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### Abbreviations used

Comm.	Commentary in <i>News</i> issue
EU	European Union
HRW	Human Rights Watch
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IS	Islamic State, ISIS, ISIL
NGO	Non-governmental organization
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
SR	United Nations Special Rapporteur
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council

### *International and regional intergovernmental news*

**Council of Europe.** Annual penal statistics 2021, data from 49 European prison administrations, highest incarceration rates in Russia and Türkiye 2022-04

**Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.** Ruled punishment of consensual adult same-sex activity violates constitution of Antigua and Barbuda 2022-07

**European Commission.** Proposed adoption of directive on corporate sustainability due diligence 2022-02

**European Commission/United States.** Agreement in principle on Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework 2022-04

**European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).** Ruled Croatia does not have to give access to security classified transcripts of President Franjo Tudjman conversation 2022-02; 3 NGOs filed complaint alleging Russia effective control of part of Syria where man killed by alleged Wagner Group members, video of death led to identification killers, Russia intent to withdraw from ECtHR jurisdiction 2022-06; 2 families with daughters and grandchildren in Syrian refugee camps sued France for its refusal to repatriate, ECtHR ruled France must reexamine repatriation requested 2022-09; *Saure v. Germany* ruled Germany could refuse journalist's request for access to file on 1987 death of provincial prime minister, said Court not able to challenge nation's national security claim 2022-11

**European Court of Justice.** Ruled Germany's consumer protection association could bring a legal challenge against Meta over data privacy 2022-04; ruled that ultimate-beneficial ownership registries, where corporations declare which human beings control them and receive their profits, violate owners' right to privacy 2022-12

**European Parliament.** Adopted Digital Services Act, limits to personal data protection extended 2022-01; report on use of Pegasus and similar spyware, said elections could have been impacted by use 2022-11; voted to recognize the Holodomor, the 1932-33 famine in Ukraine, as genocide against the Ukrainian people, called on all countries to open archives related to the famine 2022-12

**European Union.** Digital Services Act requires Big Tech to "assess and manage systemic risks posed by their services" 2022-04; HRW and NGO Border Forensics multimedia report showed EU border agency Frontex used aerial surveillance to enable Libya to intercept migrant boats, NGO European Center for

Constitutional and Human Rights filed ICC complaint said EU responsible for crimes against humanity against migrants and refugees in Libya 2022-12

**Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC).** If archives eventually opened can see if investigation materials cases 003 and 004 accurately reflected in proposed indictments 2022-02; two new services to enhance access to public case file records 2022-03; finish last case by end of 2022, “focus on archiving thereafter” 2022-06 comm.; ECCC ended its work 2022-09

**International Civil Aviation Organization.** Issued report on diversion of Ryanair flight 23 May 2021 to Belarus and seizure two passengers, said Belarus not providing records, emails erased Belarus said “in accordance with data retention policy” 2022-01

**Inter-American Commission of Human Rights.** Review of 5,000 files of petitions without action by petitioner for over 3 years 2022-03

**International Court of Justice.** Ruled Uganda to pay reparations to Democratic Republic of Congo for 1998-2003 occupation, included damages by non-state actors and to environment 2022-02; ruled Colombia violated Nicaragua’s maritime economic zone, both countries must bring baselines of maritime areas into “conformity with customary international law” 2022-04; rejected Myanmar attempt to stop case on genocide against Rohingya 2022-07

**International Court of Justice/United Nations.** UN decolonization committee requested advisory opinion from Court on Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territory 2022-11

**International Criminal Court.** NGO Iran Human Rights Documentation Center asked ICC investigate Iranian and Syrian military officials for war crimes in Syria 2022-02; prosecutor said will open investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ukraine since 2014 2022-02; risks to prosecutions when using user-generated evidence 2022-03; arrest warrants for 3 former South Ossetian officials for crimes committed during the 2008 civil war in Georgia 2022-0; Abd-Al-Rahman trial opened, accused of war crimes in Darfur, Sudan, prosecutor’s opening statement included montage of 10 video clips 2022-04; with Eurojust published “Guidelines for Civil Society Organisations on Documentation of International Crimes and Human Rights Violations” 2022-09; *Al Jazeera Media Network* formal request for investigation and prosecution re killing of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, said Israel has campaign to silence *Al Jazeera* 2022-12; family of Nizar Banat who died in security service custody filed complaint against leadership of Palestinian National Authority for PA’s lack of prosecution of those responsible 2022-12

**International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).** *BIRN* awarding grants for use of ICTY archives 2022-06

**International Labor Organization.** Adopted “safe and healthy working environment” as 5<sup>th</sup> principle of “Fundamental Principles and Rights to Work” 2022-06; estimates issued of modern slavery, both forced labor and forced marriage 2022-09; major survey found almost 23% workers experience physical, psychological or sexual violence or harassment in the workplace 2022-12

**International Labor Organization and World Health Organization.** Women in health and care sectors earn 24% less than men, wider gap than any other employment sector, need data properly collected 2022-07

**International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.** Prosecutor announced last major fugitive indicted for Rwanda genocide died 2006 in Zimbabwe, family and friends gave false statements to investigators 2022-05; prosecutor said when IRMCT ends “thousands” of cases need to be completed in national courts, more than 1,000 fugitives indicted by Rwanda and more than 3,000 suspected perpetrators of crimes in Balkans, IRMCT evidence collection more than 11 million pages 2022-06; difficulty resettling men who completed their ICTR (International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda) sentences, Niger backed out of agreement to host 2022-06; activists call for ICTR physical archives to be turned over to Rwanda 2022-06

**Kosovo Specialist Chambers.** Kosovo Liberation Army War Veterans’ Organization leader and deputy guilty of unauthorized revelation of court information and personal information about protected witnesses

2022-05; over a million pages disclosed in case against former Kosovo president Hashim Thaci, other cases with huge numbers documents and videos, problem of translation for use in court 2022-09; first war crimes judgement sentenced Sali Mustafa to 26 years prison 2022-12

**Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.** National Contact Points in Australia, Switzerland, and U.K. said Global Legal Action Network complaints against mining companies BHP, Anglo American and Glencore over Cerrejon mine in Colombia could go forward 2022-01

**Residual Court for Sierra Leone.** Canada grant to improve storage conditions for SCAL and Truth and Reconciliation Commission archives 2022-04

**Special Tribunal for Lebanon.** Acquittals reversed because trial court wrongly assessed evidence from mobile phone records 2022-03; closing end July 2022 2022-06 commentary

**UNESCO.** UNESCO Observatory said 55 journalists and media professionals killed 2021, nearly 9 of 10 killed since 2006 murders still unresolved 2022-01

**UNICEF.** Verified over 266,000 grave violations against children in 30 armed conflict situations 2005-2020 2022-06

**United Nations.**

**2022-01.** General Assembly resolution condemned Holocaust denial 2022-01; interview with former judge on Security Council's ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee 2022-01

**2022-02.** UN Staff Union said at least 25 UN staff members and associated personnel killed in deliberate attacks 2021 2022-02; UN Centre for Humanitarian Data said 69% complete crisis data available for 27 humanitarian operations 2022-02; SR on human rights defenders said action need against strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP), NGO said 355 SLAPP cases since 2015 2022-02; Ukraine questioned legality of Russia succeeding to USSR's seat on Security Council 2022-02

**2022-03.** 1936 Montreux Convention gives Türkiye control over water route between Black and Mediterranean Seas 2022-03; report on 2021 UN efforts to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse in its work 2022-03; Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women landmark ruling criminalization of consensual same-sex intimacy between women is a human rights violation 2022-03; UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health report on water security in Africa, lament poor data 2022-03

**2022-04.** July 1961 file from French intelligence service includes copy of document apparently written by member of far-right French dissident paramilitary group calling for death of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld 2022-04; UN Convention to Combat Desertification published report that up to 40% of planet's land is degraded 2022-04

**2022-05.** UNHRC established Independent International Commission of Inquiry into possible war crimes committed by Russian troops in Ukraine late February and March 2022 2022-05

**2022-06.** Published "Heightened Human Rights Due Diligence for Business in Conflict-Affected Contexts: A Guide" 2022-06

**2022-07.** General Assembly declared access to a clean healthy and sustainable environment a universal human right 2022-07; 5 agencies published state of food security, said hunger increasing, 31.9% women moderately or severely food insecure 2022-07; report on grave violations against children during armed conflict, said Nigeria data not up to standard to count 2022-07

**2022-09.** Working Group on Business and Human Rights published "information note" on "responsible business conduct in the arms sector" 2022-09; UNDP Human Development Index said standard of living declined for two years in a row 2022-09; UN, African Union Commission, the Economic Community of West African States, and the Group for Five for the Sahel launched an Independent High-Level Panel on Security and Development in the Sahel 2022-09; sexual abuse by aid workers at UN-run Malakal camp in South Sudan 2022-09, known by UN since 2015 2022-09

2022-10. UN procurement database showed nearly 47% of procurement funding in Syria in 2019 and 2020 went to risky or highly risky suppliers 2022-10; women's and children's health suffered "dramatic setbacks" in low-and middle-income countries since 2020 2022-10; UN Environment Program report said uncertainties of historical data on emissions of pollutants 2022-10 comm.

