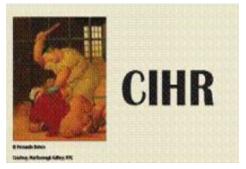


MONTH & YEAR	BRIEF STATEMENT	LINKS
OCTOBER 2016	Around 500 Ugandan women currently serve in the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), despite Somalia being ranked as one of the most dangerous places to be a woman. This article examines the benefits of the female contingent on peacekeeping, from reducing the likelihood of sexual violence against civilians to enhancing the mission's ability to address gender-based violence.	Meet The Tank Girls Taking On Al-Shabab
	Just ten days into the offensive to retake Mosul from the Islamic State, the terrorist group has moved hundreds of civilians from villages around the city to use as human shields, and the United Nations say the militants may have killed nearly 200 people, including civilians and children.	Mosul Fight Unleashes New Horrors On Civilians
	Following the attempted coup d'état in Turkey on July 15-16, 2016, the government declared a state of emergency, under which it passed two emergency decrees that removed crucial safeguards that can protect detainees from ill-treatment and torture. This report focuses on the period of police detention—the period when detainees are likely to be most vulnerable to abuse.	A Blank Check: Turkey's Post-Coup Suspension of Safeguards Against Torture
	The Vietnamese "boat people" exodus was the last major refugee crisis of the Cold War with the international response taking the form of the Comprehensive Plan of Action for Indochinese Refugees,	Managing the "Boat People" Crisis: The Comprehensive Plan of



in place from 1989-1996. This paper offer a detailed look at the negotiation, contents, reception, and implementation of the plan, and provides lessons that could inform responses to other refugee crises.

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The United States military and the CIA incarcerated Suleiman Abdullah Salim—one of 39—in a secret prison and subjected him to some of the CIA's most brutal interrogation techniques. After being held without charge for years, he was found not to be a terrorist threat and still pays a deep price to this day.

After Torture,
 Ex-Detainee is Still
 Captive of 'The Darkness'

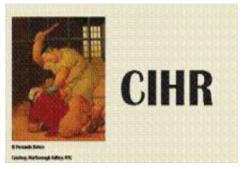
In the majority-Muslim northwestern region of Xinjiang, new education rules encourage people to inform on parents who send their kids to religious schools or "coerce" them to practice religion. This ruling is a continuation of China's efforts to "tamp down" its Uighur minority and Muslim communities.

• <u>China Tells Citizens to</u> <u>Inform on Parents who</u> 'Lure' Kids Into Religion

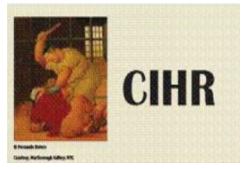
Around the United States, police make more arrests for drug possession than for any other crime. This report, focusing on Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and New York, shows how criminalizing drug possession has caused dramatic and unnecessary harm in these states and around the country, both for individuals and for communities that are subject to discriminatory enforcement.

 Every 25 Seconds: The Human Toll Of Criminalizing Drug Use in the United States:

Following the rejection of the peace deal between the government of Colombia and the FARC by the Colombian people in a countrywide referendum, this article proposes possible opportunities to save • "No" Vote on Colombia
Peace Deal Must Not
End Peace Process



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	the peace process, including a revised deal addressing main grievances and an all-inclusive national dialogue.			
	Liberia, ranked among the lowest in the world in terms of women's representation in governance, passes the Equal Representation and Participation Act of 2016, establishing seven 'Special Constituencies,' among which five seats would be reserved for men, one for youth and one for the disabled.	• Signaling a Boost For Gender Equality, Liberia Passes The "Affirmative Action Bill"		
	In this report, two Tunisians formerly held in secret United States CIA custody describe previously unreported methods of torture that shed new light on the earliest days of the CIA program.	• <u>U.S.: Ex-Detainees</u> <u>Describe Unreported CIA</u> <u>Torture</u>		
November 2016	In the last twelve months, the Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the deadliest attacks in decades in France and Belgium. In response the Belgian government has enacted new counterterrorism laws and regulations, some of which raise serious concerns of human rights violations. This report recommends the removal of overly broad language and ensure adequate judicial oversight; for Belgium's director of prisons to immediately end the blanket application of prolonged solitary confinement for terrorism-related detainees; and for federal and local authorities to apply zero tolerance for any police abuse and ensure victims have	Belgium's Counterterror Responses To The Paris And Brussels Attack		



	prompt and impartial access to remedies provided under Belgian law. In response to the impending closure of the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, this report offers recommendations to prevent endangering the lives of several hundred thousands of Somali refugees who are coerced into repatriating to their homeland, where insecurity and an ongoing humanitarian crisis continue.	Refugees Return From kenya To Somalia: This Is About Fear Not About Choice.
December 2016	This article speaks both to the historical and current conditions of relations between Tibet, Mongolia, and China. It offers such historical depths that should allow us to understand Buddhism as the foundation of the relations between these countries. This article talks about the differentiation of exercise of religious freedom and political engagement on the issue of Dalai Lama and the future of Mongolia-China relations.	 http://thediplomat.com/ 2016/12/the-dalai-lama- in-mongolia-tournament -of-shadows-reborn/ http://thediplomat.com/ 2016/12/china-needs-to- get-over-the-dalai-lamas -visit-to-mongolia/