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### Commentary

The meticulous preservation of digital records concerning human rights abuses is a vital enterprise, one that both safeguards the truth and holds the potential for accountability in the future.

Digital archives have revolutionized the way we store and access historical data, such as the records of Upcountry Tamil in Sri Lanka and the accounts of damages to archives and cultural heritage in Gaza ("Survey and Digital Preservation of Upcountry Tamil Archival Records" and "Israeli Damage to Archives"). These archives serve not only as repositories of cultural heritage but also as critical evidence of human rights violations.

The advantages of digital archiving are manifold. They provide easier access, better preservation of fragile documents, and a democratization of information. Digital records are vulnerable to cyberattacks, data corruption, and obsolescence of technology, posing risks to the integrity of archives. The volume of data produced today is staggering, making the task of preservation all the more daunting.

The necessity for digital preservation in the realm of human rights cannot be overstated. Digital records, when properly maintained, can serve as irrefutable evidence in court cases, support the

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claims of marginalized communities, and ensure that atrocities are not forgotten in the collective memory.

Archivists and human rights defenders must navigate these complex waters with caution, ensuring robust cybersecurity measures, employing best practices in digital preservation, and advocating for the ethical stewardship of sensitive data. This proactive approach is not merely a technical endeavor but a moral imperative, one that underpins the quest for justice and the very essence of human dignity.

As the digital landscape evolves, so too must our strategies for preserving the digital testimony of humanity's triumphs and tribulations. It is incumbent upon us to ensure that these digital records are not only preserved for posterity but also protected as sacrosanct artifacts of our shared human experience.

## SAHR News

- ICA's new website has gone online on <https://www.ica.org/>. Unfortunately, the previous newsletters haven't been migrated yet, but should be accessible soon.

## Events

*Would you like to promote your event (conference, webinar, exhibition, etc.) to an international audience? Please submit information, including title, description, date(s) and URL to [sahr-newsletter@ica.org](mailto:sahr-newsletter@ica.org) for upcoming publication.*

Argentina: [Invitation to register to an online event | Wikimedia Argentina on Instagram: "#ArchivosEnVigilia 📖 Wikimedia Argentina y el @archivohistoricounlp invitan a participar de dos actividades en el marco del Día Nacional de la Memoria, Verdad y Justicia.](#) [Archivo de la Memoria de la Provincia de Buenos Aires], 2024-02-27, Instagram, [Transparency]

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Exhibition | Israeli Damage to Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Gaza, October 2023–March 2024 – Librarians and Archivists with Palestine.](#) [Interference Archives], 2024-02, Interference Archives, [Destruction of documents]

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Reading Group | A Documentary Nakba: Reading Group for Archival Liberation In and Beyond Palestine.](#) [Society of American Archivists], 2024-02, Society of American Archivists, [Colonialism]

Ukraine: [Conference Call for Proposals | CFP: Ukranian Oral History Association.](#) [Publishing in the Archives Profession], 2024-02-06, Publishing in the Archives Profession, [Ukraine War]

United States of America: [Exhibition | The Green Book.](#) [Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service], 2024-02, Negro Motorist Green Book, [Racism]

## News by heading

### Censorship

[‘Little by little, the truth is being discovered’: the archive rescuing China’s forbidden films](#). A golden era of Chinese cinema was brought to a halt by Xi Jinping’s regime, but now, thousands of miles away, a rich world of banned documentaries and dramas is being studied and celebrated [Hawkins, Amy], 2024-02-20, The Guardian, [National News]

[A platform tries to map the reduction of artistic freedom in Brazil](#). Art can cause strangeness, anger, sadness or joy; it all depends on who sees it. But although arousing emotion in the viewer is a characteristic of artistic endeavor, the themes of some exhibitions and works can lead to censorship and boycott. Brazil has been proof of that. [Jornalismo, Nonada], 2024-02-06, Global Voices, [National News]

### Children's Rights

[10 million children displaced in 2023 - NGO](#). "When children lose their homes, they lose almost everything: their access to healthcare, education, food, and safety," a spokesperson for the organisation said. [Euro News], 2024-02-19, euronews, [International News]

### Civil Rights

[EU top court finds indiscriminate storing of convicts' data illegal](#). The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has ruled that law enforcement agencies cannot indiscriminately store biometric and genetic data on those who committed criminal offences until their death. [Tar, Julia], 2024-01-30, www.euractiv.com, [International News]