2022-11. South Africa court ruled group of UN SRs could intervene in a dispute over claims of lead poisoning around Kabwe mine in Zambia 2022-11; 3 SRs sent letter of concern over water contamination from Veladero gold mine in Argentina to governments of Argentina, Canada, China and mining companies Barrick Gold and Shandong Gold 2022-11; UN Women and UN Office on Drugs and Crimes said majority female homicides gender-related, number probably understated because in 173 Member States where have data 4 of 10 cases insufficient information recorded 2022-11; General Assembly resolved to create register of damages suffered by Ukrainians in war 2022-11; report from NGO and university researchers said UN has not paid adequate compensation to refugees who were poisoned while living in UN-operated camps in Kosovo that were on land contaminated by lead 2022-11

2022-12. Launched year-long campaign to showcase Universal Declaration of Human Rights 2022-12; UN Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL digitized 5.5 million pages evidence, supporting digitization at 6 Iraqi sites 2022-12; Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women adopted General Recommendation 39 on Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls 2022-12; 8 countries put on UN agenda a timetable for debating draft convention on crimes against humanity 2022-12; UN Convention on Biological Diversity agreed to establish a mechanism for depositing digital sequence information on genetic resources 2022-12; launched International Decade of Indigenous Languages, including documentation of languages 2022-12

**United Nations Development Program.** Launching new digital strategy 2022-02

**United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.** Issued revised Istanbul Protocol *Manual on the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* 2022-06

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.** Concluded smartcard registration drive for 1.4 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan 2022-01; said "data is at the foundation of what UNHCR does" 2022-01; 100 million people forcibly displaced, first time on record 2022-05; global forced displacement increased every year past decade, 2/3 refugees originate from just 5 countries 2022-07; Syrians in refugee camp in Jordan access benefits by iris scan, NGOs question surrendering biometric data for aid 2022-12

**United Nations Population Fund.** Nearly 1/3 women in developing countries bear child at age 19 or younger, birth complications a leading cause of death and injury for adolescent girls 2022-07; UN Population Fund Columbia supports mobile app to use to register newborns, scraped Spanish-language websites and identified 22 harmful myths about contraception 2022-12

**World Bank.** International Finance Corporation loans to Chinese clients who are committing human rights violations against Uyghur peoples 2022-02; civil society organizations called on Bank and its donors to cease activities that "promote harmful model of digital identification systems," urged Bank to fund an independent investigation of its role in supporting digital ID systems globally 2022-09

**World Health Organization.** Only 68% of countries have capacity to monitor pathogens and analyze their genetic similarities and differences 2022-03; report from ground monitoring data from 6,000 cities and settlements showed most of world's population breathing unsafe levels of air pollutants, India's data missing, Africa data spotty, Israel's data 7 years old 2022-04; Cuban doctors sued Pan American Health Organization for facilitating maltreatment by Cuba for their services, forced labor, seized travel documents 2022-04; using national data on reported deaths from COVID and survey data, estimate nearly 15 million excess deaths 2022-05; latest investigation COVID-19 said origins inconclusive, data from China missing 2022-06; refugees and migrants denied access to healthcare in host countries because lack legal identity 2022-07; data on oral diseases showed worldwide health impact 2022-11

**World Meteorological Organization.** Half world countries do not have multi-hazard early warning systems 2022-03

## **World/General news**

### **Business records.**

2022-01. Pilots said Qatar Airways undercounting work hours, they do not file fatigue reports fearing “additional scrutiny” 2022-01; Serbia announced stopped Rio Tinto project on proposed lithium mine 2022-01; Australia review commissioned by Rio Tinto found sexual assault and harassment of workers 2022-01; Zimbabwe fined Chinese mining company Edsabri for conducting gold mining activities without environmental assessment certificate 2022-01; 2002 lawsuit against ExxonMobil for human rights violations by Indonesian military guarding ExxonMobil plant in Aceh finally going to trial 2022-01; Nicaraguan farmers filed suit in France against Shell Oil, Dow Chemical and Occidental Chemical to require them to comply with sentences in 2002 and 2007 in Nicaraguan courts, damage from pesticide Nemagon 2022-01; 145 Cameroonians filed suit in France to force Bolloré group to produce documents on its control of Socapalm and the harm caused by commercial palm groves 2022-01; U.S. court ordered Coca-Cola to give Cambodian plaintiffs documents on its investigation of its Mitr Phol supplier and 2008-2009 evictions 2022-01

2002-02. Credit Suisse documents leaked, showed clients involved in crime, Bank strongly rejected claim 2022-02; lawsuit of Sandy Hook parents against Remington settled, families to release Remington records on marketing weapon used in shooting at Sandy Hook school 2022-02; *National Geographic* reported on ReconAfrica oil company actions in Namibia’s Okavango Delta 2022-02

2022-03. Mining company Solway records leak showed company illegal actions in El Estor, Guatemala 2022-03; Mozambique court ordered VALE mining to give NGO VALE’s 2012-2020 environmental monitoring reports 2022-03; Mexico cancelled 2 mining concessions in Indigenous communities, overturned government claim communities were “not Indigenous enough” 2022-03; French court ruled NGOs to have access to internal documents of oil company Perenco on activities in Democratic Republic of Congo 2022-03; Dutch court ruled Royal Dutch Shell not liable for 1995 death Nigerian Ken Saro-Wiwa and 8 others, rejected disclosure requests for more Shell records 2022-03; 22.5 million email records Swedish telecommunications company Ericsson showed payments to IS to work in Iraq 2022-03; Global Witness test of Facebook criteria for eliminating hate speech against Rohingya 2022-03; Rohingya youth filed complaint against Facebook in Ireland for facilitating genocide 2022-03; Johnson & Johnson product testing showed in 1960s men in Pennsylvania prison paid to inject potentially cancer-causing asbestos to compare effect to talc in baby powder 2022-03

2022-04. Honduras Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment ordered mining company MINOSA to suspend gold mining under a cemetery where members of Maya Chorti are buried, must prove it has legal authorization to exhume bodies 2022-04; two Swiss NGOs report Kolmar Group AG purchased and smuggled gasoil from Libya 2014-2015, complicit in war crime of pillage 2022-04; NGO Global Witness said International Tin Supply Chain Initiative “appears to facilitate” laundering of mineral, need better public data on mining supply chains 2022-04; Business & Human Rights Resource Center opened Transition Minerals Tracker 2022-04

2022-05. NGOs report Spanish company Airbus Defence and Space S.A. export arms to Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates for use in Yemen 2022-05; French appeals court confirmed cement giant Lafarge to face trial on charges of complicity in crimes against humanity related to alleged payoffs to IS and others during Syria’s civil war 2022-05; Australian Aboriginal Corporation and Rio Tinto preliminary agreement to co-manage land mined for iron ore 2022-05; investigation found companies failed to provide more than 100,000 hectares of land to communities in Borneo’s Central Kalimantan province as required by Indonesian law 2022-05; Brazilian labor court summoned Volkswagen on accusations of slavery during 1974-1986 military dictatorship, 2,000 pages of testimonies and police reports used by German media on case 2022-05; Thailand’s appeals court said sugar company Mitr Phol to be tried for family displacement to create industrial sugar plantations 2022-05; Canada new policies to modernize work of fisheries observers on fishing vessels in wake of whistleblower reports of harassment 2022-05

2022-06. NGO Global Witness used satellite data, found industrial rubber cultivation biggest threat to tropical forests central and west Africa 2022-06; U.S. court dismissed suit by 8 citizens Mali against 7 companies for child slavery on Ivory Coast cocoa farms 2022-06; survey growing number criminal proceedings aimed at holding multinational companies accountable for serious human rights violations 2022-06

2022-07. Review of Lafarge case alleged payoffs ISIS in Syria 2022-07; people on Indonesian island Pari sued Holcim for causing climate change, Holcim one of 50 biggest CO2 emitting companies 2022-07; France investigation Groupe Castel for complicity in militia's war crimes Central African Republic 2022-07; Uber files leak show company practices, exploit violence against drivers 2022-07; pregnant women in Brazil meat plants excess risk of maternal disorders 2022-07; U.K. court of appeals allowed to proceed biggest group claim in U.K. history against BHP for damages tailings dam collapse Brazil 2022-07; Facebook allowed hate speech posts in Kenya 2022-07

2022-08. Environmental NGOs sued Total for "greenwashing" in advertisements, illegal under French law 2022-08; Brazilian soybean farm Brasilia do Sul on officially recognized Indigenous land, shipment records show U.S. and Europe buyers 2022-08; Johnson & Johnson ceases all sales of talc-based baby powder 2022-08; Facebook distributed fake ads on Brazil election that were submitted by NGO Global Witness 2022-08; Switzerland court said had jurisdiction on suit by Indian farm plaintiffs against Sygenta for insecticide poisoning 2022-08; U.S. court awarded damages 2 Ohio counties for opioid distribution by CVS, Walgreens and Walmart, requires public archives of companies' opioid-related documents 2022-08; difficulty with data in Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Disclosure Database 2022-08

