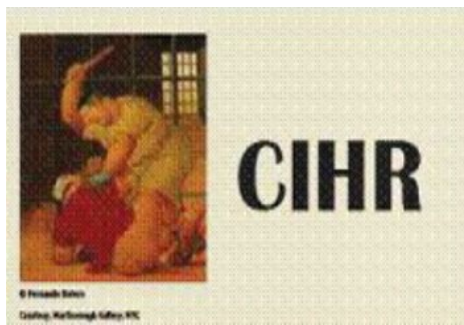


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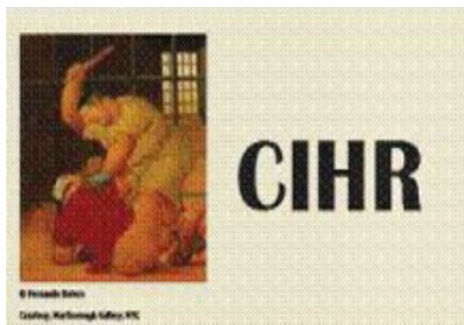
BRIEF STATEMENT	LINKS
A Rwandan former pastor has gone on trial in Finland charged with genocide over the masscre of 5,000 Tutsis in his home country in 1994.	<u>Finland opens Rwanda genocide trial</u>
	<u>French police clear migrant camp</u>
	<u>Video: Latvia cuts public services</u>
A United Nations investigator has defended a report published earlier this month that accuses Israel and Palestinian fighters of war crimes following the Israeli offensive in Gaza earlier this year.	<u>UN investigator defends Gaza report</u>
	<u>Moderate Islam Takes to the Airwaves</u>
	<u>Sudan lifts media censorship</u>
	<u>Video: Peace proves tenuous in CAR</u>
	<u>US transfers Guantanamo detainees</u>
	<u>Is it Anti-Semitic to Defend Palestinian Human Rights?</u>
The African Union threatened to impose sanctions on the junta in Guinea yesterday after more than 150 pro-democracy demonstrators were killed and hundreds were raped by government soldiers on Monday.	<u>Guinea junta troops 'killed and raped hundreds at democracy rally'</u>
British lawmakers and pro-Palestinian activists have pilloried the governing Labour Party for entertaining Israeli War Minister Ehud Barak at their annual conference instead of calling for his arrest for war crimes committed against the Palestinians.	<u>UK protesters call for arrest of Israeli war minister</u>
Measure would prohibit workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	<u>U.S. House Holds Hearing on Employment Non-Discrimination Act</u>



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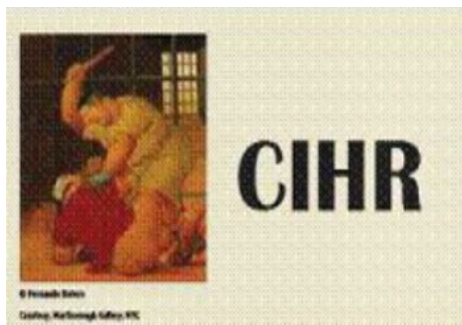
<p>MSF Assessments Reveal Severe Malnutrition Rates Exceeding Emergency Threshold in Southwestern CAR; Over 1,000 Children at Risk From Malnutrition and Other Severe Medical Complications</p>	<p><u>Nutrition Emergency in Central African Republic</u></p>
<p>“I live in a shack and I sleep on a mattress on the floor. I didn’t think I would have such a bad life in Italy.”</p>	<p><u>Italy: MSF Assists Migrant Workers Living in Appalling Conditions</u></p>
<p>The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) today called on nine of the world’s largest pharmaceutical companies to help accelerate the availability of new treatments for millions of people living with HIV/AIDS, by pooling their patents on a list of key HIV medicines.</p>	<p><u>Drug Companies Called On to Pool HIV Patents</u></p>
<p>”The manner in which this law has been used against women is unacceptable, and the penalty called for by the law – up to 40 lashes – abhorrent,” said Tawanda Hondora, Deputy Director of Amnesty International’s Africa Programme.</p>	<p><u>Amnesty International calls on Sudan to repeal law penalizing women for wearing trousers</u></p>
<p>The interim military government in Fiji has used a wide range of repressive tactics to stifle any protests and intimidate its critics.</p>	<p><u>Repression in Fiji – international donors urged to act</u></p>
	<p><u>Lithuanian parliament moves to criminalize homosexuality</u></p>
	<p><u>Iranian rape and torture victims at renewed risk</u></p>
	<p><u>Japan continues to execute mentally ill prisoners</u></p>
	<p><u>Saudi Arabia – countering terrorism with repression</u></p>
	<p><u>Extrajudicial executions highlight insecurity in Pakistan’s Swat Valley</u></p>



