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Amnesty International Report 2007 Facts and Figures

These Facts and Figures highlight the situation in some of Amnesty International's key areas of work for 2006:

- o Violence Against Women
- o Control Arms
- o Death Penalty
- o Torture and Terror
- o International Justice

They do not and cannot tell the whole story of all the human rights abuses committed across the world in 2006. They are representative of the cases known to Amnesty International but they do not amount to an exhaustive list. As the Death Penalty statistics illustrate, the true number of instances of abuse and denial of rights are certainly far greater than this snapshot can show.

For more detailed case studies, country-specific information or analysis of certain issues, please visit our Report 2007 website and use the tags at the bottom of the country entries or type a keyword into the search engine. For example: Belarus; Forced Evictions; Migration; Zimbabwe.

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Amnesty International in 2006

2.2 million members or supporters in more than **150** countries and territories

5,000 people, communities, human rights organizations and families worked with across the world

700 Human Rights Defenders and human rights organisations trained globally

473 briefings and reports produced

330 Urgent Actions issued on behalf of individuals at risk

153 countries featured in Amnesty International's Report 2007

121 campaigning projects launched

120 visits made to **77** countries and territories

57 countries documented as holding prisoners of conscience or possible prisoners of conscience

Source: Amnesty International

Violence Against Women

185 states have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

62 have placed reservations on clauses

9 have not signed

1 has signed but not ratified – the USA

Domestic Violence

1 in **3** women is subjected to intimate partner abuse during her lifetime

50% of murdered women are killed by current or former partners

Trafficking

2 million people are trafficked every year – the majority women and girls

137 countries receive them, mostly in Western Europe, Asia and Northern America

127 countries send them, mostly in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, West Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean

Women in Conflict

70% of the casualties in recent conflicts have been non-combatants – most of them women and children

Tens of thousands of women and girls have been subjected to rape and other sexual violence since the crisis erupted in Darfur in 2003

0 people are known by Amnesty International to have been convicted in Darfur for these atrocities

Source: Amnesty International, UNICEF, UNIFEM, UN, WHO, Médecins Sans Frontières

Control Arms in 2006

1,250,000 people joined the Million Faces photo petition demanding tougher controls on the arms trade

153 governments voted in December to start work towards an international Arms Trade Treaty

24 countries abstained

1 voted against the Treaty – the USA

Trade

US\$22bn is spent on arms on average by countries in Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Africa each year

US\$22bn would have enabled these countries to give every child a place in school and reduce child mortality by two thirds by 2015

85% of killings recorded by Amnesty International involve the use of small arms and light weapons

60% of the world's firearms are in the hands of private individuals

2 bullets are produced for every man, woman and child on the planet each year

Source: Amnesty International, Small Arms Survey 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, UN Human Development Report 2005, UN Comtrade data, International Finance Facility proposal, January 2003, HM Treasury, UNAIDS Global Report 2004, US Congress

Control Arms is a campaign jointly run by Amnesty International, the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and Oxfam: www.controlarms.org

The Death Penalty in 2006*

20,000 people are estimated to be on death row across the world

3,861 people were sentenced to death in **55** countries

1,591** prisoners were executed in **25** countries; this fell from **2,148** prisoners executed in **22** countries in 2005

128 countries do not execute people (having abolished the death penalty in law or practice)

99 of whom have abolished the death penalty in law for all ordinary crimes – the Philippines became the 99th in 2006

91% of all known executions took place in **6** countries: China, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Pakistan and the USA

69 countries still use the death penalty

65 people were known to be executed in Iraq in 2006

3 had been executed in 2005

** Figures presented for executions and sentences include only those known to Amnesty International; the true totals are higher.*

*** This figure is higher than that published in the Amnesty International Report 2007 as it includes information received in the last few weeks.*

Source: Amnesty International

Torture and Terror in 2006

144 states have ratified the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

102 countries had cases of torture and ill-treatment by security forces, police and other state authorities documented in the Amnesty International Report 2007

”War on Terror”

1,245 flights through European airspace, or landings at European airports by planes known to have been used for rendition

400 detainees from more than **30** nationalities were still held at **Guantánamo Bay** - the public symbol of the injustices in the “war on terror” – at the end of 2006

200 have staged hunger strikes since the camp opened

40 have attempted suicide

3 died in June 2006, after apparent suicides

?? detainees are held in other, secret, detention centres or “black sites” around the world

Source: Amnesty International

International Justice*

International Criminal Court (ICC)

104 countries have ratified the Rome Statute of the ICC

100 states have concluded an “impunity agreement” with the **USA** – which excludes US citizens from prosecution

6 warrants of arrest have been issued

3 situations are under investigation - **Northern Uganda; Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Darfur, Sudan**

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

161 people have been indicted for serious violations of international humanitarian law

Special Court for Sierra Leone

10 people are standing trial, including **Charles Taylor** who was transferred to the Special Court in March 2006

All have pleaded not guilty - they are charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other violations of international humanitarian law

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

27 judgments have been handed down, involving **33** people

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