### Colonialism

[Reading Group | A Documentary Nakba: Reading Group for Archival Liberation In and Beyond Palestine](#). Archivists and archival studies scholars and students are invited to register for a 15 week reading group that will study the destruction and theft of Palestinian archives, and the expropriation and erasure of Palestinian history and documentary culture by the genocidal Israeli state and its western collaborators and supporters, including the United States, Canadian, British, French and German states. Held every Tuesday from 13 February to 28 May 2024. [Society of American Archivists], 2024-02, Society of American Archivists, [Events]

### Death in Custody

[Mourir de la prison au Québec](#). La publication du rapport « Décès dans les prisons provinciales » par l'Observatoire des profilages démontre la nécessité de faire la lumière sur le phénomène des décès en prison ainsi que la nécessité d'un débat de société sur le recours à l'incarcération au Québec. [Ligue des droits et libertés], 2024-02-21, [National News]

## Death Penalty

[Robert Badinter, French minister who ended the guillotine, dies at 95](#). Robert Badinter, the former justice minister who played a key role in abolishing the death penalty in France in 1981, has died at the age of 95. [RFI], 2024-02-09, RFI, [National News]

## Decolonization

[An Archive of Possibilities: Healing and Repair in Democratic Republic of Congo](#). In An Archive of Possibilities, anthropologist and surgeon Rachel Marie Niehuus explores possibilities of healing and repair in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo against a backdrop of 250 years of Black displacement, enslavement, death, and chronic war. [Niehuus, Rachel Marie], 2024-01, [National News]

[Toujours des obstacles à l'accès aux archives de la guerre d'Algérie](#). Après une première réunion à Constantine, la commission d'historiens franco-algérienne issue du Rapport Stora s'est réunie à Paris au siège des Archives nationales. Cinq jours plus tard, le livre « Archives et droits humains » y a été présenté en présence de leur directeur, Bruno Ricard. Il contient un texte sur « La France et les archives de la guerre d'Algérie » que nous reproduisons. [Mediapart], 2024-02-02, Mediapart, [National News]

## Destruction of documents

[Exhibition | Israeli Damage to Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Gaza, October 2023–March 2024 – Librarians and Archivists with Palestine](#). Visit Interference Archive for two concurrent exhibitions on Palestinian resistance and solidarity! At Interference Archive, 314 7th Street, Brooklyn NY | Until 15 March 2024 [Interference Archives], 2024-02, Interference Archives, [Events]

## Disinformation

[A Foreign Government, Oprah, and Fires in Maui: The Impact of Misinformation on Community Resiliency](#). Crises and disasters are opportunities to undermine the national unity that forms in response to tragedy: U.S. adversaries may gain an advantage when there is discord among the American public. But even if information operations are cheap for foreign governments to execute, they also can be simple to counteract effectively through routine emergency management preparedness activities. [Posard, Marek N.; Jensen, Jessica], 2024-02-23, [National News]

[En Indonésie, une vague de désinformation met en danger les réfugiés rohingyas](#). Sur les réseaux sociaux indonésiens, des dizaines d'images manipulées ou sorties de leur contexte ciblent les réfugiés rohingyas. La désinformation est telle que, même dans la province d'Aceh, réputée... [Chaigne, Thais], 2024-02-15, Les Observateurs - France 24, [National News]

[Fake news campaign targets protesting Indian farmers](#). Farmers in India have been organising large protests since early February calling for changes that would help them protect their livelihoods. These protests, however, have been the target of an online disinformation campaign. [Elise Gallé-Tessonneau], 2024-02-29, The Observers - France 24, [National News]

[\*\*French security experts identify Moscow-based disinformation network.\*\*](#) Network operating in western Europe is 'paving way for new wave of online manipulation' in crucial election year. [Willsher, Kim; O'Carroll, Lisa], 2024-02-12, The Guardian, [National News]

[\*\*How a wave of disinformation is endangering Rohingya refugees in Indonesia.\*\*](#) Dozens of photos and videos that have been either "doctored" or taken out of context so as to negatively portray Rohingya refugees have been circulating on Indonesian social media. [Thaïs Chaigne], 2024-02-20, The Observers - France 24, [National News]