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<p>For the first time, the Optional Protocol on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights establishes a mechanism to access justice at an international level for people whose rights are violated.</p>	<p><u>Governments sign up to defend economic, social and cultural rights</u></p>
<p>“Many people know that women who venture outside refugee camps in eastern Chad to collect firewood and water face harassment and rape,” said Tawanda Hondora.</p>	<p><u>Refugee women in Chad face high levels of rape despite UN presence</u></p>
<p>The Israeli authorities must disclose details of the internal investigations they have carried out into the conduct of the Israeli armed forces, Amnesty International said...</p>	<p><u>Israel leaves crucial questions unanswered as Goldstone report discussed at UN</u></p>
<p><i>“I do not know if it is possible to punish this crime. If justice exists at all?... Maybe somewhere but not here in Bosnia!”</i> – Bakira interviewed by Amnesty International</p>	<p><u>Women raped during Bosnia and Herzegovina conflict still waiting for justice</u></p>
	<p><u>Spain must end incommunicado detention</u></p>
	<p><u>Maternal death rate in Sierra Leone is a “human rights emergency”</u></p>
	<p><u>Prisons to get health upgrade</u></p>
	<p><u>Men vital in curbing domestic violence</u></p>
<p>Despite recent progress in the fight against illegal drugs, Cambodia needs help from the international community if it is to meet the regional goal of eradicating illegal drugs by 2015, the Kingdom’s drug tsar said Tuesday.</p>	<p><u>Help sought in war on drugs</u></p>
<p>A suspect in the rape and killing of a Khmer Muslim woman in Kampong Cham province remains in custody while police gather evidence for his trial...</p>	<p><u>K Cham girl becomes latest victim in area’s gang rape epidemic</u></p>
<p>Land rights, judicial reform and the global economic crisis are to be among the key challenges for Cambodia in 2010, according to foreign donors, who</p>	<p><u>Donors air next year’s aid agenda</u></p>



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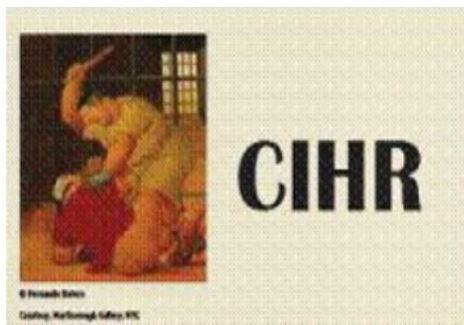
<p>have expressed cautious optimism about the government's progress in key areas.</p>	
<p>Iran will have a positive approach as it engages with the world powers, top Iranian nuclear negotiator <u>Saeed Jalili</u> said a day before talks aimed at resolving the dispute over the country's atomic development...</p>	<p><u>Iran Vows to Enter Geneva Nuclear Talks With a 'Positive View'</u></p>
	<p><u>Somali Troops Vacate Baladweyne as Islamist Rebels Regroup</u></p>
<p>AfriForum, a South African civil rights organization, called for a worldwide boycott of Nestle SA products after the Swiss company said it buys milk from a farm belonging to Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's family.</p>	<p><u>South African Group Urges Nestle Boycott Over Mugabe</u></p>
<p>SAN DIEGO — Melissa J. Whitaker has one very compelling reason to keep up with the health care legislation being written in Washington: her second transplanted kidney.</p>	<p><u>U.S. Cost-Saving Policy Forces New Kidney Transplant</u></p>
<p>SEATTLE — This summer, medical students from the <u>University of Washington</u> took a long look under the hood of the healthcare system they are about to inherit, and many returned to campus last week with their eyes wide open and their idealism tempered.</p>	<p><u>Summer of Work Exposes Medical Students to System's Ills</u></p>
<p>MILWAUKEE — Like many low-income neighborhoods, the north side of Milwaukee has seen a gradual depletion of its primary care doctors over the last two decades. One by one, they have retired or surrendered to financial reality, rarely to be replaced.</p>	<p><u>A Milwaukee Clinic Fills a Need but Faces Failure</u></p>
<p>Students at one of <u>Iran</u>'s largest universities staged an anti-government protest on Tuesday, the second big demonstration at a major university in two days and a further indication that government efforts to intimidate student leaders have not been entirely successful.</p>	<p><u>Iranian Students Stage 2nd Big Protest Since Returning to University Campuses</u></p>



