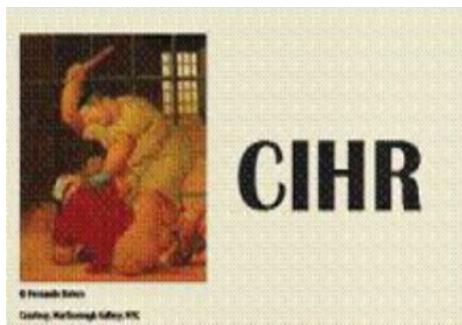


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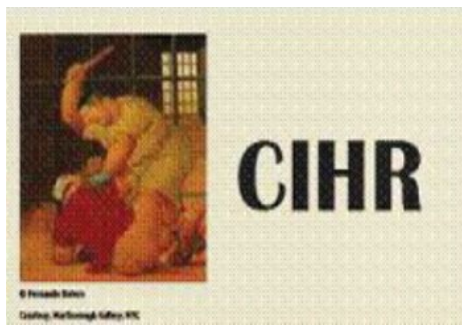
BRIEF STATEMENT	LINKS
<p>Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader, was convicted of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, by a United Nations tribunal on Thursday for leading a campaign of terror against civilians that included the slaughter of 8,000 Bosnian Muslims at Srebrenica in 1995 and the nearly four-year siege of Sarajevo</p>	<p><u>Radovan Karadzic, a Bosnian Serb, Gets 40 Years Over Genocide and War Crimes</u></p>
<p>In this, it is important to keep in mind that ISIS is not al Qaeda. For one, the ISIS-sponsored network in Europe includes at least 90 well-trained, well-supported, and well-supplied operatives. Their tactics were honed on hot battlefields and in the bombed-out basements of war-torn Syria, not at terrorist boot camps or in the caves of the Hindu Kush, as was the case for al Qaeda</p>	<p><u>ISIS Is More Than a Terrorist Group</u></p>
<p>The recent attacks in Brussels show that terrorists' ability to strike at the heart of Europe remains apparently undiminished. Early reports suggest a death toll of around 31, with more than 100 injured. The Islamic State (ISIS) has claimed responsibility for the attack.</p>	<p><u>ISIS' Next Target</u></p>
<p>The U.N. official in charge of aiding Mideast refugees said on Tuesday that anger over the attacks in Brussels shouldn't be directed at those fleeing Syria's bloody civil war or violence elsewhere in the region.</p>	<p><u>UN official: Don't target refugees over Brussels attacks</u></p>
<p>Bombs packed with nails terrorized Brussels on Tuesday in the deadliest assault on the European heartland since the Islamic State's attacks on Paris four months ago, hitting the airport and subway system in coordinated strikes that were also claimed by the militant extremist group.</p>	<p><u>Strikes Claimed by ISIS Shut Brussels and Shake European Security</u></p>
<p>It is reported that the convoy will deliver more than 1,100 tonnes of humanitarian aid. The cargo reportedly includes food: canned food, flour, sugar,</p>	<p><u>Russia sends 50th 'humanitarian convoy' to Donbas</u></p>



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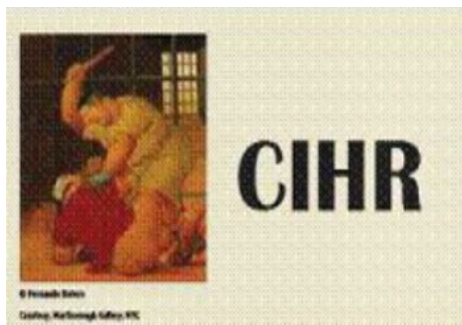
<p>cereals, pasta, butter, puree, juice. The column will also deliver the seeds of crops for the spring sowing campaign.</p>	
<p>These Syrian refugees are living in extreme poverty, some in camps or in housing they have found wherever they can in urban communities. As the conflict stretches on, coping mechanisms and humanitarian aid are proving inadequate. Refugees who had savings have largely spent them amid the spiraling cost of living.</p>	<p><u>A reality check on Syrian refugees</u></p>
<p>“I’m going to Cuba,” Obama announced last month. “I believe that the best way to advance American interests and values, and the best way to help the Cuban people improve their lives, is through engagement.”</p>	<p><u>Cuba's Human Rights Record in Spotlight Ahead of Obama Trip</u></p>
<p>A recent survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) of senior corporate executives stated: “Over the last decade, the field of business and human rights has seen a dramatic evolution, from a situation in which companies and human rights activists were at odds, to one in which stakeholders have begun to approach a common understanding of the risks, challenges, and opportunities involved.” It found that while 83% of respondents said business was an important player in respecting human rights, they were still learning what their human rights responsibilities meant in practice.</p>	<p><u>A World First: Ranking Of Human Rights Performance By Listed Companies Begins</u></p>
<p>An American humanitarian aid organization awarded Turkey on Saturday night for its “tireless advocacy” for the Syrian people, of whom 2.7 million have been hosted by Turkey over the last five years.</p>	<p><u>Turkey awarded for hosting 2.7 bln Syrian refugees</u></p>
<p>In an effort to help, the UNHCR is working with the British Council on a pilot parents support group. The aim is to provide training for Syrian parents to help their children learn foreign languages, even if the parents do not understand the languages themselves.</p>	<p><u>Syrian refugees: Sharing knowledge, building confidence</u></p>