2022-09. South Africa court invalidated Royal Dutch Shell and Impact Africa permit to use seismic tests for fossil fuels along West Coast 2022-09; Mexico agrarian tribunal voided land lease contracts of Spanish company Renovalia Energy for wind farm, said on communal lands 2022-09; land conflicts between Indigenous people and Brasil Biofuels and Agropalma's plantation operations 2022-09; cattle raised on invaded Indigenous land slaughtered by Marfrig and supplied to Nestle 2022-09; Carrefour accused of using products from suppliers deforesting Amazon, August had record number of fires in Amazon 2022-09; U.S. court ruled families suing Chiquita Brands International for funding AUC paramilitary death squads in Colombia can proceed to trial 2022-09; ThermoFisher U.S. company selling DNA equipment to police in Xinjiang region China 2022-09; U.S. House obtained fossil fuel industry documents showing companies misled public on dangers 2022-09; U.S. researchers said utility industry funded groups to promote climate change doubt, responsibility of others 2022-09; satellite data show undeclared emissions from Iraqi oil wells, high levels of all types of cancer in Basra region 2022-09; Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project published *Sigan el dinero* (follow the money) on how to research records and databases in Latin American, U.S., Belize and British Virgin Islands 2022-09

2022-10. Brazilian gold refiner Marsam removed from Responsible Minerals Initiative's list of smelter and refiners deemed to follow best sourcing practices 2022-10; TikTok takes up to 70% of the proceeds of donations to displaced families in Syrian camps 2022-10; French cement maker Lafarge pleaded guilty in U.S. court for making payments to terrorist groups in Syria including ISIS 2022-10; oil fields encroached on 1,647 Indigenous territories and 52 protected areas in Amazon 2022-10

2022-11. UN High-level Expert Group on Net Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities report recommended non-state actors publicly disclose annually greenhouse gas data 2022-11; OHCHR letter to Elon Musk on Twitter responsibilities to respect human rights 2022-11; 4 Nigerian widows who had sued Shell for damages dropped lawsuit after court in March rejected their request for disclosure more Shell records 2022-11; 21 Tanzanians sued mining company Barrick Gold in Canada for human rights violations and deaths at its North Mara gold mine 2022-11; 2 NGOs used Perenco oil company in France for company water, air and soil pollution in Democratic Republic of Congo 2022-11; JBS meat company admitted buying cattle from farmer who is major Amazon deforester 2022-11; Sweden's supreme court said Sweden can prosecute Lundin Energy's former chief executive for aiding and abetting war crimes in South Sudan in November 2021 and in oil concession area 1997-2003 2022-11; 15 *El Faro* staff members sued NSO Group for providing Pegasus spyware that El Salvador government used to infiltrate the phones of 22 staffers 2022-11

2022-12. Unreliable land titles in Brazil, court ordered Agropalma's title revoked as on Indigenous ancestral land, Agropalma admitted had counterfeited deeds but seeking to repurchase same land 2022-12; Global Witness NGO video and interview evidence on attacks by armed men acting on behalf Brasil Biofuels (BBF) against Indigenous communities in oil palm areas, Cargill suspended BBF from palm supply chain 2022-12; Shell agreed to \$15.9 million compensation to Nigerian communities impacted by 4 oil spills 2004-2007, leaks still occurring 2022-12; Meta sued in Kenya for posts calling for violence that led to human rights abuses and killings in Ethiopia 2022-12; NGO issued "Telco Giants Scorecard" on 12 biggest companies, found none had company policies adequate to protect human rights 2022-12; 4 major suppliers of Hyundai Motor Company and Kia Corporation employed child labor at Alabama, U.S., factories, fake IDs used 2022-12

**Child abuse.** Europol arrested "dozens" suspects posting child abuse images and videos 2022-03; NGO Internet Watch Foundation data 252,194 URLs containing child sexual abuse imagery online last 12 months, up 64% from 2020 2022-04

**Citizenship.** Spain passed law granting citizenship to grandchildren of people exiled under Franco dictatorship and descendants of women who lost citizenship by marriage to non-Spaniards 2022-10

**Climate change.** Norwegian aerial images of glaciers, 1936 and 1938, used to model change in extent and thickness 2022-01; heritage sites along Africa's coasts facing increased risk 2022-02; examples of rapid evolution among plants and animals as climate changed 2022-02; Texas oil and gas operators flaring gas far in excess of total reported to regulatory agencies 2022-02; NGO World Weather Attribution said analysis of storms hampered by shortage of weather data for southeast Africa, Madagascar weather stations destroyed during its 16-year civil war and not replaced 2022-04; Philippines Commission on Human Rights report 47 world's most polluting companies willfully obstructed climate science and efforts towards global clean energy 2022-05; report on the extent and nature of climate disinformation by analyzing social media posts 2022-06; Brazil supreme court declared Paris Agreement on climate change a human right treaty to take precedence over national laws 2022-07; record-setting droughts and floods, archives destroyed U.S. and probably Pakistan 2022-08; 3 main greenhouse gases at record high 2021 2022-10 comm.; health impacts from heat and food insecurity 2022-10 comm.; 2017 report 100 fossil fuel companies responsible for 71% global emissions since 1988 2022-10 comm.; Africa Climate Mobility Model launched 2022-11; United Nations Climate Change Conference ended, promised "loss and damage" fund for vulnerable countries harmed by climate change 2022-11; EU adopted law requiring firms supplying palm oil, cattle, soy, coffee, cocoa, timber and rubber and some derivatives to prove supply chains not fueling destruction of forests 2022-12; U.S. House Oversight Committee released documents acquired by subpoena from 4 oil companies and a trade association, showed 2015-2021 continued to downplay climate impacts of fossil fuels, bully media 2022-12

**Colonialism.** Ukraine news agency and journalists created online Volya Hub to host content about Russian colonization in Eastern and Central Europe, Baltic States and Central Asia, counter Russian disinformation 2022-12

**Elections.** Researchers looked at willingness of people in 22 countries in Americas to trade election for material guarantees of basic income and services 2022-09

**Environment.** Satellite images show 4,000 square kilometers Amazon destroyed January-June, most in 6 month period 2022-07; Igarape Institute study role criminal economies and players in deforestation Amazon Basic, used police records 2022-07; report on environmental and human rights abuses companies planning or operating hydropower plants Armenia, Georgia, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, funding by international financial institutions, issues of access to information 2022-07; ruptures of Nord Stream natural gas pipeline under Baltic Sea monitored by satellites 2022-09

**Environment and land defenders.** 2002 land and environment defenders killed in 2021; Mexico most (54) 2022-09

**Forced disappearance.** European Human Rights Advocacy Centre, U.K., released Enforced Disappearance Legal Database of worldwide jurisprudence 2022-09

**Forced labor.** First time no systematic forced labor in Uzbek 2021 cotton harvest 2022-03

**Freedom.** *Freedom in the World* annual report NGO Freedom House 2022-05 comm.

**Genocide.** German parliament declared 1930s famine in Ukraine a genocide 2022-11

**Human rights.** NGO Human Rights Measurement Initiative report on negative effect of COVID-19 pandemic on human rights practices in 39 countries 2022-04

**Human rights defenders.** NGO Business & Human Rights Resource Centre said since 2015 more than 3,800 cases of attacks on human rights defenders, more than 1 in 5 against women 2022-03; NGO Business & Human Rights Resource Centre database information on 4,295 attacks, including SLAPPs, since 2015 2022-10; NGOs Business & Human Rights Resource Centre and Indigenous People Rights International report nearly 20% of attacks globally on human rights defenders since 2015 have been against Indigenous defenders 2022-11

**Human trafficking.** Mexican trafficker said WhatsApp and Facebook “opened the market” worldwide 2022-08

**Internally displaced persons.** Secrecy of data on internally displaced in Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia and South Sudan, impairs aid and development 2022-11

**Labor rights.** U.S. National Labor Relations Board ordered Google to turn over documents to workers who alleged retaliation for worker activism, Google hired IRI Consultants to develop anti-union efforts 2022-01; Sri Lankan garment workers unions signed agreement with employer association to establish health committees and a dispute resolution mechanism 2022-01

