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Press conference: Governments must tackle the "pain merchants"

Amnesty International will present its new 90-page report "The Pain Merchants" at a press conference in London on 2 December. The report reveals that governments' failure to control the expanding trade in and use of security equipment is contributing to torture and ill-treatment.

New security technologies are being developed, some of which are dubious; abuses are widespread; there is almost no control of the trade; and all regions of the world are affected. More than 40 countries, including the UK, Germany, USA, China and Afghanistan are mentioned in the report. The press conference will be held at:

Where: The Foreign Press Association, 11 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AJ
When: 2 December at 12:00 GMT
Who: Brian Wood, Amnesty International; Alastair Hay, Professor of Environmental Toxicology, University of Leeds

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