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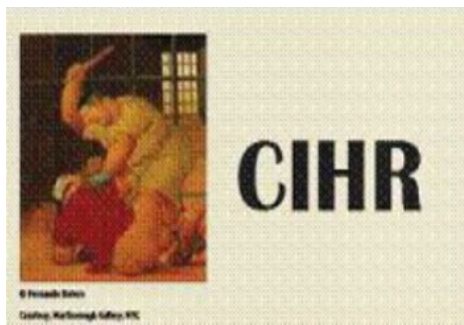
<p>DAKAR, Senegal — Streets were deserted and shops were shut tight Tuesday in Conakry, <u>Guinea</u>, a day after government troops went on a brutal rampage at an opposition rally, shooting, stabbing, raping and assaulting dozens of men and women in a packed stadium.</p>	<p><u>Guinea’s Capital Fades Into a Ghost Town After Soldiers’ Rampage</u></p>
<p>Now the United States’ confrontation with Iran over its nuclear program is heating up, with the disclosure last week that the Iranian government is building a second uranium enrichment complex it had not previously acknowledged.</p>	<p><u>In Dispute With Iran, Path to Iraq Is in Spotlight</u></p>
<p>Iraqi politics has a new catchphrase, the “yes, we can” of the country’s coming parliamentary elections. It is “national unity,” and while skepticism abounds, it could well signal the decline of the religious and sectarian parties that have fractured Iraq since 2003.</p>	<p><u>Unity Is Rallying Cry Ahead of Iraq Elections</u></p>
<p>In an unusual show of support for allowing gay men and lesbians to serve openly in the armed forces, an article in an official military journal argues forcefully for repealing the “don’t ask, don’t tell” law, which requires homosexuals in the services to keep their sexual orientation secret.</p>	<p><u>Rare Source of Attack on ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’</u></p>
<p>The number of people being tested for <u>H.I.V.</u> more than doubled in dozens of countries last year, improving detection of AIDS and contributing to a major surge in those being treated.</p>	<p><u>U.N. Cites Global Rise in Detection and Treatment of AIDS</u></p>
<p>The Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday rejected a Republican proposal to tighten restrictions on abortion in a bill to overhaul the health care system.</p>	<p><u>Senate Panel Rejects Tightening of Abortion Restrictions</u></p>
<p>Darfur’s most active rebel group is seeking reassurances from Qatari mediators about a new round of talks with the Sudanese government planned for October.</p>	<p><u>Darfur rebels want assurances before talks</u></p>