**Medical records.** U.S. study of over 15 million Medicare beneficiaries showed higher mortality risk when living in area of oil and gas fracking operations 2022-01; digital archives of brain scans available for research in Warsaw 2022-02; 82% of persons using FamilyTreeDNA learned the identity of at least one genetic relative 2022-02; MEDITECH and Google Health to collaborate to “propel data liquidity” 2022-03; contract between U.S. Galveston National Laboratory (part of University of Texas) and Wuhan, China, Institute of Virology says Institute has right to ask the U.S. lab to destroy all records of the joint work, university said would preserve “all documentation of its research and findings” 2022-04; Chartered Public Accountants Canada said healthcare companies 4 times as likely to be targeted for hacking than any other industry, patient information worth 10 to 40 times value of credit card number on black market 2022-04; U.K. statistics on births and noise data showed air pollution from road traffic in London adversely affects fetal growth 2022-04; Google sued in U.K. for use of 2015 confidential medical records from Royal Free NHS Trust in London to test smartphone app 2022-05; epidemiological data from 195 countries and territories showed pollution responsible for an estimated 9 million deaths around world 2019 2022-05; U.S. cleared for use StrivePD software using Apple’s Movement Disorder API to track symptoms of Parkinson’s disease from an Apple watch 2022-06; U.S. data from 1,433 clinical trials show females underrepresented even when majority patients female 2022-06; artificial intelligence able to diagnose Alzheimer’s disease from audio recording of patient interviews 2022-07; children living near fracking well nearly 2 times odds of developing acute lymphoblastic leukemia 2022-08; “forever chemicals” (PFAs) ubiquitous in products, high levels associated with 4.5 fold cancer risk 2022-08; data shows differences in cancer survival rate in U.S. Asians compared to Native Hawaiian and other Pacific islanders 2022-08; minutes of expert committee meetings show India’s government approved Covid vaccine although discrepancies in clinical trials 2022-11; environmental costs associated with expanding digital care systems, including costs of generating, stored and retaining data 2022-11; International Peace Institute NGO published *Strengthening Data to Protect Healthcare in Conflict Zones* 2022-12; U>S>



researchers used data from Canadian and European studies to estimate that 7.4 million of the 130 annual visits to hospital emergency rooms in U.S. result in inaccurate diagnoses 2022-12

**Migration.** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported 537 migrants died along U.S.-Mexico border October 2020-September 2021, IOM said 650 in calendar year 2021 2022-02; IOM said more than 1,160 migrants died at sea attempting to reach Europe from North Africa in first half 2021, 155% increase from 2020 2022-02; UN agencies and NGOs said more than 47,000 people have died in 8 years on migration routes, States should regularly collect and make public data on migrant deaths 2022-03; report as many as 10,000 South and South-east Asia workers die every year in 6 Gulf States 2022-03; UNHCR and IOM said Darien Gap one of most dangerous migrant routes 2022-03; U.S. CBP records on U.S. and Mexican governments' efforts to "surveil, detain and deport migrants" 2022-03; NGO Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) made public dataset on alleged human rights abuses along U.S.-Mexico border at hands of U.S. CBP since 2020 2022-04; CBP records show October 2020-September 2021 12,212 unaccompanied minors stopped at border had been previously expelled, parents choosing to self-separate 2022-05; U.S. Government Accountability Office said CBP not collecting, recording or reporting to Congress complete data on migrant deaths 2022-05; HRW saw videos and photographs of deaths of 23 male migrants, graves, at the Melilla (Spain)-Morocco border 24 June 2022-06; HRW said most 2021 asylum seekers enter Mexico undocumented 2022-06; Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance received more than 130,000 refugee applications, processed only 38,005 2022-06; Mexico's migration agency issued nearly 7,000 temporary documents and transit visas, papers give one month to leave or begin applications 2022-06; U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement records nearly 600 episodes when migrant children in government custody said had considered or attempted suicide, before or since arriving in U.S., no child died by suicide in custody 2022-06; Sikhs arriving at U.S.-Mexico border had religious headwear taken, WOLA said many cases non-return of documents and belongings 2022-08; fraudulent medical reports require bribes by persons seeking to work in Gulf countries 2022-08; "staggering violence" against migrants by Mexican cartels and corrupt officials 2022-09; researchers' analysis of records on U.S. CBP apprehensions at Mexican border found 60% persons made at least more than one unlawful entry, data totals misleading 2022-09; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights warned U.S. about transferring migrants between states without proper coordination 2022-09; U.S. CBP said year ending 30 September 2.38 million stops of unauthorized attempts to enter from Mexico 2022-10; *BBC* documentary June 24 clash at border between Morocco and Spain's Melilla enclave, alleged bodies buried without identification 2022-11; Border Violence Monitoring Network NGOs said migrants illegally pushed back at EU external borders and from within member states 2022-12; aids workers, Save the Children, Medecins San Frontieres, ship leasing company charged in Sicily with aiding and abetting illegal immigration 2022-12, police surveillance of groups shown in documents filed in court 2022-12

**Press freedom.** Reporters without Borders *World Press Freedom Index* 2022-05 comm.

**Privacy.** ICRC servers hacked 2022-01; Myanmar NGO fears sale of Norwegian Telenor to Lebanese and Myanmar companies will make data available to Myanmar military 2022-02; French data privacy regulator CNIL said Google Analytics risks giving U.S. intelligence services access to users' data 2022-02; Crisis Text Line provides anonymized data to its for-profit spinoff Loris.ai 2022-02; *BBC* monitored 18 Telegram channels and 24 groups, found women's intimate picture shared to harass, shame, blackmail, also found child abuse videos, slow Telegram response 2022-02; 6 NGOs settled lawsuit against Clearview AI which agreed not to sell its facial recognition database to most U.S. companies and to no Illinois government entities for 5 years 2022-05; Twitter agreed to pay \$150 million fine for illegally using peoples' personal data to help sell targeted advertisements 2022-05; financial services company Morgan Stanley fined by U.S. for selling old hardware devices with client data 2022-09; France's privacy office fined Clearview AI 20 million euros for failing to obey 2021 order to stop processing French citizens' information and delete information already collected 2022-10; association of mobile network and cell phone industry annual report said 157 countries have mandatory prepaid SIM card registration requirements that data on mobile service goes to government 2022-11; EU data protection officer said European Border and Coast Guard Agency, Frontex, sending data of suspects of cross-border crimes to

Europol, privacy risk to migrants 2022-11; Irish data protection commission fined Meta for failing to comply with EU General Data Protection Regulation obligations 2022-11; Google promised in July to delete entries for locations deemed personal including medical facilities, data still available late November 2022-11; Google paid 40 U.S. states to settle investigation into location tracking features 2022-11; TikTok confirm its staff allowed to access user data 2022-11; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement data posted for 5 hours, identified 6,252 asylum seekers in custody 2022-11; video of man raping 9-year-old daughter in 2016 continues to circulate despite police, prosecutors and internet companies efforts to remove images 2022-12; Google paid \$29.5 million to settle lawsuits by U.S. state Indiana and District of Columbia on company's tracking of consumer locations 2022-12; 6 "biometric capture" devices used by U.S. troops in Middle East sold on eBay with data on thousands of people, bought by European hackers 2022-12

**Refugees.** UNHCR issued biometric ID cards to refugees from Central African Republic in Cameroon 2022-08; interviews and U.K., Italy, Greece court documents show wrongful prosecution of asylum seekers as smugglers 2022-09; location of records related to Al-Hol camp, Syria, 2022-11 comm.; estimated 24,000 people arrived Kenya's Dadaab camps since end of September escaping Somali violence and drought, cholera in camp 2022-12

**Religious archives.** Egypt discovered and government confiscated cache of Jewish archives in old Cairo cemetery, Jewish community angry 2022-03; Vatican confirmed secret sanction of Bishop Carlos Ximenes Belo for sexual abuses, Portugal investigating possible cover-up by Church, UN asked Vatican to authorize investigation into Belo's assignments and retirement 2022-10

**Repatriation.** "Pandora Papers" identified dealer of stolen Cambodian items, fake documents, U.S. returned item 2022-08; Indonesia request to Netherlands return natural history materials including remains of Java man, Netherlands setting up commission to review 2022-11; 2 petitions from Egypt demand U.K. return Rosetta stone 2022-11; Musee de l'Homme made public "stripped-down" information from database on ca. 18,000 skulls it holds 2022-11; Germany returned 22 Benin Bronzes to Nigeria, U.K. University of Cambridge will return 116 Benin Bronzes to Nigerian National Commission for Museums and Monuments, Vatican will return 3 pieces of Parthenon marbles to the head of the Greek Orthodox Church 2022-12

**Restitution.** Nairobi symposium speakers demand restitution of archival film footage and audio recordings taken during colonial period 2022-06

**Slavery.** *Washington Post* report on slaveholders in U.S. Congresses in the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries 2022-01; database comparisons show armed conflicts linked to contemporary slavery 2022-08; Bank of England governing body minutes show Bank owned two sugar plantations in Grenada in 1770s, possessed 599 enslaved persons 2022-10; prime minister Netherlands apologized for the Netherlands' role in slavery and the slave trade, established \$212 million fund to tackle legacy, slavery memorial year starting 1 July 2023 2022-12

