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Germany/Tanzania. Tanzania wants return of human remains collected by Germans before WWII 2018-03;

Germany/United Kingdom. Search of German Stasi files on U.K. Labour Party leader Corbyn “fruitless” 2018-03

Iran/Israel. Netanyahu speech on Iran’s secret nuclear files 2018-05 supp.; Israel stole Iranian nuclear documents 2018-07

Iraq/Israel/United States. U.S. senators proposed resolution to hold Iraqi Jewish materials in U.S. 2018-07

Iraq/United Kingdom/United States. Overview of Iraq records removed by U.K. and U.S. 2018-08

Iraq/United States. U.S. gave 450 stolen cuneiform tablets back to Iraq 2018-05; *New York Times* said IS documents it has are “safe” and will be digitized and made available online, *Al Jazeera* said *Times* will return original documents to Iraqi government 2018-05; *New York Times*’ “ISIS Files” said given to Iraq, George Washington University will screen and post on line digital copies, objection from Middle East Studies Association 2018-09; researcher defends *Times* agreement with university 2018-10; judge ordered Iraqis detained and facing deportation by U.S. to be freed under certain conditions, said government delayed in producing documents 2018-11

Ireland/United States. Irish women given false negatives on cervical cancer by U.S. lab tests 2018-05

Islamic State (IS, ISIS)/Syria. IS executed over 700 prisoners in eastern Syria, Syrian government increasing executions of political prisoners and registering dead 2018-12

Israel/Lebanon. Israel’s military archives released records on first and second 1982 Tyre, Lebanon, disasters 2018-04

Israel/North Africa. Israel will open state archives on migration from North Africa during “early years of the states” 2018-03

Israel/Palestine. Video of Israeli troops assaulting Palestinian man under Israeli military investigation 2018-02; video of interrogation of Palestinian girl in Israeli custody 2018-04 supp.; Palestinian materials held in Israeli libraries and archives 2018-11; letter on expulsion of Palestinians in 8 villages withdrawn by State Archives, was public for 25 years, published by Akevot with permission of military censor 2018-12

Israel/Palestine/Turkey. Palestine obtained waqf land records from Turkey, Israel says obtained to prevent land sales to Israel 2018-03

Japan/South Korea. Korean Supreme Court upheld ruling that Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal must compensate forced labor during Japan’s colonial rule of Korea 2018-10

Jordan/Syria. Jordan issued 106,000 work permits to Syrian refugees 2018-07

Latin America. Study using many data sources says Latin America home of 8% of world’s population but 33% of its homicides 2018-04; violence against women seen as normal in region 2018-07; Spotlight Initiative to end femicide and create evidence base 2018-09; 11 governments will accept expired Venezuelan passports 2018-09; essay on the lenses through which human rights can be viewed in Latin America 2018-12

Latvia/Russia. Latvia deciding whether to open Soviet KGB “catalog” of agents and contacts during the 1980s 2018-07; Soviet KGB documents to be transferred to national archives, card files and other documentation to be published 2018-10; opening of KGB files in Latvia with ID required to use, files of former prime minister and current Supreme Court chief justice seem to show collaboration 2018-12

Liberia/United States. Liberian war criminal Mahammed Jabbateh sentenced to 30 years in U.S. prison for fraud in U.S. immigration documents 2018-04; Thomas Woiwiyu convicted for lying on U.S. citizenship application about his role in Liberia's civil war 2018-08

Lithuania/Russia. Lithuania says Russian intelligence services using archival information to "target" Lithuanians who have not admitted KGB collaboration 2018-04

Malaysia/Netherlands/Russia. Netherlands prosecutors said Russian missile shot down Malaysian plane in 2015 2018-05; Russia declassified documents and audio, said Ukraine shot down the plane, not rebels, and Dutch videos "fabricated" 2018-09

Mexico/United States. Trial of El Chapo delayed, huge number of documents prosecution provided to defense 2018-01; U.S. capturing biometric data on migrants in southern Mexico and Mexico City 2018-04

Middle East war. 50% increase coalition air strikes Iraq and Syria 2017, more U.S. strikes on Yemen than in previous 4 years 2018-01; 774 civilians killed Syria, January, majority by Syrian-Russian forces 2018-01; Turkish air strike damage to Tell Ain Iron Age temple 2018-01; IS running Mosul, Iraq 2018-01; Iraqi Jewish records return to Iraq controversy 2018-01; UN annual report of casualties among Afghan civilians 2018-02; Mosul, Iraq, bodies still unidentified 2018-02; presumed IS relatives discriminated against 2018-02; predict 2 million lawsuits over restitution for lost and damaged property in Syria 2018-02; U.S. using IS captured files to provide evidence against man held as IS supporter 2018-02; Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic urges disclosure of information and records on detainees and disappeared 2018-03; attorney says extensive Syrian war crimes documentation means trials can begin quickly 2018-03; NGO The Day After said need to legitimize documents issued by Syrian opposition parties and establish UN clearing house for identification of documents 2018-03; women linked to IS discriminated against in Iraq refugee camps, can't obtain identity documents 2018-04; family of journalist Marie Colvin filed wrongful death suit against Syria using records "smuggled out" and held by Committee for International Justice and Accountability 2018-04; IS posting links to Internet Archive 2018-05; data-indexing method developed to resolve duplication in data sets on number killed in Syria 2018-06; NGO Free Syrian Lawyers Group scanning records 2018-06; U.K. reports on U.K. actions supporting handling of detainees and rendition 2018-06; civilian casualties in Afghanistan decreased over first six months 2018 but civilian deaths increased 2018-07; Iraq security service acknowledge detaining individuals for prolonged periods 2018-07; Syrian children given ID bracelets 2018-07; Violations Documentation Center in Syria database on death of over 188,000 Syrians, 2/3 civilians 2018-07; Syria updated civil registry, families learn deaths 2018-07; Syria new law requires documentation for property in "redevelopment zones" 2018-07; CIA director Haspel's cables released including descriptions of torture at Thailand site 2002 and work of CIA contract psychologists 2018-08; leader of al-Qaeda al-Zawahiri released new video calling for jihad worldwide and Islamic State leader Al-Baghdadi released new audio 2018-08