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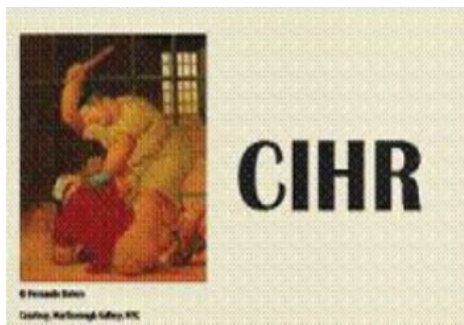
<p>The British government must do more to reduce the negative impact of anti-terror laws on Syrians' access to crucial humanitarian supplies, charities said on Sunday.</p>	<p><u>Syria aid charities urge Cameron to help them navigate anti-terror laws</u></p>
<p>The U.N. Security Council on Friday condemned North Korea's latest ballistic missile launches, calling them "unacceptable," a clear violation of U.N. resolutions banning such tests, and a threat to regional and international security.</p>	<p><u>UN condemns North Korea ballistic missile launches</u></p>
<p>European voters are boosting anti-immigrant political parties and governments are closing their gates to new arrivals. The refrain of Europe's migrant crisis has changed from "welcome" to "enough already."</p>	<p><u>From 'welcome' to 'enough' Europe's migrant view shifts</u></p>
<p>A car bomb has exploded in the Turkish capital Ankara, killing 32 people and wounding more than 100, the health ministry has said. The explosion happened in Guven Park in the Kizilay district, a key transport hub and commercial area.</p>	<p><u>Turkey explosion: Ankara car bomb kills at least 32</u></p>
<p>Lithuania is set to allocate 5.2 million euros (some \$5.8 million) to Turkey, which has pledged to accept undocumented immigrants who entered Europe, the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Sunday.</p>	<p><u>Vilnius to Provide \$5.8 Mln to Ankara Under EU-Turkey Migration Plan</u></p>
<p>Information that all migrants coming to Europe are Syrians is the distortion of truth and attempts to manipulate the public opinion, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.</p>	<p><u>Saying All Migrants to EU Syrians Distortion of Truth - Lavrov</u></p>
<p>The momentum to reduce hostilities and deliver more aid that has been built up in recent weeks in war-torn Syria must not be lost at "a moment of truth" as the conflict enters its sixth year, said a top humanitarian adviser to the United Nations.</p>	<p><u>"More bombs and blankets" cannot fix Syria crisis - U.N. aid adviser</u></p>
<p>For now, Putin has said that he considers "the objectives that were set for the Defense Ministry to be generally accomplished" in Syria, and that it's time for diplomacy to kick in.</p>	<p><u>Why Russia Is Taking Troops Out of Syria</u></p>



