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Amnesty International to launch report on China's labour camps

On Tuesday 17 December 2013, Amnesty International will launch a major new report on China's oppressive system of "re-education through labour" (RTL).

Despite China's announcement on 15 November that it will abolish the RTL camps, evidence gathered by Amnesty International suggests this could just be a cosmetic change. Authorities are already stepping up other forms of persecution – including so-called "black jail" secret detention centres, "brainwashing classes" or drug rehabilitation centres.

The report further documents the brutal treatment faced by current and former RTL detainees, including torture and forced labour, through extensive interviews with survivors.

Advance copies of the report, press release and AV material are available on request. Past RTL detainees and victims of torture are available to speak to the media, while Amnesty International spokespeople are in London and Hong Kong.

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