Morocco/Spain. Professor says Spanish archives show Western Sahara its own territory and had "the right to dispose of themselves" 2018-08

Myanmar/Thailand. Thailand to process documents for illegal Myanmar fishery workers 2018-09

Nigeria/United Kingdom. U.K. court ruled that Nigerian communities cannot sue Royal Dutch Shell over oil spills 2018-02

North Korea/South Korea. South Korea Unification Ministry database hacked and information on North Korean defectors stolen 2018-12

North Korea/United Kingdom/United States. U.K. creating family trees of Korean War missing, hope that DNA from remains Korea gave U.S. will match 2018-12

Philippines/United States. World War II records in US used to help heirs claims pensions 2018-04

Romania/Ukraine. Since 2017 number of Ukrainians seeking Romanian citizenship doubled, documentation of ancestry required 2018-11

Russia/Syria. Syria Justice and Accountability Center analysis of tweets from Russia-linked Twitter accounts promote xenophobic, anti-refugee positions 2018-12

Russia/United Kingdom. NGO Bellingcat revealed identity of second man involved with nerve agent attacks on Skripal and daughter 2018-10

Saudi Arabia/Turkey/United States. Journalist Jamal Khashoggi killed, went to Saudi Embassy to get documentation, Turkey has audio and video of murder 2018-10

Saudi Arabia/United Arab Emirates/Yemen. Expert group said all parties committed international crimes in Yemen war 2018-08

Saudi Arabia/United States. U.S. court said families of U.S. 9/11 victims can sue Saudi government 2018-03

Somalia/United States. Number of U.S.-led airstrikes and civilian casualties in Somalia in 2017 2018-01

South Africa/Zimbabwe. South Africa returned government documents former prime minister Ian Smith had taken out of country 2018-05

South-East/Asia. 6 nations “Our Eyes” intelligence pact, extremist database 2018-01

South Sudan/Uganda. Recordkeeping problems impede reunions of South Sudan refugee families in Uganda, Uganda starting “biometric registration” 2018-08

Spain/United States. U.S. citizens seeking Spanish citizenship, Sephardic ancestry documentation required 2018-11

Sri Lanka/United Kingdom. U.K. said destroyed 195 files on Sri Lanka 1978-1980 in lead up to civil war 2018-05

St. Kitts and Nevis/United States. U.S. criminal investigation of U.S. professor who injected people in both countries with unauthorized herpes vaccine 2018-04

Uganda/United Kingdom. Uganda to build war museum, U.K. colonial records purged 2018-06;

United Kingdom/former colonies. Law firm threatened suit over lack of compensation for children forcibly sent between 1945-1970 to former colonies to be raised 2018-11

United Kingdom/United States. U.K. received contaminated blood products from U.S. in 1970s and 1980s, deaths, U.K. inquiry began 2018-09

United Kingdom/Northern Ireland/United States. Northern Ireland court denied Anthony McIntyre attempts to prevent police from access to oral history interviews 2018-10

Vatican/United States. Vatican promised study of archives related to sex abuse by former U.S. cardinal McCarrick 2018-10, U.S. Justice Department seeking Catholic archives from Pennsylvania dioceses 2018-10

National news.

Afghanistan. Biometric identity card problems with ethnic identity 2018-03; Ministry of Defense yearly statistics on militants killed, injured, arrested 2018-03; violence against women growing says UN 2018-05; government began distributing electronic identity cards 2018-05; talc mining funds IS 2018-05 supp.; election lists questioned, 2014 had double voter cards in circulation 2018-09

Albania. Sigurimi (communist-era secret police) files closed except to targets of surveillance and families, museum compiling list of those killed and prosecuted 2018-03; prisoners forced to mine are denied pensions as miners, lack of information in prison records 2018-05; International Commission on Missing Persons to help find missing, archives in bad shape 2018-07; media websites ordered to register with tax authority 2018-10

Algeria. ICRC gave Algeria copies of ICRC records of its work during war of liberation 2018-04

Armenia. Mine environmental impact assessment shows will damage water 2018-07

Australia. Prime ministerial documents found in filing cabinets sold 2018-02 supp.; surveillance footage shows indigenous activists tracked during cold war 2018-02 supp.; Ancestry digitized records of 15 “Victorian lunatic asylums” 2018-02 supp.; Perth deleted “aboriginal” when digitizing registry of births, death and marriages 2018-05; Manus Island detainees compensated 2018-06; new national security legislation broad definition of national security and severe penalties 2018-06; health system will have centralized electronic health record on everyone 2018-08; Victoria expunging criminal records of children removed from families 2018-08; anthropologists argued field notes of indigenous interviewees are joint intellectual property 2018-09; passed first-in-the-world laws to compel tech companies to give police and security agencies access to encrypted messages 2018-12; DNA of ancient remains linked to DNA of Indigenous living in area, help with provenance research 2018-12

Bahrain. Political activist Nabeel Rajab sentenced to 5 years in prison for comments online 2018-02 supp.; 232 people stripped of citizenship 2018-07; sentence in Rajab case upheld 2018-12

Bangladesh. Phone app introduced to access digital database of ages to help reduce child marriage 2018-05; International Crimes Tribunal investigators give national archives 4 case files 2018-06; government established “Rumor Identification and Removal Centre” 2018-09

Bosnia. 2,000 pieces of human remains not identified 2018-05 supp.; Republika Srpska “annulled” Srebrenica report 2018-08

Brazil. Corruption case involving Odebrecht construction company falsified records of bribes to politicians 2018-02 supp; descendants of slaves in poverty, need land titles 2018-03; study says putting army in control of police forces in state of Rio has not reduced violence 2018-04 supp.; spending on crime fighting and violent crimes rates both up 2018-06; nearly 1½ million domestic violence cases in 2017, over 10,000 femicides unpunished 2018-06; number killed by police in Rio increased by 46% comparing May 2017 and 2018 2018-06; state agency for indigenous published photo of uncontacted man 2018-07; murder rate highest ever 2018-08; 30-day ban on glyphosate products overturned 2018-09; Rio citizen deaths up by 150% in August 2018-09; fire at National Museum destroyed archives, field notes, sketches, site maps 2018-09; Mato Grosso do Sul lawsuits over separation of indigenous children from families, anthropological reports show tribe’s ancestral ties to a tract of land 2018-10