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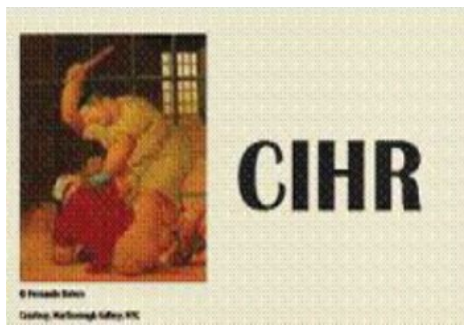
<p>A Sudanese woman jailed for wearing trousers deemed indecent in a landmark court case was freed on Tuesday after the country's journalist union paid a court- imposed \$209 fine.</p>	<p><u>Trouser-wearing woman freed</u></p>
<p>For the first time, an experimental vaccine has cut the risk of becoming infected with the AIDS virus, a major advance in the fight against the deadly epidemic.</p>	<p><u>AIDS breakthrough with vaccine</u></p>
<p>Drought for a fifth year running is driving more than 23 million east Africans in seven countries towards severe hunger and destitution, the international aid agency Oxfam said on Tuesday.</p>	<p><u>Aid appeal as millions starve in East Africa</u></p>
<p>Few tears will be shed at the killing of Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan by the United States on Monday, a man responsible for at least three acts of terrorism in Africa.</p>	<p><u>US does more harm than good in Somalia</u></p>
<p>In Kenya, bribery is a fact of life and political parties exist to funnel money to rival ethnic groups.</p>	<p><u>Bribes and prejudice</u></p>
<p>Aiming to protect the sensibilities of the thousands of expected sport fans coming for next year's Commonwealth Games, the government is cracking down on begging and a range of other bad habits that India's capital city has become synonymous for.</p>	<p><u>New Delhi declares war on its slumdog residents</u></p>
<p>Barack Obama yesterday acknowledged the long road to Middle East peace after he directly entered the diplomatic process and brought the current Israeli and Palestinian leaders together for the first time.</p>	<p><u>Obama hosts Middle East peace talks</u></p>
<p>It was hard to imagine how Libya's flamboyant leader, Moammar Qaddafi, could upstage the US president, Barack Obama, when the two statesmen performed back-to-back in the UN's assembly hall yesterday. Security Council to pursue nuclear disarmament Barack Obama's efforts to engage world leaders gained traction yesterday with Security Council members adopting a US-backed resolution on nuclear disarmament and consensus emerged on tackling Iran's atomic programme.</p>	<p><u>Qaddafi addresses UN</u></p>



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<p>When a Virginia judge set November 10 as the execution date for John Allen Muhammad, mastermind of the sniper attacks that left 10 dead and terrorised the Washington, DC region in October 2002, the blogosphere was filled with the expected rants about capital punishment.</p>	<p><u>Debate rages over execution of sniper</u></p>
<p>U.S. President Barack Obama on Wednesday promised a “swift and aggressive” government response to the tsunami in the Pacific that hit Samoa, Tonga and their US- owned neighbour American Samoa, claiming at least 113 lives.</p>	<p><u>Obama promises aid to Samoa tsunami victims</u></p>
<p>NAZARETH // A local authority in Israel has announced that it is establishing a special team of youth counsellors and psychologists whose job it will be to identify young Jewish women who are dating Arab men and “rescue” them.</p>	<p><u>Israeli drive to prevent Jewish girls dating Arabs</u></p>
<p>Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the German foreign minister campaigning to become chancellor in the federal election on Sunday, wooed the immigrant vote by visiting a Turkish family in Berlin to celebrate the Sugar Festival with them</p>	<p><u>Migrants feel left out of German politics</u></p>
<p>A report ordered by the European Union into the causes of the 2008 Russia-Georgia war is to be released on Wednesday, with potentially explosive findings that could prove delicate for the EU</p>	<p><u>EU report on Russia-Georgia war due</u></p>
<p>The Turkish government will ask parliament to extend a mandate for military strikes on Kurdish rebel bases in neighbouring Iraq</p>	<p><u>Turkey plans more strikes against Kurds</u></p>
<p>The funeral of Osman Ertugrul Osmanoglu, the last surviving grandson of an Ottoman sultan, forces Turkey to re-assess its history.</p>	<p><u>Turks embrace Ottoman past</u></p>
<p>Ankara is accused of treason against the Turkish language as it tries to end decades of conflict by allowing Kurdish characters into its alphabet</p>	<p><u>Q, W and X spell trouble for Kurdish integration</u></p>



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<p>Afghanistan needs more money and help from NATO to reach its goal of becoming “poppy-free”.</p>	<p><u>Afghanistan needs help to be poppy free</u></p>
<p>The Libyan leader has become instantly popular with vast sections of the Kashmiri population after advocating an independent Kashmir and slamming both the United Nations and the United States</p>	<p><u>Qadafi speech wins him fans in Kashmir</u></p>
<p>Ethnicity was a crucial factor in the Afghan presidential election as foreign forces are blamed for the increased violence.</p>	<p><u>Pashtun elders remain defiant</u></p>
<p>A former high-ranking intelligence official says military and opposition figures were involved in bribery, lies and political treachery.</p>	<p><u>ISI ‘tried to undermine’ democracy in Pakistan</u></p>
<p>Afghanistan envoy urges new action The UN envoy to Afghanistan, Kai Eide, calls for “decision time” on policies towards the turbulent Asian nation.</p>	