**Technology.** Pegasus software, NSO Group sales, used to surveil human rights activists and journalists 2022-01 comm.; Yazidis compiled report on Big Tech companies failing to stamp out hate speech, trading in kidnapped women and girls 2022-02; SJAC announced its Bayanat data analysis methodology open source 2022-03; open source intelligence in Russia-Ukraine war provided new avenues for attack, errors 2022-03; Taliban in Afghanistan holding sensitive biometric data Western donor governments left behind in August 2021 2022-03; Indigenous groups in Canada using ground penetrating radar to look for burial sites at former residential schools, children's records incomplete 2022-03; Pegasus spyware found on hacked mobile phones of 4 human rights defenders in Jordan 2022-04; gunman who killed 10 people in Buffalo, New York, supermarket livestreamed the attack on Twitch, taken down in 2 minutes, posted to Twitter for 4 hours until taken down 2022-05; Indigenous groups in Brazil's Amazon using social media to pressure authorities to respond threats against them, Federal Prosecutor's Office set up website to register reported crimes and receive uploaded visual evidence 2022-05; Meta issued first annual human

rights report, NGOs want full release assessment Meta's India performance 2022-07; Meta commissioned report on impact of content moderation on Palestinian human rights during May 2021 violence, found media had adverse impact 2022-09; Meta fined 405 million euros by Irish Data Protection Commission for failing to protect children's privacy 2022-09; NGOs warned that technology-driven ID systems violate human rights and exacerbate insecurity 2022-09; ICRC proposed a digital emblem to alert computer system attackers that its data protected by IHL in times of armed conflict 2022-11; Wikileaks website reduced to less than 3,000 accessible documents 2022-11; study of markets for stolen data 1 September 2020 to 30 April 2021 found 2,158 vendors, 30 marketplaces, 96,672 products sold 2022-12; researchers sent fake ads with threats to Facebook, TikTok and YouTube prior to U.S. election, Facebook accepted 15 of 20 with death threats, YouTube and TikTok suspended the submitting account 2022-12; technologies designed to combat Covid-19 used by law enforcement and intelligence services for other purposes 2022-12; investigation found 49 of 50 telehealth companies shared data with outside tech giants 2022-12

**World War II.** Czech Institute published digital copies Soviet secret police files on 1,000 Czechoslovaks imprisoned in Soviet Gulag during World War II, records from Ukraine oblast archives 2022-01; Japan and Taiwan opened records on Indian nationalist Subhas Chandra Bose who died in 1945 plane crash 2022-01; YIVO Institute (U.S.) completed virtual reunification of original Lithuanian YIVO Institute's books and documents divided during the Holocaust 2022-01; Jehovah's Witnesses "pursuing legal action" against German government to obtain archives of a Witness family now held in German Museum of Military History, sold by family member against will of sister 2022-01; Dutch publisher ceased distribution of book on Anne Frank, anonymous letter used as evidence criticized 2022-01; Russia terminated WWII peace talks with Japan over Japan's position on the Ukraine war 2022-03; Japan said government has no documents showing coercion in recruitment of "comfort women" 2022-03; Amsterdam city archives exhibition on 400 Jewish men seized in raids February 1941 2022-03; Pope Francis ordered online publication 170 volumes of files of requests for Vatican help from Jewish groups and families 2022-06; German court sentenced 101-year-old former Nazi concentration camp guard, trial used document with his name 2022-06; Ukrainian foreign ministry called on international community to recognize Stalin's deportation of Crimean Tatars as genocide 2022-06; Bolivian mining magnate rescued European Jews, personal papers showed 2022-08; U.S. State of New York requires museum signage of art created before 1945 that "changed ownership" under Nazi rule, also must to be registered in Art Loss Register 2022-08; facial recognition technology to put names to persons in WWII era photographs 2022-11; U.S. Center for Jewish History launched DNA Reunion Project, free DNA kits and advice from genealogists 2022-11; Czech Radio digitizing 1,300 discs of recordings from 1946 trial of Nazi security official Karl Hermann Frank 2022-11; former secretary at Stutthof Nazi concentration camp found guilty of complicity in murder 2022-12

### **Bilateral and multilateral news**

**Afghanistan/Australia.** Former Australian military lawyer David McBride prosecuted for leaking documents on alleged war crimes in Afghanistan to ABC 2022-10; Afghans who apply for Australian protection visa difficulties, Australian authorities mistrust Afghan identity documents 2022-11

**Afghanistan/Australia/Timor-Leste.** Australia released report on allegations of military misconduct 1999 Timor, echoed report on allegations military war crimes in Afghanistan 2022-07

**Afghanistan/Pakistan/United Kingdom.** Afghanistan does not recognize Durand Line as border with Pakistan, 1893 Line drawn with U.K. 2022-01

**Afghanistan/United Kingdom.** U.K. special forces records suggest U.K. military unlawful killings Afghanistan, failure to provide evidence in murder inquiry 2022-07; NGO said 2006-2014 64 confirmed child victims in Afghanistan where U.K. military paid compensation, number could be as high as 135 2022-11; U.K. Ministry of Defense established inquiry on allegations of "wrongdoing" in deliberate detention operations in Afghanistan mid-2010 to mid-2013 2022-12

**Afghanistan/United States.** Report on civilians killed by U.S. Central Intelligence Agency-trained Afghan Zero Unit squad 2022-12

**Albania/Iran.** Iranian hackers published personal information from Albanian State Police's database 2022-10

**Algeria/France.** French conscript who photographed secret documents during Algerian war called for documents in private hands to go to national archives 2022-03; call for release of records of French army's "war of the caves" 2022-04; unpublished archives of French president Charles de Gaulle show he and his administration knew about the massacre of Algerians in Paris 17 October 1961 but kept those responsible in posts 2022-06; joint proclamation to open up archives in both countries to a joint commission of historians to study "contentious issues of historical memory" 2022-08; 24 skulls said to be of Algerian resistance fighters returned from France in 2020, documents now show only 6 were those of resistance fighters 2022-10

**Algeria/France/French Polynesia.** France to declassify documents on French nuclear tests in French Polynesia but not on tests in Algeria 2022-02

**Antigua-Barbuda/United Kingdom.** U.K. Privy Council ruled against communal land rights in Barbuda 2022-06

**Argentina/Nicaragua.** Argentina's justice ministry opened investigation of possible crimes against humanity by Nicaragua's president Daniel Ortega and associates 2022-10

**Argentina/United Kingdom.** U.K. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office destroyed more than 300 folders of records relating to U.K. relations with Argentina in the 6 years before the Falklands war 2022-02

**Armenia/Azerbaijan.** Established border delimitation commission 2022-05; Bellingcat analysis video of apparent execution of Armenian soldiers by Azerbaijani troops determined location, time and date, families of victims applied to European Court of Human Rights, Armenia said would file ICC case 2022-10

**Australia/Timor Leste.** Australian senator asked Tribunal release secret cabinet documents about Australia's dealings with Timor-Leste following 1999 independence vote, former Australian foreign affairs officer filed with Tribunal contemporaneous handwritten note of conversation with foreign minister 2022-02; media said witnesses saw Australian special forces officer brutalizing corpses of 2 militiamen in the aftermath of firefight in East Timor 1999 2022-04; Australia closed case against whistleblower Bernard Collaery, attorney general wants court to return submitted evidence 2022-07; Australia secret proceeding on request for access to cabinet document on Timor negotiating strategy 2022-07

**Balkan wars.** Bosnia prosecutor charged Milenko Zivanovic of former Bosnian Serb Army with directing 1995 attacks on Zepa and Srebrenica 2022-01; historian of the Republika Srpska International Commission on Inquiry on the Sufferings of All Peoples in the Srebrenica Region said will produce addendum saying around 8,000 people died at Srebrenica in July 1995 but no revision of statement that it was not genocide 2022-01; Bosnian Missing Persons Institute said lack of information hinders locating hidden grave sites 2022-01; *BIRN* released database of "adjudicated facts" on the 1992-95 war 2022-04; Kosovo government said needs more satellite images to identify mass graves, blamed Serbia for not providing information from archives from 1998-99 war to help clarify fate of missing persons, ICRC believes local archives have very important information 2022-05; Humanitarian Law Center published excerpts of witness statements on the Croatian bombing of refugee columns during "Operation Storm" August 1995 2022-06; Bosnia state prosecutor published data on work on cases covering category A war crimes, over a quarter closed, NGO wants names of closed cases released 2022-07; Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims research said documented 900 sexual assault cases, half in "rape hoses," 621 abused by more than one perpetrator, Kosovo government commission to verify survivors of wartime sexual violence received more than 1,200 applications, 900 officially acknowledged as survivors 2022-10; prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina have 495 investigations of war crimes by 4,284 suspects still pending 2022-11

**Bangladesh/Myanmar.** Bangladesh gave Myanmar list containing biometric data of 830,000 Rohingya refugees, Myanmar verified only 58,000 for return 2022-06

**Barbados/United Kingdom.** Barbados considering demanding reparation from U.K. MP Richard Drax for his inherited wealth from slave trade and plantation with enslaved persons 2022-11

**Belarus/Russia.** Belarus prosecutor to have assistance of Russia's Federal Archive Agency to copy records relating to Nazi's and their accomplices' crimes against Belarussian citizens from WWII and post-war period 2022-01