Bulgaria. State Agency for National Security denying access to statistics 2018-06

Burundi. Photographs of repression, documenting 800 cases forced disappearance, rape, death, torture 2018-01; UN Commission of Inquiry urged government to establish independent body to investigate the disappeared, also computerize court registries 2018-09; truth commission presented interim report, want to extend investigations to colonial period from 1896 and go beyond 2008 2018-10

Cambodia. Digital database of Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum records 2018-01; opposition leader filed suit in U.S. on information from Facebook about Cambodian social media use by government 2018-02; forensic anthropologist compared Toul Sleng documents and Choeung Ek killing site remains 2018-09; brick-making industry keeps workers in “modern slavery” interviews and household surveys show 2018-10

Cameroon. Social media videos and photos of military operations, human rights abuses 2018-07

Canada. Student-on-student compensation cases, St. Anne’s school, reject police and court transcripts as evidence 2018-01; claims tribunal may not reopen cases of rejected claims based on new evidence 2018-01; Library and Archives Canada (LAC) denied access 1920 document based on solicitor-client privilege 2018-01; created Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise to investigate allegations of human rights abuses linked to Canadian corporate activity abroad 2018-01; suit pending against government for treatment of children at Indian hospitals 2018-02 supp.; 1920 document opened relating to sick First Nations children forcibly removed from homes 2018-02 supp.; “Catherine Pillard” genealogy questioned, involved rights of Metis 2018-02 supp.; article on “decolonize” archives 2018-02 supp.; doctors cannot control use of data by companies hosting medical records 2018-03; hospital recycling bins with

documents with personal information 2018-03; Statistics Canada lost files during the 2016 census 2018-03; St. Anne's school survivors want claims process reopened based on new information from Ontario Provincial Police files 2018-04; UN Special Rapporteur said better data needed on violence against women and femicides 2018-04; province of New Brunswick announced adoptees and birth parents can apply for access to "identifying information" 2018-04; LAC told researcher that records requested under FOI (Freedom of Information) would be available in 80 years 2018-04; Supreme Court deposit of "Collegial Documents" in LAC 2018-05; Ontario court ruled transcript from 2003 case covered by "settlement privilege," will not be given to St. Anne's school survivors 2018-05; some Catholic orders have not given records to TRC archives 2018-06; Security Intelligence Service keeping too much data 2018-06; Quebec opens adoption files 1920-1970 2018-06; blackmail of home health care provider after data breach 2018-07; border agents using DNA testing and ancestry websites to establish nationality of migrants 2018-07; privacy commissioner Saskatchewan ordered doctor to do better job after 8 alterations of record of visits by patient who died 2018-08; privacy commissioner Canada and Alberta investigating Cadillac Fairview's "facial recognition technology in mall digital directories" 2018-08; National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation developing National Residential School Student Death Register 2018-10; Council of Yukon First Nations has grant to preserve records at Yukon Archives 2018-10; judge in case on access to truth commission records cites ICA Code of Ethics and Principles of Access to Archives 2018-11; lawsuit against naval officer told his name deliberately not used in files 2018-12; "systemic racism" found in Thunder Bay Police Service 2018-12

Canada/Quebec. Since June when adoptee records partially opened have had 25,000 inquiries 2018-12

Central African Republic. Need legal framework on personal documentation and property and land rights for refugees to return 2018-03; special court for war crimes created 2018-06; inaugural session of Special Criminal Court to try crimes against humanity since 2003 2018-10

Chile. Police raids on Catholic churches uncover documentation on child abuse 2018-07; Mapuche men appealing conviction, new audio recording in evidence, police watchdog report military police forged evidence 2018-08; 20 DINA (former secret police) agents convicted for kidnapping, murder of 12 persons during Operation Condor 2018-09; Chilean institutions released "Archivo de Sentencias" 2018-09; lumber company Bosques Arauco must return 100 acres to indigenous community based on 1904 map 2018-10; police destroyed bodycam video of killing of Camilo Catrillanca, Mapuche man 2018-11; former DINA agent sentenced for murder, names in files of Operation Colombo 2018-12

China. Nuclear plant constructed 1958, removed residents, Cultural Revolution purges of workers 2018-01; Xinjiang artificial intelligence policing 2018-02 commentary; government established two categories of personal information: personal and sensitive personal 2018-02 supp.; historian says few records of 1950s Politburo meetings, urges opening archives 2018-03; new law makes it criminal to question "deeds and spirits of heroes" and to praise invasions 2018-04; vaccine manufacturer fabricated production and inspection records, shut down 2018-07; UN expresses concern over treatment of Uighur people in Xinjiang, camps, confiscating travel documents, large number of arrests, Kazakhstan trial of woman who crossed border from Chinese work camp without papers 2018-08; UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination recommendations on Uighur peoples 2018-09

China/Hong Kong. Hong Kong Law Reform Commission consultation papers on archives law and access to information law 2018-12

Colombia. Land titling not decided, Afro-Colombian collective land claims 2018-01; 82,998 people "disappeared" 1958-November 2017 2018-02 supp.; Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP) already has thousands of testimonies submitted 2018-03; former official of SJP ordered it to take responsibility for protecting archives of former Administrative Department of Security 2018-04; SJP law amended giving military special procedures 2018-06; SJP opened case on "false positives" 2018-07; NGOs gave truth commission 10 documented cases on violence against human rights defenders 2018-07; Santiago Uribe prosecutor files evidence, includes audio recordings 2018-07; Prosecutor General seized copies of case files on FARC from SJP, returned them 2018-10; truth commission launched, U.S. NGO database gave commission copies of U.S. declassified documents 2018-12