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[\*\*Slovakia excludes NGOs from disinformation fight.\*\*](#) Robert Fico's government is mulling the exclusion of NGOs in the government's plans to fight disinformation, which plans to scrap the former "non-conceptual" action plan "with elements of politicisation". [Silenská, Natália], 2024-02-12, www.euractiv.com, [National News]

[\*\*Taylor Swift, the pope, Putin: in the age of AI and deepfakes, who do you trust?\*\*](#) Rumours and gossip changed the course of French history. Now they're weapons for 'newsfluencers' and dictators in the 21st-century information wars. [Hurst, Alexander], 2024-02-20, The Guardian, [International News]

## **Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

[\*\*Does Portugal Have The Answer To Stopping Drug Overdose Deaths?\*\*](#) Portugal treats addiction as an illness rather than a crime. No one has to pay for addiction care, and no one scrambles to navigate a poorly regulated recovery system. Could Portugal's approach help the U-S fight its opioid epidemic? [Mann, Brian], 2024-02-20, [National News]

[\*\*Survey and Digital Preservation of Upcountry Tamil Archival Records.\*\*](#) The Upcountry (Hill Country) Tamils, are the descendants of nineteenth-century Indian laborers brought to Sri Lanka to work on the country's British-owned tea, coffee, and rubber plantations. The project aimed at demonstrating how a community that is built on indentured labour, colonial political economy, and exploitation remember, narrate, and archive itself [Modern Endangered Archives Program], 2024-02, UCLA Library, [National News]

## **Epidemic and pandemic**

[\*\*Covid-19 Inquiry: Without Proper Records Management, We Would Know Nothing.\*\*](#) The live Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry and UK Covid-19 Inquiry were set up to examine Scotland's and the UK's responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and to learn lessons for the future [sca], 2024-02-01, Scottish Council on Archives, [National News]

[\*\*Pandemic Journaling Project Archive Opens for Research.\*\*](#) Described as a form of 'archival activism', the Pandemic Journaling Project (PJP), comprising nearly 27,000 entries, provides a window into how the pandemic impacted individuals and communities around the world. [Murray, Mac], 2024-02-15, UConn Today, [International News]

[Sturgeon admits errors in handling of 'incredibly stressful' Covid crisis.](#) Former first minister of Scotland admits to inquiry that she failed to properly record key discussions [Carrell, Severin; Brooks, Libby], 2024-01-31, The Guardian, [National News]

## **Freedom of Expression**

['Puzzle Women': Piecing together the files destroyed by East Germany's secret police - Reporters.](#) Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, a team of archivists has been tirelessly sorting, pasting and reassembling documents that were destroyed by the Stasi, the East German secret police. Nicknamed the "Puzzle Women", these heroines of collective memory face the Herculean task of piecing together these files: the paper fragments are sometimes tiny, and the number of archivists is only a fraction of what would be required to complete the job without recourse to new technology. [Tonelli, Niagara], 2024-01-12, [National News]

[Forbidden Stories continues work of imprisoned Azerbaijani journalists.](#) In the run-up to the presidential election on February 7 2024, repression intensified in Azerbaijan, a former Soviet republic in the Caucasus bordering Iran and Armenia. Any opposition to President Ilham Aliiev is suppressed. Human rights activists, journalists and political opponents suffer the regime's wrath on a daily basis. [Langlois, Roméo; Chabour, Karina], 2024-02-02, France 24, [National News]

[Hong Kong: Governments Should Oppose Security Bill.](#) National governments should strongly oppose the Hong Kong government's introduction of so-called national security legislation, which will further devastate human rights protections in Hong Kong, civil society groups said today in a joint statement. [Human Rights Watch], 2024-02-19, Human Rights Watch, [National News]

[La prohibición de libros en Surinam en un contexto mundial de libertad de expresión.](#) La prohibición de publicar libros sobre corrupción en Surinam es más que un problema local: Es una llamada de atención mundial para defender la libertad de expresión y de prensa frente al autoritarismo. [Fausia S. Abdul], 2024-02-13, Global Voices en Español, [National News]

[The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the violence against journalists in Honduras and calls on the State to protect and guarantee freedom of expression and freedom of the press.](#) The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression (SRFOE) of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) condemns the murder of journalist Luis Alonso Teruel Vega, as well as the persistence of acts of violence against journalists and media outlets in Honduras and urges the State to protect and guarantee the right to freedom of expression and of the press, in accordance with Inter-American standards. [Inter-American Commission on Human Rights], 2024-02-15, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), [National News]