**Belgium/Burundi/Congo/Rwanda.** Comment on initial report of expert group Belgium's Special Commission on the Colonial Past said still partial release of colonial archives, Belgian researchers have access not former colonials 2022-02

**Belgium/Democratic Republic of Congo.** Patrice Lumumba tooth buried, granddaughter wants Belgium release records of commission of inquiry on Lumumba's assassination 2022-07

**Belgium/Guatemala.** Belgian court ordered arrest of 8 former Guatemala government officials for 1980-1982 killings of three Belgian missionaries 2022-07

**Cambodia/France/United States.** French court issued summons for Cambodian prime minister Hun Sen for role in 30 March 1997 attack on opposition party rally, French government refused to deliver citing head of state immunity, call for U.S. to declassify report on the attack 2022-03

**Cameroon/France.** French president said supported joint commission of researchers on colonial and post-colonial relationship 2022-08

**Cameroon/United States.** U.S. Defense Department document on relationship with Cameroon's Rapid Intervention Battalion known for committing atrocities 2022-03

**Canada/Iran.** Canadian court awarded C\$107 million plus interest to families of 6 people died in plane shot down January 2020 by Iranian Revolutionary Guards 2022-01

**Canada/United Kingdom.** U.K. Archbishop of Canterbury said will release any Canadian residential school-related records the church has, will push for release of records of related Mohawk Institute 2022-05

**Canada/Vatican.** Canada's National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation granted access to archives in Rome of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate's residential schools 2022-03; National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation archivist selected records for digitizing in Vatican archives of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate 2022-07; Pope Francis asked forgiveness for Catholic role in residential school system, NGOs want review of all records and repatriation 2022-07

**Caribbean and Latin America.** Annual report homicides in region, Jamaica highest 2022-01

**Chile/United States.** Chilean court case located, 1905 murder by U.S. fugitive known as Sundance Kid 2022-12

**China/Japan.** Japan protest China's gas development in East China Sea 2022-10 comm.

**China/Kenya.** Court ordered public release of agreements with China to construct railroad 2022-05

**China/United Kingdom.** NGOs sued U.K. government for not prohibiting imports of Uyghur forced-labor cotton 2022-10

**Colombia/Venezuela.** Colombia cancelled legal citizenship status of ca. 43,000 Venezuelans in country 2022-03

**Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)/Rwanda.** UN Group of Experts on Congo told UN Security Council Rwanda supported M23 rebel group in DRC 2022-08

**Dominican Republic/Haiti.** Since 1 January 2022 UNICEF received at least 1,800 unaccompanied children, many with no identity documents, delivered to Haiti by Dominican immigration authorities 2022-11

**Dominican Republic/United States.** U.S. blocked raw sugar shipments from Dominican producer using forced labor 2022-11

**Egypt/Eritrea.** Egypt arbitrary detention Eritrean asylum seekers, forced repatriation, refugees not registered 2022-01

**Egypt/France/Libya.** NGOs filed complaint asking France’s national anti-terrorist prosecutor investigate French involvement with Egypt allegedly committing crimes against humanity at Egypt/Libya border 2022-09

**Egypt/Israel.** Israel to investigate report of mass grave of Egyptian commandos killed during 1967 war, papers published archival material on battle 2022-07

**El Salvador/Netherlands.** El Salvador court hearing on 1982 assassination of Dutch journalist Hans ter Laag, records of truth commission relevant but closed 2022-03; El Salvador’s minister of defense in early 1980s and four others arrested for responsibility in murder 4 Dutch journalists, 2018 reporting by Dutch journalists revealed UN documents on the killings 2022-10

**El Salvador/Nicaragua.** Salvadoran military vessels entered maritime space of Nicaragua in Gulf of Fonseca, no documented claim of El Salvador to the area 2022-02

**Ethiopia/Netherlands.** Appeal of Netherlands’ conviction of Eshetu Alemu, member of Ethiopia’s Derg for murders, torture and arbitrary detention during “Red Terror” after 1974, case file has documents bearing his name or autograph 2022-04

**Ethiopia/Turkey.** Photographs evidence Ethiopia used Turkish drone to attack school shelter 2022-01

**Europe.** Use of biometric identification technologies by police and border forces 2022-03; 570 court cases of SLAPPs across Europe 2022-03; Conference of European Statisticians agreed to use private data for official statistical purposes 2022-06

**Finland/Liberia/Sierra Leone.** Finnish court acquitted Sierra Leonean Gibril Massaquoi for human rights violations in Liberia’s 1999-2003 war, investigative case file of thousands of pages 2022-04

**France/Haiti.** “Independence debt” paid by Haiti to France calculated 2022-05

**France/Liberia.** French court issued guilty verdict Kunti Kamara, Liberian and Dutch dual national, for crimes against humanity in Liberia 1989-2003, president of Paris Cour d’assises authorized full recording of trial to create historical archives, first conviction for crimes against humanity in Liberian civil war 2022-11

**France/Morocco.** Morocco wants France return documents of Mohamed Ben Abdelkrim El Khattabi, seized in 1926 2022-01

**France/Rwanda.** NGO Survie published “notes” from French secret service on activities of mercenaries and links to genocidaires in Rwanda 1990-1994 2022-03; French court opened trial former Rwandan prefect Laurent Bucyibartua for crimes against humanity in 1994 genocide, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia file on case given to France 2022-05; Bucyibaruta sentenced for complicity but not as perpetrator, said no direct evidence of instructions to kill 2022-07; France closed cases against French servicemen accused of being complicit in 1994 massacres 2022-09

**Gambia/Germany.** German trial of Gambian Baboucar “Bai” Lowe opened, charging two murders and one attempted murder, Gambia truth commission said Lowe murdered 59 West African migrants in 2005, groups want Germany to investigate 2005 massacre 2022-04

**Germany/Japan.** Documents found in secondhand bookstore in Tokyo were from Japan’s World War I prison camp for German POWs, include list of 545 POWs and 2 photo albums 2022-11

**Germany/Syria.** German court convicted former Syrian colonel Anwar Raslan of murder and torture at Al-Khatib detention center, Syria, 2011-2012 2022-01; German trial began of Syrian doctor Alaa M. accused of torture in Syrian military prison and hospitals, Caesar photographs from same hospital 2022-01; trial monitoring report Alaa M. case, summary documents introduced 2022-02; SJAC monitoring report on trial Syrian Alaa M. in Frankfurt, Germany, key issue to authenticate translated documents and evidence outside Germany 2022-05

**Germany/Vatican.** Report commissioned by Roman Catholic Church in Munich accused retired Pope Benedict XVI of mishandling at least 4 cases of sexual abuse by priests when he was archbishop of Munich 2022-01

**Greece/North Macedonia.** Greek media reported casino in North Macedonia offering fake COVID certificates 2022-01

**Grenada/United Kingdom.** Archives of Bank of England documents early 1770s ownership of 2 plantations and 599 people in Grenada, sold in 1790 2022-04

**Haiti/United States.** Judge appointed to oversee case of 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moise yet to receive files on case, NGO said investigators no access to state databases, *Washington Post* obtained police dossier on case 2022-04; Amnesty International said Haitians arbitrarily detained, some subjected to torture or other inhuman treatment when expelled by U.S. between September 2021 and January 2022 2022-09

**India/Pakistan.** Oral histories and virtual reality used to document accounts of 1947 Partition survivors 2022-08

**Indonesia/Netherlands.** Official Netherlands report on 1940s Indonesian war of independence released, said excessive, extreme violence, political and military leaders involved 2022-02

**Indonesia/Timor-Leste.** Timor-Leste president gave award to Indonesian army general that Timor-Leste's truth commission listed as likely responsible for crimes against humanity 2022-08

**Iran/Sweden.** Sweden court sentenced former Iranian official Hamid Noury to life for 1988 mass execution political prisoners Gohardasht prison, Karaj, Iran 2022-07

**Iraq/Kuwait.** UN reparations commission said final payment made by Iraq to Kuwait for invasion, \$52.4 million, had 2.7 million claims for \$352 billion 2022-02

**Islamic State/United Kingdom/United States.** U.S. court convicted El Shafee Elsheikh, British member of IS, for killing 4 U.S. citizens in Syria 2014-15, U.K. shared evidence with U.S. including Elsheikh email 2022-04

**Islamic State/United States.** U.S. sentenced IS member to life in prison, provided narration and translation for videos created by IS, two videos show him executing Syrian soldiers 2022-08

**Israel/Lebanon.** Israeli overflights of Lebanese airspace have physical and mental effects on persons overflown 2022-08; agree on permanent maritime boundary, Total to explore for gas in Lebanese waters 2022-10 comm.