Cuba. Lia Villares personal papers and computers confiscated following arrest 2018-02

Czech Republic. Czech Security Forces Archive holds 20 kilometers archives 2018-01; records of 1952 show trial of Rudolf Slansky found 2018-03; Slansky records moved to national archives 2018-06;

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Voter registration flawed 2018-05; journalist documented attacks on 31 villages and 62 additional massacres 2018-08; photographic evidence of massacres at risk 2018-09

Denmark. Police holding sensitive personal information in a separate database instead of destroying as law requires, national archives says is permanent information 2018-04

Ecuador. Forced sexual conversion therapy alleged 2018-02 supp.; appeals court said government must cancel 52 mining concessions in Amazon 2018-11

Egypt. Mosireen launched internet site 858 hours footage of 2011 revolution 2018-01; Ministry says many girls under 18 wed and 500,000 children born each year to underage mothers 2018-02 supp.; Titan cement guilty of violating right to health 2018-04; 43 people acquitted of charges NGOs received illegal funds from foreign sources 2018-12

El Salvador. Supreme Court ordered armed forces to release records on military operation during which 6 and 7 year old girls disappeared 2018-02 supp.; UN Special Rapporteur said official figures underestimate or misrepresent violence 2018-02 supp.; resumed suit on 1981 El Mozote massacre, army said records of the operation do not exist, U.S. has relevant records 2018-05; increase in femicides in 2018, government “initiative” to combat gender violence 2018-05; Inter-American Court for Human Rights visited El Mozote massacre site, reopened court case 2018-09; colonel responsible for killing 4 Dutch journalists tracked down in U.S. through children’s social media, documents show U.S. soldier knew of plan 2018-09

Ethiopia. Documented human rights violations at central prison 2018-07; law passed to create a National Reconciliation Commission 2018-12

Finland. Court ruled murderer has a right to privacy and Google must remove information about him from search engine 2018-08

France. Archives digitized and posted on refugees and stateless persons 1924-1952 2018-02 supp.; court ruled a will cannot be changed by text message 2018-08

France/Polynesia. Committee to create archives center on nuclear tests 2018-01

Gambia. Survivors of fraudulent AIDS cure by president collecting evidence for suit 2018-01; NGO interviews on 2005 summary execution, key evidence destroyed, truth commission to begin work 2018-05; commission of inquiry on police killings in Faraba Banta village at protest against sand mining 2018-06; truth commission opened, NGO said has documented hundreds of cases 2018-10

Georgia. New agency to investigate crimes committed by law enforcement officers and public officials 2018-02 supp.

Germany. Reconstruction of Stasi files by digital means halted, technology inadequate 2018-01; conclusion of National Socialist Underground trial, NGOs monitoring court to provide public knowledge 2018-07; court ruled heirs should have access to digital accounts of deceased 2018-07; Hamburg State Archive shredded millions of death records 2018-09; police said 902 refugees under age 14 are missing, lack data on the cases 2018-10

Guatemala. New national DNA database and sex offender registry 2018-01; police archives validate documents in Molina Theissen case, 4 of 5 military convicted 2018-05; Theissen court orders creation of National Commission on the Search for Disappeared Persons and national registry of victims 2018-06; report of human rights violations at orphanages and psychiatric facility, blame on “voluntourism” 2018-07; police archives under threat, petition, and statement from UNDP 2018-08; CICIG (International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala) ordered closed in 2019, staff visas expired and director denied re-entry to country 2018-08; contest between government and CICIG continued 2018-09; Archiveros sin Fronteras declaration on police archives 2018-09; court ruled military carried out genocide

but former intelligence chief not guilty 2018-09; visas denied to personal of CICIG 2018-10; Lopez Alonzo convicted of Dos Erres massacre, not of abduction, court orders false birth certificate corrected 2018-11

Haiti. Project to register all Haitians and give birth certificates 2018-01

Honduras. UN Special Rapporteur said inadequate disciplinary actions against police for homicide and torture 2018-05; Amnesty International said methods used to suppress and punish election fraud protesters violated international human rights standards 2018-06; prosecution in Berta Caceres trial not providing evidence to parties 2018-07; prosecutor in Caceres trial has not analyzed evidence seized in 2016 2018-08; men convicted of Caceres murder but flawed production of documentary evidence 2018-11

India. Transgender women extorted by police, high rate HIV 2018-01; West Bengal school letter boxes allow children report coercion 2018-01; Assam updating National Register of Citizens, lack proper documentation 2018-01; Christian conversion rate (in and out) nearly equal in western Maharashtra 2018-01; Andhra Pradesh setting up state archives, “tweak” British records 2018-01; survey in Bohra community show 3 of 4 girls undergo female genital mutilation 2018-02; sale of unapproved antibiotics 2018-02 supp.; Supreme Court allows electronic evidence without certificate 2018-02 supp.; Pune required copies of all records disposed of 2018-02 supp.; records not maintained of killings in Kashmir in 1990s 2018-03;; biometric identification cards Aadhaar causing people to lose basic entitlements 2018-03; Arunchal Pradesh State giving individual indigenous persons land titles to former community lands, expert warns that it will make it easier for state to take land from them 2018-03; Maharashtra giving 1947 refugees ownership rights where still living in camps 2018-05; fire hazard of documents in fire station 2018-05; census data show “excess female child mortality” in 90% of districts 2018-05; Eastern Odisha giving slum dwellers land rights, Tata Trust of map slums 2018-05; police museum established to include archives 2018-05 supp.; Assam draft National Register of Citizens potentially makes 4 million stateless 2018-07; states and Mumbai using drones to map land holdings 2018-07; persons using electoral rolls in State Archives in Kolkata to prove citizenship for Assam 2018-08; Supreme Court said Aadhaar constitutional, with restrictions 2018-09; law enforcement hindered by WhatsApp encrypted messages 2018-12; Sajjan Kumar convicted of incitement to murder in 1984, records were intentionally incomplete 2018-12