[The Suriname book prohibition in a global context of free expression.](#) Suriname's book ban on corruption exposure is more than a local issue; it's a global wake-up call for the defence of free speech and press freedom against authoritarianism. [Fausia S. Abdul], 2024-02-05, Global Voices, [National News]

## **Freedom of Information**

['People are scared': Sweden's freedom of information laws lead to wave of deadly bombings.](#) Online access to home addresses is a cherished right. But as gangs target rivals with ease, innocent victims are caught in the blasts [Bryant, Miranda], 2024-02-11, The Observer, [National News]

[Ex-CIA software engineer sentenced to 40 years for giving secrets to WikiLeaks](#). Joshua Schulte, who prosecutors said was responsible for agency's largest data breach, also guilty of possessing child abuse images [The Guardian], 2024-02-01, The Guardian, [National News]

[---What is Tor and how does it advance human rights?](#). Our right to privacy and open information online is more at risk than ever before. Governments use spyware to target human rights defenders and block entire websites that talk about human rights. In fact, Amnesty's websites are completely blocked to people living in countries like Russia, Iran and China. [Amnesty International], 2024-02-01, Amnesty International, [International News]

## **Genocide**

[Germany rejects new negotiations over Namibia genocide](#). Berlin insists on implementing a controversial deal that recognizes the colonial-era genocide in Namibia. The plan draws strong criticism from politicians and some descendants of the victims, who demanded fresh talks. [Pelz, Daniel], 2022-02-09, DW, [National News]

## **Government**

[Authoritarianism and Civil Society in Asia](#). This book represents a pioneering interdisciplinary effort to analyze Asian civil society under authoritarianism, a regime type that is re-appearing or deepening after several decades of increased political liberalization. The approach is organized in four main themes: actions under political repression, transitions to democracy, uncivil society, political capture and legal control. [0], 2024-02-29, [International News]

[Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger Quit Regional Bloc](#). On January 28, the three military juntas in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger announced they would leave the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), a move that would limit opportunities for their citizens to seek justice for human rights violations. [Allegrozzi, Ilaria], 2024-02-02, Human Rights Watch, [International News]

[How governments handle data matters for inclusion](#). Governments can exclude certain groups of people in policies and services not only by the type of data they collect but also how they collect, store, analyze and use the data. [Ruijter, Erna; Porumbescu, Gregory; Piotrowski, Suzanne J.], 2024-02-23, The Conversation, [International News]

## **Human Rights**

["We Will Find You"](#). The 46-page report, "'We Will Find You': A Global Look at How Governments Repress Nationals Abroad," is a rights-centered analysis of how governments are targeting dissidents, activists, political opponents, and others living abroad. Human Rights Watch examined killings, removals, abductions and enforced disappearances, collective punishment of relatives, abuse of consular services, and digital attacks. The report also highlights governments' targeting of women fleeing abuse, and government misuse of Interpol. [Sparks, Lily], 2024-02-22, Human Rights Watch, [International News]

[Crime And Punishment In Communist Hungary](#). Hundreds of images made by police photographers in Budapest in the early 1970s have been released by the Hungarian photo archive Fortepan. Fortepan is a highly popular photo archive that draws from crowdsourced comments to glean information that is then verified, meaning further details of the images are likely to come to

light in the coming days and months. [Chapple, Amos], 2024-02-10, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, [National News]

[\*\*From extradition risks to broader implications: Human rights expert breaks down Assange case.\*\*](#) Ahead of Julian Assange's upcoming court hearing in the UK, where extradition to the US is a possibility, a UN independent human rights expert has expressed concern about the potential for severe rights violations against the WikiLeaks founder. Alice Jill Edwards cautions that the repercussions of this case could significantly influence global journalism and freedom of speech. | [United Nations], 2024-02-16, United Nations News, [National News]

[\*\*The State Of Open Humanitarian Data 2024.\*\*](#) In 2023, the demand for humanitarian data reached a record level as the world contended with the effects of war, climate shocks, food insecurity, displacement and disease in crises ranging from Gaza to Sudan. At the same time, data availability across priority humanitarian operations remained steady. [Sarah Telford], 2024-02-27, [International News]