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<p>No figure in Iranian President Hassan Rouhani’s tight knit cabinet was more lifted by the recent Iranian election results than Oil Minister Bijan Zangeneh. The Iranian economy hangs on his ability to deliver on his ambitious plans to attract \$200 billion in foreign investment to expand Iran’s enormous oil and gas export potential. Following the election, which saw allies of Rouhani gain ground, Zanganeh has a freer hand to push ahead with this agenda.</p>	<p><u>Hit the Gas in Iran</u></p>
<p>World leaders must back up their pledge to end gender inequality with concrete commitments on how they plan to empower women, said activists preparing for the UN Commission on the Status of Women.</p>	<p><u>Activists call on world leaders to make gender equality pledge a reality</u></p>
<p>She's among 50-80 babies born here each week now - five years into the Syrian civil war - as a new generation of refugees comes into the world far from their homeland. Some 85,000 Syrians live at the camp. There are so many that Zaatari is now Jordan's fourth largest city.</p>	<p><u>New generation of Syrian refugees born in Jordan</u></p>
<p>China hit back at the United States over its human rights record on Monday, bringing out government-backed academics to accuse Washington of everything from promoting Islamic State to being a racist plutocracy.</p>	<p><u>China steps up war of words with United States over human rights</u></p>
<p>Last month, the human rights organization Amnesty International revealed the exact location of a mass burial site on the outskirts of Bujumbura, Burundi. It allegedly held the bodies of at least 50 people who died from political violence in December of last year. International media outlets like <i>The New York Times</i>, Reuters, and <i>Foreign Policy</i> were quick to report on the site’s importance, saying it adds to the growing evidence of atrocities, including murder, violence, and gang rape committed by the Burundian security forces.</p>	<p><u>In human rights reporting, the perils of too much information</u></p>



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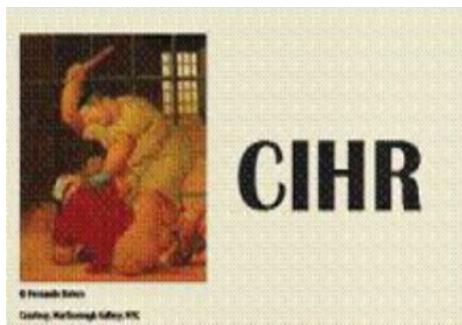
<p>United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has condemned the terrorist attack that reportedly killed and wounded dozens of people in the Turkish capital of Ankara earlier today.</p>	<p><u>UN chief condemns terrorist attack in Turkish capital</u></p>
<p>The United Nations has warned that the recently drawn up deal between the European Union and Turkey to ease the migrant crisis might be illegal as it violates long-cherished principles on human rights. Under the pact, the EU would push refugees back to Turkey, which will receive political and financial support in exchange.</p>	<p><u>United Nations warns European Union refugee deal with Turkey might be illegal for violating human rights</u></p>
<p>Philippines claimed on 5th March having seized a North Korean ship in line with freshly introduced UN sanctions targeting the country's nuclear programme. Deputy presidential spokesman Manolo Quezon said Philippines 'has to do its part to enforce the sanctions'.</p>	<p><u>Philippines seizes N-Korea cargo ship</u></p>
<p>Iranian officials rejected a critical UN report on human rights and said the Islamic republic is preparing a new charter.</p>	<p><u>Iran rejects 'biased' UN human rights report</u></p>
<p>Humanitarian agencies demanded unconditional access to all</p>	<p><u>Aid agencies call for full access in Syria as conflict enters sixth year</u></p>
<p>Since the civil war ended in 2003, the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) has been supporting the West African nation to rebuild its institutions so it can maintain stability without its presence.</p>	<p><u>Future of Liberia and UN presence in the country discussed at Security Council</u></p>
<p>Since Obama's 2014 announcement of a move toward normalizing relations with Cuba, task forces have been set up for both countries to negotiate human rights issues — on both ends relating to treatment of imprisoned people.</p>	<p><u>Obama will be hard pressed to secure advances in human rights and trade while in Cuba</u></p>
<p>Calling to alleviate the plight of Sahrawi refugees in Algeria who are dealing with an “unacceptable situation,” United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today said the parties to the Western Sahara</p>	<p><u>In Algeria, the United Nations chief calls to ease 'unacceptable' plight of Sahrawi refugees</u></p>