Indonesia. New cyber security agency to combat “religious extremism” and fake news 2018-01; police and military responsible for extrajudicial killings in Papua and West Papua, Amnesty says security minister Wiranto responsible for violence in East Timor 2018-07; baby-selling ring used Instagram 2018-10

Iran. Baha’i community launched website to show persecution in Iran 2018-01; international legal experts wrote to High Council for Human Rights based on information posted to new Baha’i website 2018-02

Iraq. Women running for office harassed by false sex tapes, social media postings 2018-05; Human Rights Watch (HRW) report on additional disappearances of men and boys 2018-09; lack centralized system on missing persons 2018-10

Ireland. Persons aged 18 or younger responsible for almost ½ sexual offences in 2016 2018-02 supp.; database on women held against their will at Magdalene laundries 2018-02 supp.; Baby John murder documents of 1984 withheld 2018-02 supp.; false names of adopting parents on birth certificates 2018-05; government said no evidence of abuse in Magdalene laundries, will not set up inquiry, and has no power to access religious records 2018-08; child and family agency putting all cases of children with contact with social workers into single information system 2018-09; government will not open records of McAleese Committee that investigated the state’s involvement with Magdalene laundries 2018-09

Israel. National archivist says 1.29% of state archives available for research 2018-01; Women’s International Zionist Organization will give access to records to committee investigating cases of

disappeared Yemeni children 1948-1954 2018-01; 38 files on missing Yemeni children missing from state archives, no access to records of Shin Bet security service 2018-03; military court deciding whether to release archives on 1956 Kafr Qasem massacre 2018-07; Israel's Defense Minister asked State Archives to search for information on disappearance of Yemeni immigrant children 2018-07; Israel's justice minister orders release of records on Yemeni children in State Archives and Defense Forces, calls on women's organizations to release records 2018-08; increase secrecy period for information from security service from 70 to 90 years 2018-10; attacks on Akevot research institution funding 2018-10
Italy. Interior minister says will conduct census of Roma and expel if no residence permit 2018-06;

Japan. High rates of deaths and injuries to foreign workers 2018-01; call for rules for government organizations discarding records with less than 1 year retention 2018-01; government discarded nearly half million documents classified as specially designated secrets 2018-03; Defense Ministry holding records beyond retention period, refuse to respond to FOI for them, including soil contamination at U.S. military site 2018-06; ministries and agencies using obscure file titles to prevent FOI requests 2018-08; Tokyo Medical University admitted altering entrance exam scores to keep out women 2018-08

Kenya. Forced displacement of community 50 years ago, communally owned land, government will compensate individually 2018-01; Gucha river people to be displaced by dam project, want feasibility study and environmental impact statement released 2018-01

Kosovo. Government to begin to accept applications for benefit payments to women raped or sexually assaulted 1998-99 war 2018-01; indictment for falsifying documents to gain war veteran status 2018-04; prosecutor said evidence that 19,000 persons registered falsely as "war veterans" to get benefits 2018-08; 12 former members of veterans' registration commission were indicted for false verifications 2018-09

Libya. UN OCHCR report on arbitrary and unlawful detention, torture in prisons 2018-04

Macedonia. Trial of former prime minister and others for 2013 electoral fraud has 1,063 wiretapped conversations as evidence 2018-08 electoral roll of 1.8 million for a population of just over 2 million is "non-purified" 2018-08

Malaysia. New special court pilot project on cases of human trafficking 2018-01; Sarawak indigenous creating maps by using drones and testimony to apply to state for recognition of ancestral domain and communal forest 2018-07

Mali. Fire destroyed Foreign Ministry archives 2018-02 supp.

Mexico. UN OHCHR report persons arrested and prosecuted for Ayotzinapa case were tortured and rights violated 2018-03; only 24% of femicides investigated by police 2018-04; new archives law says responsibility to preserve and make available archives related to grave violations of human rights 2018-05; NGOs say credible evidence of collusion between public officials and Zetas drug cartel for crimes against humanity in Coahuila 2009-2012 2018-05; Interior says 37,435 missing persons 2018-06; court hearing Ayotzinapa case ordered new investigation, says evidence of use of torture to obtain confessions 2018-06; declassified documents on 1968 student movement 2018-10; Interior Ministry new "National People Search System," says nearly 38,000 people have disappeared 2018-10

Myanmar. 5 mass graves found around Rohingya village Gu Dar Pyin 2018-02 supp.; Amnesty International said ARSA (Arkan Rohingya Salvation Army) responsible for massacre and crimes August 2017 2018-05; government establishing "independent commission" to investigate events following ARSA 2017 attacks 2018-05, 2018-06; NGO accused Myanmar military of genocide and named 22 officers, based on interviews and visual evidence 2018-07; UN mission said "vast amount of primary information" shows international grave crimes and should refer officials to ICC or an ad hoc court 2018-08; forensic examinations of survivors of Chut Pyin massacre corroborate massacre occurred 2018-08; Army published book with false captions on photographs 2018-08; *Reuters* reporters given prison sentence, police officer said documents planted on journalists, he was also jailed 2018-09; UN Human Rights Council decided to establish a "mechanism" to "collect, consolidate, preserve and analyze evidence" of

violations of international law 2018-09; Facebook banned certain individuals and organizations from Facebook 2018-09; Karen Human Rights Group report on difficulties in getting land titles 2018-09

Nepal. Truth commission and enforced disappearance commission terms extended by one year 2018-02 supp.; truth commission preliminary investigation 2600 cases, commission on disappeared collected information on 90% complaints in 39 districts 2018-07; 1,333 persons still missing from civil war 2018-08; both commissions no progress and no budgets 2018-09; commission on enforced disappeared said completed preliminary investigation into 3,197 complaints 2018-12

Netherlands. Court said man could not legally reduce his age by 20 years 2018-12

Nicaragua. Truth commission to investigate events since April 19 2018-05; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights established investigation group, promised access to investigation and security files 2018-07; truth commission said 241 people killed in protests since April, NGO said 351 dead and 2,100 injured 2018-07; UN Human Rights report said had documented human rights violations based on many sources, team expelled from country 2018-08; police raided 5 NGOs, seized computers and documents, Inter-American Commission deplored, Ministry of Interior said assets of organizations will go to reparations for victims of terrorism 2018-12

