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### Summary

**AI reports & statements:** mental health, Bulgaria / human rights in the balance, Iraq / killing of children, Israel/OT/PA

**Further news:** investigation of mass graves, Afghanistan / attack on hospital, DRC / bioweapons program, Iraq and related articles on biochemical warfare

**Publications:** World Report on Violence and Health, WHO / further publications

### Amnesty International reports & statements

*Bulgaria: Systematic discrimination against people with mental disabilities.* 3 October (EUR 15/012/2002)

<http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/EUR150122002>

*Iraq. Human rights in the balance.* 26 September (MDE 14/011/2002).

<http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/MDE140112002>

*Israel / Occupied Territories / Palestinian Authority: Killing of children under scrutiny at the UN.* 30 September (MDE 15/145/2002)

<http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/MDE151452002>

This is a small selection of Amnesty International reports and statements. For a comprehensive overview, please check Amnesty International's website: <http://www.amnesty.org/>

### Further news

**Afghanistan - investigation of mass graves.** The UN Special Envoy has authorized an investigation of mass graves. Click here for PHR-USA's press release (20 September): [http://www.phrusa.org/research/afghanistan/report\\_graves\\_091902.html](http://www.phrusa.org/research/afghanistan/report_graves_091902.html)

**DRC - attack on hospital.** The *BBC* reported that one of the main hospitals in the eastern Congo was attacked in early September whereby a number of patients and doctors were killed and the hospital looted (25 September). <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/2280720.stm>

**Iraq - bioweapons program.** The *Melbourne Age* reported that the US provided Iraq with strains of germs including anthrax in the 1980s, when Iraq claimed it needed them for medical research (1 October). <http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2002/10/01/1033283479056.html>

The World Medical Association (WMA) holds its annual meeting from 2 - 6 October, including a session on the prevention and management of chemical and biological warfare.

See *BBC*, 'Doctors warn of bioterrorism risks' (4 October):

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/2298573.stm>

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