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Asylum seekers/refugees

Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan might have secretly deported a Chinese asylum seeker in violation of its international commitments on refugee rights, according to the UNHCR. See the *International Herald Tribune*, 1 December; http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2006/12/01/asia/AS_GEN_Kazakhstan_UN_Refugees.php

Zimbabwe. At least 15 percent of the Zimbabwean women refugees who visited a counselling centre run by the Zimbabwe Torture Victims/Survivors Project (ZTVP) in Johannesburg over the past 20 months alleged they had been raped according to a new report, *Women on the Run*. See IRIN (7 December) <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/805c77d62058173d83d90932aba2d5c3.htm>

Children

Haiti and Liberia. Children have been subjected to rape and prostitution by United Nations peacekeepers in Haiti and Liberia, a BBC investigation has found. BBC 30 November <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/6195830.stm>

Child soldiers. The 14 armed groups and two governments that refused repeated UN demands to stop using child soldiers should be subject to sanctions, Human Rights Watch said, 27 November;
<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2006/11/27/global14664.htm>

Death Penalty

USA. According to the Death Penalty Information Center, there is growing concern among national mental health and legal organizations regarding inmates on death row who are severely mentally ill. See DPIC 27 November;
<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=1979&scid=64>

HIV/AIDS

Australia. Sydney's gay community has an infection rate of HIV that is similar to that of countries in Africa reports the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 November;
<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/hiv-infection-rate-rises-to-epidemic-levels-in-gay-community/2006/11/25/1164341446659.html>

China. A prominent Chinese AIDS campaigner who was organising a forum on the illness has been released after being held by police for three days, reports the BBC 27 November;
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/6187670.stm>

Israel. Physicians for Human Rights-Israel has published a report on the situation of migrant workers and refugees living with HIV in Israel. See *Surviving on Scraps*, available at:
<http://www.phr.org.il/phr/article.asp?articleid=402&catid=65&pcat=-1&lang=ENG>

South Africa. The AIDS Law Project has expressed concern at the confusion and misinformation being generated in the reporting of the Health Professions Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) disciplinary action against Bloemfontein pathologist Dr Leon Wagner reported for stating on a death certificate that the cause of death was AIDS. See *Mail and Guardian Online* (24 November)
http://www.mg.co.za/articlepage.aspx?area=/breaking_news/breaking_news_national/&articleid=291099

Human rights

Fiji. The Fiji Human Rights Commission says it will defend and protect the rights of everyone in Fiji and will uphold the 1997 Constitution by all means at its disposal according to the Fiji Times, 8 December.
<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=53122>. The pledge follows the recent military coup in the country.

Right to health

China. The government will establish a new government body to oversee the registration and allocation of donated organs for transplants, amid widespread controversy in the field reports the *China Daily* 28 November
http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2006-11/28/content_744638.htm

Japan. It is harder to get an organ transplant in Japan than almost anywhere else in the world reports the BBC 29 November
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/6156925.stm>

Torture

UK. The government has been rebuked by the European Parliament over its failure to aid an investigation into the CIA's transportation of terrorist suspects and their alleged torture in secret jails in Europe reports the *Scotsman* 29 November;
<http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=1768232006>

Violence against women

India. A sexual assault evidence kit (SAFE Kit) for collecting high quality evidence has been launched by the NGO CEHAT; See cities.expressindia.com, 28 November; <http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=211111>

Zambia. A Zambian non-governmental organisation has said that it records eight cases of rape of young girls every week at its centre in the capital, Lusaka. *Irin News* 27 November;
http://irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=56528&SelectRegion=Southern_Africa&SelectCountry=ZAMBIA

Publications

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BMC Nursing 2006, 5:9; <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6955/5/9>

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