Nigeria. Videos released by Boko Haram, said to be Chibok girls who are not returning home 2018-01; abuse by military of persons rescued from Boko Haram 2018-05; October killing of protesters shown on video, military seen to open fire 2018-12

Pakistan. Supreme Court demand report on progress in locating missing people 2018-02 supp.; boy falsely arrested, sexually violated while police filmed 2018-03; Ministry of Defense figures on cases in military courts 2018-03; Balochistan data on Hazara killed and injured in terrorism 2018-03; scientist said public records not safe, grab property by records destruction 2018-03; extra-judicial killings in Balochistan, office of editor of Human Rights Commission's annual report broken into by armed men and laptop, mobile and USB taken 2018-04; Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances since 2011 has handled 2/3 of the cases 2018-11

Peru. Families of 5 women who died from Fujimori era forcible sterilizations suing government 2018-04; law creating "Bank of Genetic Data" to identify disappeared 1980-2000 2018-09

Philippines. Drug Enforcement Agency said 5,000 "alleged drug addicts and pushers" have been killed in last 2 years and over 150,000 arrested, president says has a list of public officials involved in drug trade, three mayors on list killed 2018-10

Poland. New Holocaust denial law 2018-02; Holocaust law amended to cancel criminal provisions 2018-06

Romania. Deaths in orphanages during Ceausescu regime 2018-02

Russia. Diary of woman in prison 1941 put on display, FSB (Federal Security Service) archives helped 2018-01; historian Yuri Dmitriev photos of daughter said not pornographic but sent to Moscow for another review and sent Dmitriev for psychiatric tests 2018-01; fire destroyed Memorial office Ingushetia, Chechen Memorial leader detained and home and office raided 2018-01; Dmitriev acquitted of child pornography charges 2018-04; Gulag State Museum to help descendants of victims of forced labor camps to discover fates, use Memorial database 2018-04; 95% of charges of extremism involve posting to Internet 2018-04; gulag prisoner archives cards reported destroyed, Interior Ministry says no, is digitizing them 2018-06; law requiring internet service providers to give state security services access on demand came into force 2018-07; Interior Ministry said not destroying records of gulag survivors who were convicted of political treason 2018-07; video of prison officials torturing inmate 2018-07; blogger found abandoned records in closed police stations 2018-08; culture ministry defends Panfilov unit heroics based on declassified wartime "accounts" 2018-12

Russia/Chechnya. Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) rapporteur said fabricated evidence in trial of Memorial's Oyub Titiev 2018-12

Saudi Arabia. UN Special Rapporteur said counter-terrorism strategies misused 2018-06; women can be notaries 2018-07; executions doubled in last 8 months 2018-12

Serbia. Court rejected family request to rehabilitate Milan Nedic who headed Nazi-backed government during WWII 2018-07

Seychelles. National Assembly voted to create truth commission on events from 1977 coup d'etat to present 2018-08

South Africa. South African History Archive (SAHA) facing bankruptcy over court order to pay costs in lost access to information case 2018-04; interview discussed needs and process of declassification of apartheid era documents 2018-04; mining companies settle suit from mineworkers affected by silicosis and tuberculosis 2018-05; laws governing company data not adequate 2018-06; Mandela foundation launched digital archives of 1964 Rivonia trial 2018-10; Constitutional Court said platinum mining company could not evict families from land who could not get deeds in past because of racist laws, tribal chief could not give away land on own authority 2018-10

South Korea. Ministry of National Defense records on Democracy Youth and Student League "incident" of 1974 transferred to national archives 2018-12

South Sudan. Former army chief denies recorded voice his, saying he bought voice modification equipment 2018-01; UN Commission on Human Rights said all parties to conflict committed war crimes 2018-03; consultations on design of truth commission 2018-05 supp.; UN said gross violations in Unit State since late February and recommended continuing efforts to pursue accountability through documentation and evidence collection 2018-07; UN said between April and August in Western Equatoria 900 people were abducted, 24,000 fled 2018-10

Spain. Database of casualties, missing persons and reprisals, Spanish Civil War and Franco era 2018-01; Army closed all documents marked "secret" or "reserved" regardless of age, protests, modification 2018-04; monastery holds ETA rebel group documents 2018-05; government announced plans to establish truth commission on Franco-era crimes, expunge records, outlaw veneration organizations, conduct census of civil war and Franco victims, and open ca. 1200 mass graves 2018-07; general access to pre-1968 documents authorized for General Military Archives in Avila 2018-09; LGBT persons want criminal records from Franco era removed and reparations 2018-09; Madrid doctor guilty of "stealing babies" set free because time elapsed, mother's name not on birth certificates 2018-10

Sri Lanka. Office of Missing Persons launched 2018-03; new court established to deal with corruption cases 2018-05; UN rapporteur said government routine use of torture, lengthy pre-trial detention, detainees signed documents on blank pages or in language they did not read 2018-07; Office of Missing Persons said will develop centralized list of missing persons 2018-09; Office for Reparations for civil war crimes established 2018-10; military occupation of public and private property continues, land administration suspended during war, land documents of displaced families lost 2018-10; psychiatrist helping people cope with war trauma, create family trees 2018-12

St. Kitts and Nevis. New data protection law covers both government and nongovernment, may hamper preservation in archives 2018-05

Switzerland. Redacted 1991 report released on anti-communist paramilitary group P26, some records used for the report are missing 2018-04

Syria. Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic said 1 million displaced in 6 months, total of 6.5 million displaced throughout country, called for independent body to review property rights and restitution claims, women to have equal basis in process 2018-09; special census of 1962 discriminated against Kurds, want reparations and restoration of citizenship 2018-09; difficulties of counting victims outlined 2018-09; HRW said Syrian government preventing displaced residents from returning, woman from Darayya told her property ownership would only be recognized after security clearance 2018-10; NGO report on options for post-conflict restitution called for property restitution commission 2018-10; Syrian artists "cartoon for change" 2018-10

Thailand. 2 tribunals to deal with illegal fishing cases, including forced labor and trafficked persons 2018-02 supp.; government published list of all registered and licensed fishing vessels and a watch list of vessels prohibited from fishing, sunk, damaged or sold 2018-10

Tunisia. Activists demand to know disposition of Truth and Dignity Commission records 2018-01; conference on archives of victims 2018-02 supp.; truth commission says will ask victims for consent to transfer records to national archives 2018-05; UN special rapporteur said new law on National Registry for Enterprises limits capacity of associations to operate 2018-10

Turkey. 648 people detained over social media posts criticizing military operations in Syria 2018-03;

Uganda. Title deeds to 36 farmers over land taken for palm oil, dispute resolution by World Bank 2018-02 supp.

