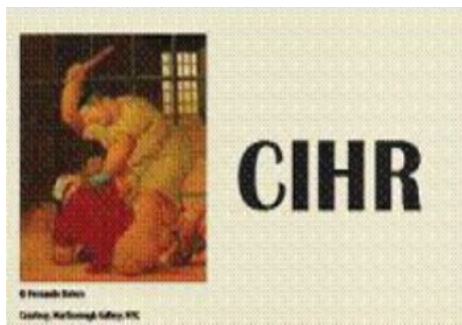


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<b>BRIEF STATEMENT</b>	<b>LINKS</b>
	<a href="#"><u>Nazi war criminal jailed for life</u></a>
Aid agencies are gathering in Switzerland to highlight the growing dangers faced by relief workers around the world, with attacks rising dramatically over the past decade.	<a href="#"><u>Aid work 'more dangerous', UN says</u></a>
	Video: <a href="#"><u>Anger over Greek migrant crackdown</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>The Obstacles to Real Health Care Reform: Private Insurers and Big PhRMA</u></a>
“You feel like a child playing around with a magnifying glass, burning up ants.” That is how one Israeli soldier described Operation Cast Lead, the Israeli Defense Force’s (IDF) invasion of the Gaza Strip, which began in December 2008.	<a href="#"><u>Aiding and Abetting War Crimes: The Israeli military tested new weapons in Gaza with U.S. support</u></a>
“Every day I meet the victims of sexual violence and their parents,” says Saday. “Meeting them motivates me and ignites my passion to fight sexual violence. These are children who need my help, and I want other children, women, and men to be safe and respected.”	<a href="#"><u>Liberia: “Sexual violence is a stain on our society”</u></a>
“[The rapists] will threaten the victim after the rape: ‘If you tell, I will kill you. I will kill your mother,’ There is fear and the victim does not want to talk about it. And, if they keep it inside, it destroys them,” says Sis-Ntutu Ntwana, a MSF nurse and Simelela Center project coordinator.	<a href="#"><u>South Africa: “If they keep it inside, it destroys them”</u></a>
“...They took my little girl to the village... They came back without her. They only brought back the rope they had tied her with.”	<a href="#"><u>DRC: Survivors of Attack Tell Their Story</u></a>



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<p>Muhannad al-Hassani, who had regularly carried out observations of trials before the Supreme State Security Court, was arrested by Syrian State Security on 28 July and charged with “weakening national sentiments” and “spreading false news”.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Syrian lawyer faces prosecution for defending human rights</a></u></p>
<p>On the anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Asia, women who faced abuse and sexual slavery at the hand of the Japanese Imperial army have now been waiting 64 years for an official apology and adequate reparations.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Pressure mounts as time is running out for justice for ‘Comfort Women’</a></u></p>
<p>The report, <i>Philippines: Shattered lives, beyond the 2008 – 2009 Mindanao armed conflict</i>, details the risks that hundreds of thousands of people face as they are forced to live in camps or makeshift shelters, sometimes surrounded by a heavy military presence.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Displaced civilians in Philippines still at risk despite Mindanao ceasefire</a></u></p>
<p>A decade after Timor-Leste voted for independence, a culture of impunity continues to haunt the country’s people</p>	<p><u><a href="#">No justice in Timor- Leste ten years after independence vote</a></u></p>
<p>FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARHORSE, Iraq — There is no mistaking that this dusty, gravel-strewn camp northeast of Baghdad is anything other than a combat outpost in a still-hostile land. And there is no mistaking that women in uniform have had a transformative effect on it.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Living and Fighting Alongside Men, and Fitting In</a></u></p>
<p>It was karaoke night at the Sunrise Lakes retirement village, and 76-year-old Shirley Scrop, wearing a T-shirt commemorating her granddaughter’s bat mitzvah, was laying down a rap about health care.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Where Elderly Back Obama, Health Bill Anxiety</a></u></p>
<p>MONTEZUMA, Ga. — Until Thursday evening, nothing in Bob Collier’s 62 years had stirred in him the slightest desire to take a stand — about anything — in public.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Calm, but Moved to Be Heard on Health Care</a></u></p>
<p>LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Max Shireman says that when he looks in the mirror he does not see the monster the politicians have made him out to be...</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Dealing With Being the Health Care ‘Villains’</a></u></p>