## **Human Rights Defenders and Activists**

[\*\*'A betrayal': mother's fight for justice as Indonesia elects Suharto era figure.\*\*](#) President-elect Prabowo Subianto has human rights abuses to answer for, says mother of student shot at 1998 protest [Ratcliffe, Rebecca; Hariandja, Richaldo], 2024-02-16, The Guardian, [National News]

[\*\*Alexei Navalny, Russia's most vociferous Putin critic.\*\*](#) Russian anti-corruption campaigner Alexei Navalny was the main opposition threat to the Kremlin. [BBC News], 2011-12-06, BBC News, [National News]

[\*\*Profile: Aleksei Navalny, Dogged Anti-Corruption Crusader And Outspoken Kremlin Foe.\*\*](#) Russian opposition activist Aleksei Navalny: an unyielding Putin critic noted for his courage and his devotion to nonviolent resistance and democracy. Through years of persecution and prison, his message to Russians has stayed the same: "I am not afraid, and you shouldn't be either." [Coalson, Robert], 2024-02-16, [National News]

[\*\*The Price of Defiance in Russia.\*\*](#) Amid the Kremlin's vicious drive to eliminate dissent, last week brought two disturbing new developments in the prosecution of Oleg Orlov, cochair of leading Russian human rights organization Memorial. [Lokshina, Tanya], 2024-02-05, Human Rights Watch, [National News]

## **Human Trafficking**

[\*\*The Haitian Revolution and American Slavery.\*\*](#) For both US politicians and enslaved Black Americans, the Haitian Revolution represented the possibility of a successful violent rebellion by the oppressed. [Gershon, Livia], 2024-02-19, JSTOR Daily, [National News]

## **Humanitarian Aid**

[\*\*Empowering Humanitarian Response Through Crisis Informatics.\*\*](#) In the age of polycrisis, humanitarian organizations responding to emergencies must do so as quickly and efficiently as possible. Having the right information for targeting actions correctly, and making good decisions, is



essential both for these organizations and those they serve. [Nethope], 2024-02-22, Nethope, [International News]

## **Indigenous Matters**

**['The Settlers' depicts genocide of Chile's Indigenous people.](#)** Nearly 150 years after the genocide of the Selk'nam people of Tierra del Fuego in Patagonia, a new film recounts the horrors of the mass murders that went nearly unnoticed by the rest of the world. [Dege, Stefan], 2024-02-14, dw.com, [National News]

**[La frontière de la honte.](#)** Entre les États-Unis et le Canada, les territoires de plusieurs communautés autochtones sont coupés en deux. Depuis 1794, le Jay Treaty permet en principe à tous les Autochtones canadiens et américains de traverser librement la frontière des deux pays. Mais plus de deux siècles plus tard, beaucoup dénoncent des politiques d'entraves sur le terrain et déplorent des procédures humiliantes. [Zone Politique- ICI.Radio-Canada.ca], 2024-02-22, Radio-Canada, [National News]

**[Some Museums Scrambled to Remove Native American Items From Display. These Museums Didn't Need to.](#)** As major U.S. museums in recent weeks closed displays and exhibit halls containing Native American objects, the Museum of Us in San Diego hasn't done the same. More than five years ago, its board of trustees adopted a policy on collections from Indigenous communities that addressed the concerns the new rules focus on. [Mary Hudetz; Logan Jaffe], 2024-02-21, ProPublica, [National News]

## **Internet and Social Media**

**[EU: Landmark Digital Services Act must be robustly enforced to protect human rights.](#)** Digital Services Act takes full effect in Europe [Amnesty International], 2024-02-17, Amnesty International, [International News]

## **Israel-Gaza Crisis**

**[Absence of Evidence: Israel's Case Against UNRWA.](#)** Israel's case against the UNRWA, the Palestinian aid agency, isn't exactly air tight. In fact, it looks incredibly thin and increasingly hollow. [Kampmark, Binoy], 2024-02-11, International Policy Digest, [National News]

**[Israel occupation: ICJ goes to the heart of the "political deadlock".](#)** 2 decisive questions will be debated from Monday February 19 at the ICJ (the UN court). The answers could have a deep impact not only on the Israel/Palestine conflict, but also on the world legal order and a possible peace solution. [janderson, Janet H], 2024-02-16, JusticeInfo.net, [National News]