Ukraine. Milk still tainted from Chernobyl nuclear disaster 2018-06; video footage from 2014 Maidan protests accepted by court 2018-06; law passed establishing anti-corruption court 2018-06

United Kingdom. Police failing to warn potential victims of domestic abuse 2018-01; drug service contractor abandoned records 2018-02 supp.; fire destroyed building housing records of Ulster Defence Regiment, Amnesty International urges transfer of records to national archives 2018-04; anti-slavery charity said identified nearly 5000 potential victims in first year of operation 2018-04 supp.; National Health Service (NHS) computer glitch failed to alert women for breast cancer screening 2018-05; stopped NHS sharing patient data with Home Office for immigration violations 2018-05; NGO found immense growth in “honor” violence, few prosecutions 2018-05; Jersey said reconfirm permanent resident status in wake of Windrush scandal 2018-05 supp.; overseas territories ordered to make company ownership public by end 2020 to tackle corruption 2018-05 supp.; police chief responsible for security at Hillsborough soccer match charged with manslaughter 2018-06; Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse said quality of recordkeeping indicates quality of care 2018-06; female genital mutilation statistics 2018-07; police did not document one in five crimes in Lincolnshire 2018-07; 23 people died in or after police detention in 2017 2018-07; Thatcher government blacklist of civil servants 2018-07; 239 slavery “suspects” arrested 2017, time to complete slavery prosecution is almost 3 years 2018-08; Home Office data shows some people waiting more than 20 years for decisions on asylum claims 2018-08; local council data used to create algorithms to predict antisocial behavior 2018-09; official data showed 14 million in poverty, men aged 18-24 convicted in rape trials only 32% of time, older men 46%, sexual incidents “commonplace” in mental health units, London police dropped investigations on day reported in 2017 at 3 times rate of 2016; detainees in deportations centres at risk, suicide attempts averaged 2 a day in summer, prison ombudsman will carry out inquiry 2018-10; police use of force, London police used force 270 times a day in August, 39% on black people 2018-10; stun gun use at hospitals and mental healthcare facilities 2018-10; NGOs report unequal enforcement of drug laws, black, Asian and mixed race people stopped and searched more than whites 2018-10; police force records show sexual harassment 2018-12; records on U.K.’s first nuclear bombs withdrawn from public access at national archives 2018-12

United Kingdom/Northern Ireland. Bill to extend retention of Police Service of Northern Ireland Troubles-related fingerprint and DNA records until 2020-10 2018-06; lawyer for plaintiffs in Miami musical band lawsuit says told relevant records destroyed and government denying access to some intelligence files 2018-06; police chief constable says 45 million documents and 3 legacy IT systems have information on the Troubles 2018-08; Surrey Police destroyed records related to Guildford pub bombing in error 2018-12

United States. National Security Agency destroyed intercepted communications of warrantless surveillance, authority for such surveillance extended for 6 years 2018-01; HRW report on Federal government use of concealed methods to identify or investigate suspects 2018-01; fitness app allows identification of location of active duty military personnel 2018-01; health survey data shows many more children with autism 2018-01; report on traffickers forcing massage parlor workers to have commercial sex 2018-01;

Los Alamos National Laboratory no proper records of beryllium 2018-02; prostate cancer trials skewed because black men underrepresented 2018-02 supp.; 43% of HIV cases African Americans, but get fewer antiretroviral prescriptions 2018-02 supp.; high maternal and infant death rates among African Americans 2018-02 supp.; black lung disease increasing 2018-02 supp.; air pollution harmful to children 2018-02 supp.; 3-10% of community water systems unsafe for drinking 2018-02 supp.; 2500 sites that handle toxic chemicals are in flood-prone areas 2018-02 supp.; worst case housing needs report 2018-02 supp.; Southern Poverty Law Center identified 954 hate groups 2018-02 supp.; researchers mapped hate groups to geography 2018-02 supp.; Anti-Defamation League reported 57% increase of anti-Semitic incidents, 2017 over 2016 2018-02 supp.; Federal judiciary to track and release data on sexual harassment complaints against judges 2018-02 supp.; CIA retention schedule allows agency to destroy information it does not deem “significant” 2018-02 supp.; CIA said can withhold classified information under FOIA even if given to “selected” journalists 2018-02 supp.;

health ranking of women and children 2018-03; child sexual abuse results in less lifetime earnings 2018-03; hate crimes increased on college campuses in 2016 2018-03; Best Buy employees called Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) when found “illegal material” on computers being repaired 2018-03; park rangers stopped using body cameras, managing data too burdensome 2018-03;

first 8 months of Trump Administration more FOIA denials than in the past decade; documentation about sexual abuse while in immigration detention released under FOIA 2018-04; Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) “lost track” of nearly 1500 migrant children in 2017 2018-04; children put at risk by treatments given them by a child psychiatrist at the University of Illinois, falsified data 2018-04; Society of American Archivists opposed nominee for director of CIA who ordered destruction of records of CIA torture 2018-04; Securities and Exchange Commission issued guidance on records retention for “third-party” record keepers 2018-04; poverty study released 2018-04 supp.; Department of Justice Inspector General said recordkeeping polices inadequate at Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives 2018-04 supp.; *Journal of the American Medical Association* report on the top causes of death and “disease prevalence” 1996-2016 2018-04 supp.; National Academy report on the problems of getting accurate crime statistics 2018-04 supp.; Eviction Lab created national database of housing eviction rates 2018-04 supp.; agent in FBI office arrested for providing classified information to media, found by reverse engineering who had access to documents in FBI database 2018-04 supp.;

Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) responsible for mistreatment and wrongful death 2018-05; years of life lost due to police violence calculated, disproportionately impacts youth, especially people of color 2018-05; National Security Agency got 534 million records of phone calls and text messages 2017 2018-05; CIA to save permanently email from 426 email accounts 2018-05; African American and Latinos more likely to have serious depression than Whites 2018-05; African American children ages 5-12 commit suicide twice as often as white children 2018-05; breast cancer project having difficulty getting medical records 2018-05; National Institute of Health wants 1 million DNA samples, warning on privacy 2018-05; rightwing think-tanks toolkit on how to harm labor unions 2018-05 supp.;

separation of children from parents at border 2018-06; Department of Homeland Security digitizing fingerprints from 1990s to compare with naturalization applications, may deport 2018-06; suicide rates rising in nearly every state 2018-06; homicide arrest data shows cities with pockets of impunity from arrest 2018-06; police killings of unarmed black Americans negatively affects mental health of all black Americans 2018-06;

NGO asked National Archives to investigate whether records destroyed of families separated at border 2018-07; records sought on HHS handling immigrant children 2018-07; Justice Department reopened investigation into 1955 murder of Emmet Till 2018-07; Jehovah’s Witness records management “overseer” recommends destruction of records, had been fined for not giving court a list of suspected child molesters 2018-07;

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report occupation with highest mortality from opioid and drug use is construction 2018-08; CDC report greatest problem in access to health care for persons over 65 is cost 2018-08; lung disease among coal miners increasing although number of miners decreasing 2018-08; Society of American Archivists adopted “Protocols for Native American Archival

Materials” 2018-08; social survey data shows sexism highest in Southeast, persists from birth in region even if living elsewhere 2018-08; National Archives urged not to agree to Immigration and Customs Enforcement proposal to destroy some records of detainee operations 2018-08; people denied passports or passports revoked, allegation of fraudulent birth certificates along U.S.-Mexico border 2018-08; genealogy and genes linked to ALS disease 2018-08; Pennsylvania grand jury used Catholic church records, said 30 priests abused at least 1000 children over seven decades 2018-08; inadequate software used to document separation of children at Mexico border 2018-09; use of psychotropic medicines on children in foster care 2018-09; only 27% of human trafficking cases include restitution of “full amount of the victim’s losses” although required by law 2018-09; on social media site 4chan between July 2016 and January 2018 use of racial slurs for African Americans grew by 30% and for Jews doubled 2018-09; judge ruled that jury could be given “adverse instruction” because city officials and police destroyed criminal evidence 2018-09; call to unseal grand jury records on last mass lynching 2018-10; records of CBP use of force by agents, agents charged with crimes 2018-10; children in Rio Grande Valley held by CBP over the 72-hour limit 2018-10; American Civil Liberties Union sued government over family separations 2018-10; deaths from air pollution halved 1990-2010 2018-10; percent of uninsured noncitizens went from 70% 2010 to 54% 2015 2018-10; “genetic endowments” distributed equally but economic success concentrated in high-income families 2018-10; Board for Certification of Genealogists adopted new standards for use of DNA in genealogical work 2018-10; records of dust-collection monitors in coal mines show conditions for miners with black lung disease 2018-12; FBI call for contractor to burn 53 tons classified records 2018-12; Japanese-Americans who were in internment camps during WWII oppose citizenship question on 2020 census 2018-12; hate crimes poorly tracked, data unreliable 2018-12; homicide arrests made in 10 days or fewer in over 50% cases 2018-12; credit cards used to buy weapons for mass murders, banks and credit-card companies oppose systems to track gun purchases through their records 2018-12; Department of Homeland Security dropped requirement that all persons in a family taking in refugee children had to be fingerprinted 2018-12

United States/California. Los Angeles County review of criminal cases involving police with histories of misconduct 2018-01; San Francisco erasing records or reducing convictions for marijuana use 2018-01; legislature released records of 18 investigations of sexual harassment by lawmakers and senior staff members 2018-02 supp.

United States/Georgia. Cyberattack destroyed all Atlanta police department’s “dashcam archive” 2018-06

United States/Kentucky. Medicaid recipients required to work, file monthly paperwork, to reduce rolls 2018-01

United States/Louisiana. Opponents of Bayou Bridge pipeline ask court to order company to release records 2018-01

United States/New York. Board of Health said birth records closed 125 years from date of birth, death records 75 years date of death, only open records to city archives 2018-03; court said government may decline to acknowledge existence of records under FOIA 2018-04 supp.

United States/Pennsylvania. “Clean slate” bill 10 years after nonviolent crime 2018-07

United States/Puerto Rico. 4,645 “excess deaths” from Hurricane Maria 2018-05; assistance to rebuild homes hampered by lack of deeds and other legal documentation 2018-05; two different estimates of deaths from Hurricane Maria: 1,139 and 2,975 2018-08

United States/Texas. Suit against 3 “pharmacy benefit manager” companies for permitting high sales of opioids 2018-02 supp.; Hurricane Harvey’s health and environmental damage far more “toxic impact” than anticipated 2018-03; Rice University given collection on State’s leasing of prisoners to businesses 2018-07

Venezuela. UN OHCHR reported “continued impunity amid a dismal human rights situation,” urged UN to establish a commission of inquiry 2018-06

Vietnam. Vietnamese Political Prisoner Database launched 2018-03;

Yemen. Fire destroyed Awqaf Ministry archives on properties 2018-08

Zimbabwe. National Peace and Reconciliation Commission bill signed into law, Mugabe appointed commissioners in 2016 2018-01; Commission of Inquiry into August 1 post-election violence began public hearings 2018-10; report by Commission of Inquiry into August 1 post-election violence 2018-12