**Israel/Lebanon/Palestine.** Israel's intelligence agency Mossad told court it is "having difficulty locating historic documents in its archives relating to ties between the agency and Lebanese Christian militias that carried out massacres at 2 Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon in 1982" 2022-04

**Israel/Palestine.** Palestinian NGO Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association office raided "several times," Israeli security forces took computers, cameras, files, Israel's Defense Ministry designated Addameer and 5 other NGOs "terrorist organizations" 2022-04; 3 UN SRs said Israel's court decision permitting forced eviction in West Bank permits Israel to systematically oppress Palestinians, UN data January 2009-May 2022 showed Israel demolished 8,413 Palestinian buildings 2022-05; Israeli NGO said May 2022 were 604 people in administration detention, nearly all Palestinians, highest number since 2016, arrested on secret evidence they cannot see 2022-05; film "Tantura" on massacre in Tantura in May 1948, used aerial photographs 1948-49, Israeli Army documents 2022-05; offices of 7 Palestinian NGOs in Israel raided, shut down, confiscated materials 2022-08

**Israel/Palestine/United Kingdom.** Palestinian Munib al-Masri petitioning U.K. government for compensation for alleged war crimes during U.K. Mandate period in Palestine, Imperial War Museum in London oral histories provide accounts 2022-10

**Israel/Russia.** Israel objection to Russia's plan to shut down Jewish Agency assisting emigrants 2022-08

**Japan/South Korea.** Japan wanted UNESCO World Heritage status for 3 gold mines Sado Island, South Korea objected, Koreans conscripted to work in mines during World War II 2022-02; meeting of foreign ministers, South Korea aim "breakthrough" historical disputes, South Korea panel on victims forced labor during Japan occupation 2022-07

**Kenya/United Kingdom.** Kenyans forced off land during British colonial period took case to European Court of Human Rights 2022-08

**Kosovo/Serbia.** Agreement neither will require additional documents for border crossings 2022-08

**Latin America.** Hackers leaked nearly 10 terabytes emails from military and police organizations in Central and South American countries, show monitoring of civil society organizations 2022-10

**Liberia/United States.** U.S. arrested Sekou Kamara, former commander of LURD rebels during Liberia's civil war, for lies on immigration documents 2022-03; Moses Wright, former general of Armed Forces of Liberia, charged in U.S. court with fraud in immigration documents, allegedly committed serious war crimes during Liberia's civil war 2022-06

**Libya/United States.** Court in Italy asked to rule on whether the commander of U.S. base in Italy "fulfilled his duty" when did not prevent 2018 U.S. air strike in Libya that killed 11 men 2022-04; U.S. court default judgment against Libyan Khalifa Haftar for war crimes in Tarhuna 2022-07

**Marshall Islands/United States.** Marshall Islands petition to UN Human Rights Council asking technical assistance to pursue nuclear justice and transitional justice from U.S., Council requested OHCHR to prepare report on human rights issues in the Islands stemming from the "nuclear legacy" 2022-10

**Mexico/United States.** Podcast on 2014 disappearance of 43 students from school at Ayotzinapa, said linked to drug smuggling to U.S. 2022-01; U.S. NGO published 10 U.S. government documents showing involvement of Mexican president Luis Echevarria Alvarez in Mexico City's 1968 Tlatelolco massacre 2022-09

**Mideast wars.** *New York Times* said U.S. Defense Department assessments of civilian casualties in the air war, September 2014-January 2018, inaccurate 2022-01; *New York Times* reported Syria's Tabqa Dam on U.S. military "no-strike" list by struck anyway 2022-01; Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) report 8,684 persons forcibly disappeared by IS, includes copies IS documents 2022-02; U.S. raid killed IS leader, U.S. took cellphones and computer hard drives, videos show at least five children killed 2022-02; UN Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic said 14 deadly attacks second half 2021, half pre-war population displaced 2022-03; U.S. post-strike assessment of 2015 Dutch air strike on IS bomb factory in Iraq, U.S. inadequate consideration of damage from secondary explosions 2022-04; summary U.S. military investigation of 18 March 2019 air strike near Syrian town Baghuz killed 56 people, used documents, reports, videos, said no evidence on *New York Times* allegations that strike killed 70 including women and children 2022-05; OHCHR estimated 206,887 civilian killed Syria 2011-03-01 to 2021-03-21, documented 143,350 2022-06; SNHR documented 14,685 killed under torture, March 2011-June 2022, 2022-06; SJAC report double tap airstrikes by Syrian and Russian air forces 2013 to present 2022-07; SNHR report on Russian forces IHL violations since Russian intervention in Syrian war 30 September 2015 2022-09; SJAC on how legal authorities should deal with persons who committed crimes as minors, urged give foreign children legal documentation including birth certificates and travel documents 2022-09; SJAC on evidence on 18 detention sites learned of in trial of two IS "Beatles" 2022-10; SJAC report on double-tap strikes by Syrian government forces on hospitals 2022-10; U.S. contractors who worked for the U.S. military in Afghanistan not compensating third party nationals as required by U.S. Defense Base Act 2022-10

**Nepal/Saudi Arabia.** Nepal Foreign Employment Board said 2,280 Nepali workers died in Saudi Arabia in decade ending 15 July 2021, total believed higher, families not compensated 2022-02

**Oman/Sierra Leone.** Surveys and interviews document abuses against Sierra Leonean women domestic workers in Oman 2022-09

**Romania/Russia.** Romania wants to resume negotiations on the "treasure" sent to Moscow for safekeeping during World War I and partially returned 2022-02



**Russia/former USSR republics.** Stalin’s centralization of archives leaves post-Soviet states without key sources of their histories 2022-02

**Russia/Syria.** Memoir of service in Syria with Russian mercenary group Wagner that has no registration, tax returns, organizational chart available 2022-02

**Russia/Ukraine.** After start war in Ukraine Google disabling map features, archivists saving websites by “event-based crawling,” documenting conflict through opensource intelligence 2022-02

**Russia/Uruguay.** Uruguay criminals created fake Russian birth certificates to allow Russians to obtain passports and official IDs 2022-09

**Rwanda/United Kingdom.** Agreement that U.K. deport unauthorized migrants to Rwanda in exchange for initial 120 million pounds, U.K. law firm asked Home Office for documents on the policy and agreement\_2022-04; U.K. high court ruled government deporting migrants to Rwanda did not breach UN refugee convention or human rights laws 2022-10

**Rwanda/United States.** U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation said Rwanda intelligence operations since 2011 against U.S. legal residents including Paul Rusesabagina, Interpol revoked Rwanda’s arrest warrant for Rwandan Eugene Gasana because found to be politically motivated 2022-11

**Saudi Arabia/Türkiye.** Istanbul court transferred trial for 2018 murder Jamal Khashoggi to Saudi Arabia 2022-04

**Saudi Arabia/United States.** U.S. court convicted former Twitter employee spying on behalf of Saudi Arabia, releasing private information and falsifying records 2022-08

**Saudi Arabia/United States/ Yemen.** More than 150 Saudi airstrikes on civilian targets in Yemen, Saudis used U.S. origin jets, pilots U.S. trained 2022-06

**Serbia/Slovakia.** Slovak cultural organization in Serbia issued fake documents showing person had status of Slovak living abroad, enabled employment in Slovakia 2022-05

**South China Sea.** China claimed to find “deep-deep” gas field in area with contested maritime boundary claims 2022-10 comm.

**South Korea/United States.** Korean Supreme Court ruled women who worked in U.S. Korean War-era brothels should be compensated financially 2022-10

**Spain/Catalunya/United Kingdom/Scotland.** Catalunya pardoned women executed 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries for witchcraft, Scotland also considering pardon 2022-01

**Syria/Türkiye.** Syrian refugees said coerced by Turkish officials into signing forms not allowed to read, forms said agreed to voluntary repatriation, false 2022-10

## **Ukraine war.**

**2022-03-04.** UNHRC decided to establish commission to investigate violations 2022-03; ICJ March 16 ordered Russia to suspend military operations and both parties to refrain from aggravating actions 2022-03; Main Intelligence Department of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine hacked and leaked documents it claimed from the Russian Beloyarsk Nuclear Power Station 2022-03; SJAC compared Russia military actions in Syria with those in Ukraine 2022-03; SAHR News commentary 2022-03, 2022-04

**2022-05.** Volunteers creating “Satellite Images Map of Ukraine” using images from private persons and satellite imagery 2022-05; ICRC gathered information, registered soldiers surrendering from Mariupol steel plant as prisoners of war (POWs) 2022-05; HRW documented executions, torture, etc., in April in 17 villages and small towns in Kyiv and Chernihiv regions, urged Ukraine government to preserve evidence 2022-05; U.S. State Department to fund data-gathering through Conflict Observatory using open source and satellite imagery, open to outsiders 2022-05; head of Ukraine state archival service said after war raise issue return Ukraine archival documents Russia took in imperial and Soviet times, imposing sanctions on persons and entities for attempting to steal or illegally use archives on Crimea, terminating cooperation agreements with Russia, Belarus, some members of Commonwealth of Independent States 2022-05; Russian media reports Russian soldiers sending looted goods from Ukraine, video footage used to calculate volume 2022-05; UNHCR registered nearly 7 million Ukrainian refugees as of June 1, OHCHR recorded 9,151 civilian casualties 2022-05