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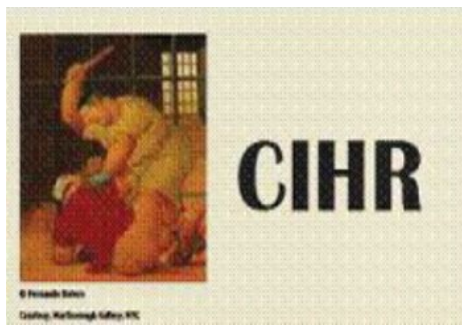
<p>conflict have not made any real progress in the negotiations towards a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution.</p>	
<p>Many states have now refused to allow refugees into their borders, even though President Obama has asked for all states to welcome the Syrian's into their borders, very few have complied.</p>	<p><u>Civil War, refugees and ISIS all part of Syria's story</u></p>
<p>Latin America is on the brink of a new era in oil politics. Over the past century, resource nationalism—when governments assert control over their nation's natural resources—has ebbed and flowed, often in line with movements in global oil prices.</p>	<p><u>How Low Energy Prices Could Push Latin America to Privatize Its Energy Sector</u></p>
<p>The World Food Programme said Sunday it would provide e-vouchers with full value to hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees in Jordan this month after a pledge by Germany to provide aid to the displaced people.</p>	<p><u>Germany contributes aid to Syrian refugees in Jordan</u></p>
<p>Turkish border guards are routinely attacking Syrians attempting to cross illegally into Turkey, refugees and campaigners have claimed. Families who fled the recent fighting in Aleppo told The Independent that officers had opened fire as they tried to reach Turkey with the help of smugglers. Others spoke of heavy beatings for those caught after attempting to slip across.</p>	<p><u>Turkish guards 'attacking' Syrian refugees and 'pushing them into the arms of smugglers'</u></p>
<p>At a time when the challenges for Europe are multiplying daily, never has politics been so disconnected from reality. Europe tries to lock itself down and EU member countries are at loggerheads over migrants.</p>	<p><u>What's Europe's next move? The world is watching what some hope is our collapse</u></p>
<p>A Europol report released last month declared people-smuggling the fastest-growing criminal sector in Europe. At the height of the refugee crisis last northern summer, Kareem claims, Abu Ali was running five boats a day from the Turkish coast,</p>	<p><u>Europe's migrant crisis: Border fences let smugglers' wealth climb</u></p>



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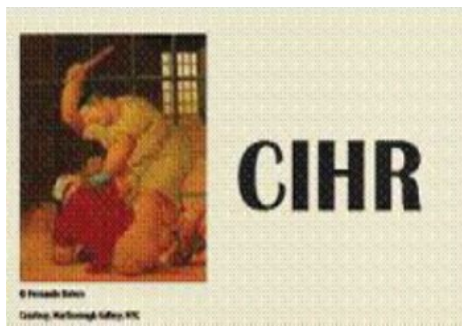
<p>making more than \$15,000 from each one that landed safely on the Greek island of Lesbos.</p>	
<p>The very high-profile and incredibly important case between Apple and the FBI wanting access to data stored on an iPhone could have “serious global ramifications,” according to the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein.</p>	<p><u>World’s highest ranking human rights official says the FBI is ‘unlocking a Pandora’s Box’</u></p>
<p>UNITED NATIONS: The destruction of cultural heritage is a violation of human rights, a United Nations expert has said, as the international criminal tribunal began a pre-trial procedure for the first-ever case in which charges were brought against the destruction of cultural and religious sites.</p>	<p><u>UN expert calls destruction of cultural heritage a violation of human rights</u></p>
<p>A senior Malacanang Palace official on Saturday disclosed the government has impounded a North Korean vessel in line with the tough sanctions recently imposed by the UN due to Pyongyang’s nuclear and ballistic missile tests.</p>	<p><u>Manila seizes N Korea ship over UN curbs</u></p>
<p>UN envoy Staffan de Mistura said the talks, originally due to begin on Monday in Geneva, would get off to a staggered start later in the week, with delegates arriving from Wednesday onwards. The UN said the delay was due to “logistical and technical reasons and also for the ceasefire to better settle down”.</p>	<p><u>United Nations seeks to build peace talks on fragile Syria truce</u></p>
<p>Five years ago, Kilis was a tiny Turkish town best known as a place for truckers to pick up pistachio-encrusted pastries before crossing the nearby Syrian border. Today, Kilis has more than doubled in size, transformed by refugees from the conflict a few miles away into one of Turkey’s newest Syrian-majority communities.</p>	<p><u>Turkish Border Town Struggles to Cope With Influx of Syrian Refugees</u></p>
<p>Despite a decrease in the number of civilian casualties in the east of Ukraine over the past few months, a new United Nations report shows that the conflict is severely impacting on the daily life of civilians, with a growing sense of despair and isolation affecting those</p>	<p><u>Ukraine: growing despair among over three million civilians in conflict zone – UN report</u></p>