**[Israeli Damage to Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Gaza, October 2023-January 2024.](#)** A Preliminary Report from Librarians and Archivists with Palestine [Librarians and Archivists with Palestine], 2024-02, [National News]

**[October 7 evidence pieced together in Israel, one terabyte at a time.](#)** The "Edut 710" project is one of several dozen initiatives feeding a "massive" database set up by the National Library of Israel, said Raquel Ukeles [Agence France-Presse (AFP)], 2024-02-20, Zawya.com, [National News]

[\*\*We must 'rehumanise ourselves': Palestinian artist Sliman Mansour\*\*](#). The prominent painter says that peace is possible when everyone is considered a human being and 'has the same rights'. [Hilden, Nick], 2022-02-25, Al Jazeera, [National News]

## **LGBTQ+ Rights**

[\*\*Japan court lets transgender man change official status without sterilisation in legal first\*\*](#).

Ruling comes months after supreme court ruled that requiring sterilisation before a change of gender in official records was unconstitutional [Associated Press], 2024-02-08, The Guardian, [National News]

## **Medical Records**

[\*\*'Stolen and disrespected': museum inters 200-year-old remains of Black Philadelphians\*\*](#). Bones had been used to provide disproven scientific justification for white supremacy before being housed in the Penn Museum [Pilkington, Ed], 2024-02-04, The Guardian, [National News]

[\*\*After Promising to Make Government Health Care Data More Accessible, the Biden\*\*](#)

[\*\*Administration Now Wants to Clamp Down\*\*](#). Researchers across the country fear a new proposal by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will increase fees and decrease access to data used to support major health care reforms. [Miller, T. Christian], 2024-02-15, ProPublica, [National News]

## **Migration**

[\*\*Le musée de l'histoire de l'immigration à Paris : le musée d'une histoire commune\*\*](#). Le Musée national de l'histoire de l'immigration situé à Paris a rouvert ses portes en juin 2023. Le musée a décidé de placer l'histoire au centre, à travers onze dates repères de l'immigration et de l'histoire de France. Car ce qui s'y raconte, sur près de 1 800 m<sup>2</sup> et avec plus de 600 objets, c'est bien l'histoire de la France et de ses immigrés, la France étant le plus ancien pays d'immigration en Europe. [Develay Mazurelle, Celine], 2024-02-18, [National News]

## **Privacy**

[\*\*Concerns raised over UK Data Protection Bill's impact on EU's GDPR\*\*](#). A letter sent by member of European Parliament Paul Tang, seen by Euractiv, raises questions regarding the potential effects of the UK's Data Protection Bill on the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). [Tar, Julia], 2024-02-23, www.euractiv.com, [International News]

[\*\*Ulez fines scandal: Italian police 'illegally accessed' thousands of EU drivers' data\*\*](#). Italy's data protection body is investigating claims that police shared names and addresses with firm collecting penalties from drivers [Tims, Anna], 2024-02-08, The Guardian, [National News]

## **Racism**

[\*\*Exhibition | The Green Book\*\*](#). Started in 1936 by Harlem postman Victor Green, The Negro Motorist Green Book was a guide published over three decades that helped African Americans travel the country safely, and with dignity, during a time of Jim Crow laws and segregation. Presented until 10 March at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles; from 30 March to 23 June 2024 at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta; and from 13 July to 13 October 2024 at the National

Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. [Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service], 2024-02, Negro Motorist Green Book, [Events]

[Virtual Exhibit | The Green Book](#). Virtual Exhibit: Started in 1936 by Harlem postman Victor Green, The Negro Motorist Green Book was a guide published over three decades that helped African Americans travel the country safely, and with dignity, during a time of Jim Crow laws and segregation. The Green Book was also an indispensable resource for the era's successful Black-owned businesses and rising African American middle class. [Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service], 2024-02, Negro Motorist Green Book, [National News]

## Reconciliation

[En Guyane, les autochtones réclament la vérité sur les pensionnats de la honte](#). Entre 1935 et 2023, 2 000 enfants amérindiens et bushinengués ont été arrachés à leurs familles et placés dans des «homes indiens» pour y être évangélisés et assimilés. [Dereuddre, Tristan], 2024-02-08, POLITIS, [National News]

