept).
http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/english/doc/2005-09/20/content_479348.htm

Cuba. The president has announced the creation of an international medical brigade to assist countries affected by natural disasters or serious epidemics, said the *BBC* (20 Sept).
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/4263552.stm>

WHO. Any global bird flu pandemic could be impossible to contain a few weeks after the initial outbreak, a World Health Organisation expert warned, as reported on *Yahoo news* (20 Sept).
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050920/hl_afp/healthfluwho;_ylt=A0SOwIVhPDFDG_YATrzVJRIF;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU

Torture

Canada. Extraordinary circumstances might force Canada to co-operate in anti-terrorism investigations with regimes that practise torture, such as Syria, in order to save lives, federal lawyers suggested: see *Globe and Mail* (14 Sept):
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/ArticleNews/TPStory/LAC/20050914/ARAR14/TPNational/TopStories>

Hungary. The *Budapest Times* reported on the work of the Cordelia Foundation, founded 1996, which helps refugees with the effects of torture (12 Sept).
<http://www.budapesttimes.hu/index.php?art=1062>

Nepal. The UN Special Rapporteur on Torture has said that torture of detainees is widespread in Nepal, perpetrated by police, the army and Maoist rebels, reported the *BBC* (16 Sept).
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/4253486.stm

UK. MPs from all parties are planning to campaign against the CIA's use of British airports and RAF bases when abducting terrorism suspects who are then flown to countries where they are allegedly tortured, according to the *Guardian* (13 Sept).
http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,1568472,00.html

Violence against women

Nepal. Women's rights activists in Nepal have hailed a Supreme Court order to end discrimination against women during their menstrual cycle, according to the *BBC* (15 Sept).
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/4250506.stm Sept

Nigeria. Nigeria is withdrawing its 120-strong police contingent serving with the UN peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo's capital following allegations of sexual harassment, reported the *BBC* (12 Sept).
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/4237638.stm>

Seminars

Doctors for Human Rights (UK) is organising five seminar sessions: 'Securing the right to the highest attainable standard of health', from 17:30 to 19:00 on Wednesdays from September 28 to October 26 inclusive. Venue: room M2 of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1. For more information: www.doctorsforhumanrights.org

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