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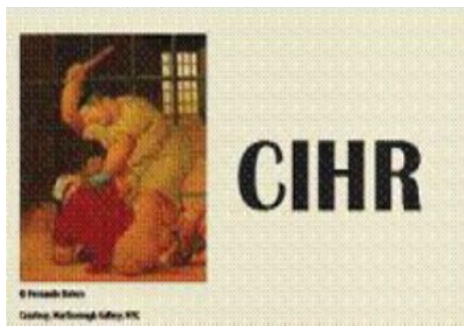
<p>living in the conflict zone, especially in the areas controlled by the armed groups.</p>	
<p>Time is running out” to end wildlife poaching that threatens some of the world’s most iconic species, such as elephants, <u>Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon</u> said today as the United Nations marked World Wildlife Day.</p>	<p><u>Marking World Wildlife Day, UN calls for global actions to save planet’s most iconic species</u></p>
<p>The United States turned to cultural diplomacy on Tuesday to push gay rights at the United Nations by taking 15 U.N. ambassadors, including those from Russia, Gabon and Namibia, to see an award-winning lesbian musical on Broadway.</p>	<p><u>U.S. turns to Broadway to promote gay rights at United Nations</u></p>
<p>The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved the toughest sanctions on North Korea in two decades on Wednesday, reflecting growing anger at Pyongyang's latest nuclear test and rocket launch in defiance of a ban on all nuclear-related activity.</p>	<p><u>U.N. approves toughest sanctions on North Korea in 20 years</u></p>
<p>Libya needs to move ahead now or risk division and collapse, the top United Nations official in the country warned the UN Security Council today, while presenting the latest report on political and humanitarian developments.</p>	<p><u>Libya 'needs to move ahead now, or risk division and collapse,' UN envoy tells Security Council</u></p>
<p>Homelessness is found in every country in the world and is spreading with impunity, a United Nations human rights expert today warned, calling on governments to recognize homelessness as a human rights crisis and commit to its eradication by 2030, in line with the new UN Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p><u>Governments must commit to eliminating homelessness by 2030, UN rights expert urges</u></p>
<p>South Korea’s National Assembly on Wednesday passed its first legislation on human rights in North Korea, in a move that is expected to enrage its northern rival.</p>	<p><u>South Korean parliament passes North Korea human rights law</u></p>
<p>The human rights situation Mexico is "tragic" and the problems don't just involve drug violence but also torture, impunity, excessive force and police collusion</p>	<p><u>Human rights organization finds "serious crisis" in Mexico</u></p>



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<p>with criminals, an Organization of American States panel said Wednesday.</p>	
<p>Many will be watching closely when President Barack Obama makes a historic visit to Cuba later this month, where he is to raise human rights issues with Cuban President Raul Castro.</p>	<p><u>Human Rights in Cuba Back in the Spotlight as Obama's Trip Approaches</u></p>
<p>Top US diplomat said the United States will seek another term on the Human Rights Council, a sign the Obama administration is looking past criticism from Republicans who say the UN-backed body coddles dictators and bashes Israel too much.</p>	<p><u>Despite 'anti-Israel bias,' US to stay on UN human rights body</u></p>
<p>A group of human rights defenders in Northeast Thailand has been forced into a frivolous and damaging case in court, due to their attempts to protect community resources against a gold mining operation.</p>	<p><u>THAILAND: Courts used to harass defenders</u></p>
<p>Since Putin's return to the presidency in 2012, assaults on freedom of association and expression have been among the serious human rights abuses in Russia. His regime was badly rattled by the protest movement that was triggered by his return to power, and he has responded by clamping down on any organization or movement operating independently from the government.</p>	<p><u>HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN PUTIN'S RUSSIA</u></p>
<p>The European Union must provide support to western Balkan countries outside the bloc to help them halt the flow of migrants north from Greece towards the heart of the EU, Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka said on Thursday.</p>	<p><u>Europe must support western Balkans in halting migration: Czech PM</u></p>
<p>French politicians targeted the British referendum on EU membership on Thursday, warning that leaving the 28-nation bloc would give London new problems regarding migrants, banking and terrorism.</p>	<p><u>Migrants, EU referendum, come to fore at France-UK summit</u></p>



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<p>A top United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) commander said Tuesday that Russia and Syria are using migration as a tool to destabilize their European neighbors, and warned of “resurgent and aggressive” Russian behavior in the region.</p>	<p><u>NATO commander says Russia and Syria are using migration as a weapon</u></p>
<p>Europe and its allies throughout the world need to focus on sustainable and diplomatic solutions in regions of conflict in the Middle East and North Africa in order to combat a growing threat from Islamic militants while easing a continent-wide migration crisis, an Italian authority said Wednesday.</p>	<p><u>Will ISIS Attack Italy? Foreign Minister Discusses Islamic State Militants, Migration From Libya</u></p>