[France and Algeria revisit painful past in battle to mend colonial wounds](#). A commission of French and Algerian historians created to reconcile colonial difficulties has agreed proposals for the exchange of archives, remains and artifacts. It is hoped the 10-member body – set up in August 2022 by presidents Emmanuel Macron and Abdelmadjid Tebboune – will help the countries turn the page on a shared and painful past. [RFI], 2024-02-18, RFI, [National News]

[La commission franco-algérienne finalise ses propositions pour la réconciliation historique](#). Restitution d'archives et de biens, valorisation de lieux de mémoire, création d'expositions: la Commission mixte d'historiens franco-algériens a dévoilé des propositions pour résoudre les contentieux historiques. [Agences], 2024-02-05, Service Français de la Radio et Télévision de Turquie, [National News]

[Localising Memory in Transitional Justice: The Dynamics and Informal Practices of Memorialisation after Mass Violence and Dictatorship](#). This collection adds to the critical transitional justice scholarship that calls for “transitional justice from below” and that makes visible the complex and oftentimes troubled entanglements between justice endeavours, locality, and memory-making. [0], 2024-01, [International News]

## Refugees

[Refugee files complaint to UN against Spain over 2014 border deaths](#). A 2014 incident where at least 15 people died attempting to enter Spanish territory led to three judicial investigations. However, the investigations were archived without hearing the testimony of survivors and affected families. A complaint to the UN Committee Against Torture has prompted a call for Spain to reopen the investigation. [Kassam, Ashifa], 2024-02-01, The Guardian, [National News]

## Reparation

[Children held in B.C. Doukhobor camp in 1950s offered \\$10M compensation package](#). Up to 200 children of members of the Sons of Freedom religious sect were forcibly taken by the province, with many held in a camp in the B.C. Interior in the 1950s. [Canadian Press], 2024-02-01, CBC News, [National News]

## Restitution

### ['Dahomey' Review: Mati Diop Literally Gives Looted African Artifacts a Voice in Strange.](#)

[Sensitive Doc.](#) The French-Senegalese director's first film since 2019's "Atlantics" mulls the meaning of ancient treasures in defining identities [Solomons, Adam], 2024-02-18, IndieWire, [National News]

### [The Smithsonian's Human Remains Task Force Calls for New Repatriation Policies.](#)

The report provides recommendations regarding the return of human remains in the Institution's collections [Wexler, Ellen], 2024-02-22, Smithsonian Magazine, [National News]

## Sexual Violence

### [Gender-Based Violence in the Global South: Ideologies, Resistances, Responses, and Transformations.](#)

This book amplifies the different voices and experiences of those facing gender-based violence (GBV) in the Global South. It explores the localised ways in which marginalised individuals design modes of coping with and address GBV, including cultural interpretations, and artistic and faith-based expressions. [0], 2024-02-29, [International News]

## Spying

### [A cache of leaked Chinese hacking documents just confirmed experts' warnings about how compromised the US could be.](#)

A cache of over 570 Chinese hacking documents was posted to GitHub last week. Cybersecurity experts say the files look authentic. The documents mentioned at least 20 hacking targets, including countries like the UK and India. The leaks come after multiple warnings by officials on the scales of China's hacking operations. [Tan, Kwan Wei Kevin], 2024-02-21, Business Insider, [National News]

### [China's Hacker Network: What to Know.](#)

Documents leaked on a public website show that China is hiring private hackers to obtain sensitive information from foreign companies and governments. [Moreno, J. Edward], 2024-02-22, The New York Times, [National News]

## Technology

### [Amnesty International publishes an introduction to defending the rights of refugees and migrants in the digital age.](#)

A migrant is confronted by mass surveillance at a border crossing and is reminded of his uncertain future. Activists work to resist these systems. [Amnesty International], 2024-02-05, Amnesty International, [International News]

### [EU Parliament supports automated data exchange for police cooperation, despite concerns.](#)

The European Parliament adopted its position on the controversial Prüm II regulation, a Commission proposal for automated data exchange for police cooperation, despite concerns. [Clasen, Alina], 2024-02-08, www.euractiv.com, [International News]

### [Google stops notifying publishers of 'right to be forgotten' removals from search results.](#)

Move comes after Swedish court rules that informing webmasters about delisted content is breach of privacy [Hern, Alex], 2024-02-15, The Guardian, [National News]

[Intelligence artificielle | La politique de l'illusion | Croire ou ne pas croire ?](#). Les développements fulgurants de l'intelligence artificielle ouvrent un monde de possibilités, mais aussi de périls,

notamment politiques, alors que s’amorce une série d’élections cruciales dans le monde. L’accès à ces outils sophistiqués s’annonce particulièrement délicat aux États-Unis, où le clivage des débats favorise les dérapages. [Thibodeau, Marc], 2024-02-04, La Presse, [National News]

[Intelligence artificielle | La politique de l’illusion | Le laboratoire argentin](#). La campagne présidentielle survenue en décembre en Argentine a permis d’entrevoir comment l’intelligence artificielle pourrait être mise à profit à court terme dans la sphère politique de nombreux pays. [Thibodeau, Marc], 2024-02-04, La Presse, [National News]

[Two OpenAI book lawsuits partially dismissed by California court](#). Comedian Sarah Silverman and novelist Paul Tremblay alleged the artificial intelligence software unlawfully scraped their work to train ChatGPT [Creamer, Ella], 2024-02-14, The Guardian, [National News]

## Transparency

[Invitation to register to an online event | Wikimedia Argentina on Instagram: "#ArchivosEnVigilia 📁 Wikimedia Argentina y el @archivohistoricounlp invitan a participar de dos actividades en el marco del Día Nacional de la Memoria, Verdad y Justicia](#). Se trata de un conversatorio y un taller práctico orientados a personas que colaboren en diferentes instituciones culturales, educativas y de memoria a promover un acceso sin restricciones a material de archivo (fotografías, manuscritos, audios, videos y otros documentos). 📌 Encontrá el link de inscripción en nuestras historias destacadas." [Archivo de la Memoria de la Provincia de Buenos Aires], 2024-02-27, Instagram, [Events]

## Ukraine War

[« Matriochka », la campagne de désinformation visant l’Ukraine - Info ou intox](#). Plusieurs internautes interpellent ces dernières semaines les médias occidentaux sur des informations douteuses, leur demandant de vérifier ces informations. Ces messages à répétition sont en fait une nouvelle campagne de désinformation anti-ukrainienne appelée "Matriochka". Elle vise à faire diversion auprès des médias occidentaux. [Paupe, Marc], 2024-02-09, [International News]

[Conference Call for Proposals | CFP: Ukranian Oral History Association](#). Ukrainian Oral History Association (UOHA)—which unites, represents, and supports oral history scholars in Ukraine and abroad—is convening the international conference UOHA-2024 “Oral History in Wartime: Academic Knowledge and the Researcher’s Responsibility.” The conference will take place June 13-15, 2024. Applications for participation in the conference will be accepted until March 15, 2024 [Publishing in the Archives Profession], 2024-02-06, Publishing in the Archives Profession, [Events]

[French security experts identify Moscow-based disinformation network](#). Network operating in western Europe is ‘paving way for new wave of online manipulation’ in crucial election year, French agency says [Willsher, Kim; O’Carroll, Lisa], 2024-02-12, The Guardian, [International News]

## War Crimes

[Massaquoi affair: epilogue to a fiasco](#). The Court of Appeal in Turku, Finland, has confirmed the acquittal of Gibril Massaquoi, accused of war crimes in Liberia. This is the end of a fiasco in which the Finnish judges twice avoided a miscarriage of justice. [Thierry Cruvellier], 2024-02-02, JusticeInfo.net, [National News]

[\*\*New release of Rodal Report in commitment to transparency.\*\*](#) New release of the Rodal Report, which was originally prepared in support of the Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals in Canada (the Deschênes Commission), established in 1985. This newly released version, following a request made under the Access to Information Act, reveals information that was previously withheld [Refugees and Citizenship Canada Immigration], 2024-02-01, [National News]

[\*\*Ottawa declassifies more details from Rodal report on Nazi war criminals in Canada.\*\*](#) The federal government has released previously classified details from a report that outlines the extent to which Canada provided a safe haven to former Nazis during the Cold War. [Osman, Laura], 2024-02-01, Prince George Citizen, [National News]

## **Women's Rights**

[\*\*EU agrees first law combatting violence against women.\*\*](#) EU member countries and lawmakers reached an agreement on Tuesday on the bloc's first rules to tackle violence against women, the European Parliament and officials said. [France 24], 2024-02-06, France 24, [International News]

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