2022-06. OHCHR recorded 19,631 civilian casualties as of 27 June, information incomplete 2022-06; Amnesty International investigated 41 air strikes, evidence Russian forces using illegal cluster munitions and scatterable mines 2022-06; Ukraine’s Ministry of Culture and Information Policy on 9 June said 389 cultural heritage sites destroyed or damaged since invasion began, Interpol database on trafficked artworks, International Council of Museums “red list” items at risk of looting, Divchata database of evacuated art 2022-06; argument documentation of war crimes serves as Ukrainian mobilization factor, for Russians implicated fight on to avoid punishment 2022-06

2022-07. 45 nations promise 20 million euros to assist ICC and prosecutor investigation war crimes 2022-07; OHCHR said high civilian casualties, Russian military not complying with IHL, Ukraine military also not complying but violations at lower scale 2022-07; OSCE mission report serious violations IHL, mostly Russian, also international human rights law violations 2022-07; Joint Coordination Centre to authorize passage of grain ships Black Sea, Russia and Ukraine signed separate agreements 2022-07; Amnesty International on Mariupol theatre attack, said Russia bombed, used architectural plans 2022-07; explosion Olenivka prison killed Ukrainian POWs, sides traded accusations, Ukraine said intercepted phone calls pointed to Russia responsibility 2022-07; Ukraine established public website to assist in search for missing children, 5,100 cases open 2022-07; HRW said prisoners in Russian occupied areas tortured 2022-07; video of Russian soldier castrating Ukrainian POW 2022-07

2022-08. EU will not recognize passports issued by Russian authorities in invaded territories 2022-08; UN appointed 3-member UN Fact-Finding Mission on explosion at Olenivka prison 2022-08; U.S. Conflict Observatory used satellite images to locate Russian military “filtration” centers 2022-08; Russian journalist posted photos of Wagner paramilitary group headquarters, Ukraine destroyed 2022-08; videos on pro-Russian social media of sexual violence and execution location verified by Bellingcat 2022-08

2022-09. Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine (IICIU) report to UNHRC on war crimes committed in Ukraine 2022-09; Ukrainian law enforcement intercepted Russian soldiers’ telephone calls, reference civilian killings 2022-09; OHCHR told UN Security Council had verified Russians used “filtration” tactics on Ukrainians, including personal data collection and security checks 2022-09; HRW documented filtration process and forced transfer of Ukrainians to Russia and Russian-occupied Ukraine 2022-09; OHCHR recorded over 15,200 civilian casualties since 24 February, believed actual figures “considerably higher” 2022-09

2022-10. IICIU told UN General Assembly has documented array of war crimes, violations of human rights and IHL, Russian forces responsible for most violations 2022-10; UNESCO verified damage to 196 cultural sites 2022-10; documents re activities of Russian Col. Gen. Alexander Chaiko directing strategic violence 2022-10; OHCHR said documented over 16,295 civilian casualties 2022-10; Bellingcat with *The Insider* and *Der Spiegel* identified group of military engineers who set targets and program flight paths 2022-10

2022-11. OHCHR monitoring mission in Ukraine said documenting the treatment of POWs held by both Russia and Ukraine, Ukraine provided access to POWs for interviews, Russia did not 2022-11

2022-12. OHCHR said 17,831 civilian casualties since 24 February, is an undercount 2022-12; ICRC received more than 45,000 inquiries about missing people since March 2022-12; PEN Ukraine and PEN American report on Russian attacks against culture, recommend digitization and digital copy preserved outside Ukraine 2022-12; *AP* investigation Russian military efforts to suppress Mariupol’s history and memory as a Ukrainian city 2022-12; Russia’s Federal Security Service provided list to troops of Ukrainians to be hunted down 2022-12; Ukrainian women formerly imprisoned in Russian on documentation and DNA records taken 2022-12; since March national police of Ukraine initiated 49,219 criminal proceedings against Russian military and “accomplices” for war crimes 2022-12; OHCHR monitoring mission report documented deaths of civilians in Kyiv, Chernihiv and Sumy regions in initial 6 weeks of invasion, men and boys 88% of all victims of summary executions, targeted on basis of gender 2022-12; hospital and care center staff in Kherson falsified medical records of orphaned and vulnerable children to protect from seizure 2022-12; war crimes series in *New York Times* 2022-12

**United Kingdom/former colonies.** U.K. national archives withdrew from public access Foreign and Commonwealth Office “migrated archives” 2022-06

## **National news**

**Afghanistan.** UN SG said received “credible allegations” more than 100 former government officials killed, 91% decrease in “security-related incidents” 2022-01; OHCHR said August 2021-February 2022 400 civilians killed in attacks, more than 80% by Islamic State-Khorasan 2022-03; 2 NGOs reported on “challenges of sourcing data” since the Taliban takeover 2022-04; UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan human rights report, 160 extrajudicial killings of former government and security officials 15 August 2021-15 June 2022 2022-07; Amnesty International report on restrictions on women and girls 2022-08; SR on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan told UNHRC deliberate damage to cultural heritage and closure or reduction of media activities 2022-09; ICC judges ruled ICC prosecutor can resume investigations into atrocities in Afghanistan because Afghan government not doing so 2022-11; 10 UN experts said treatment of women and girls may amount to gender persecution 2022-11

**Albania.** Head State Police and president Authority for Information on Former State Security Documents cooperation agreement to find missing from Communist era 2022-02

**Algeria.** Prison conditions unknown, researchers say no consistent open records or annual statistics 2022-02; national radio gave its archives on independence struggle to army 2022-06 Communist regime destroyed secret police files by pulping 2022-08; draft law to declassify documents from former State Security Directorate (1944-1991) except in cases of national security and foreign relations 2022-10; European Court of Human Rights ruled former state prosecutor’s dismissal unfair, member of vetting body forged documents to gain position 2022-10

**Argentina.** Intelligence service accused former labor minister of scheming to eliminate trade unions, caught on video recording 2022-01; trial to be held on 1924 police massacre of Napalpi indigenous people, use archival records 2022-02; “truth trial” held on the 1924 massacre of 300 or more Qom and Moqoit people, archives used as evidence 2022-04; judge ruled state guilty of 1924 massacre of Qom and Moqoit, ordered historical reparations 2022-05; court ruled a public figure no right to be forgotten 2022-06; settlement case Evelyn Vazquez Ferra, stolen child, state to create Documentary Regularization Unit, procedures for DNA samples for identification 2022-07; 16 former military found guilty Campo de Mayo mega-case, confirmed death flights, stolen children 2022-07; Cordoba judiciary victim of cyber attack 2022-08; government will declassify documents 1971-1973 found in Air Force storage in May 2018 2022-08; national Directorate of Statistics and Health Information said in 2020 girls and adolescents gave birth to 53,260 babies, 38% of adolescent mothers did not complete secondary education 2022-09

**Australia.** Central Land Council asked supreme court to revoke license to Fortune Agribusiness to use groundwater, said issuance failed to consider Aboriginal cultural rights to water and lack of data 2022-02; government agencies joint statement on importance of access to historical records for Stolen Generations survivors and families 2022-06; UN Human Rights Committee ruled Australia failed to adequately protect Indigenous Torres Islanders against adverse impacts of climate changes 2022-09

**Bangladesh.** Government said will prepare list and revoke passports of persons living abroad involved in “anti-state” activities 2022-01; riot after villagers said local Hindu boy’s Facebook posting insulted Islam 2022-07

**Barbados.** High Court struck down colonial-era laws criminalizing gay sex 2022-12

**Belarus.** International Civil Aviation Organization said false bomb threat to May 2021 Ryanair flight endangered plane, Belarus did not give inquiry needed records 2022-07

**Bolivia.** Protest by survivors of dictatorships 1964-1982 continued, began 2012, government has not published online the March 2021 truth commission report 2022-03; compensation to 1,700 victims 1964-1982 dictatorships 2022-07

**Brazil.** Inter-American Commission on Human Rights took 2 Brazilian cases to Inter-American Court, one for failure to obtain and preserve evidence in 1997 murder of member of peasant movement, other for failure to issue title deeds to Quilombola communities 2022-01; government anti-slavery department DETRAE said people working in slavery-like conditions at charcoal production sites 2022-01; judge ruled pages of truth commission report mentioning a former military police colonel must be closed by national archives 2022-02; satellite data showed Amazon deforestation continues, farmers planting other crops than banned soya 2022-02; court ruled former prosecutor must pay damages to former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva for showing graphic in court depicting Lula as center of a criminal organization 2022-03; supreme court released 10,000 hours of audio recordings from special military courts of the 1970s 2022-04; satellite images said wildcat goldmining in the Yanomami reservation increased 46% in 2021, official figures said mining destroyed 125 sq km of Amazon in 2021 2022-04; health service data showed malaria cases among Yanomami indigenous people rose 700% over past decade linked to illegal gold mining 2022-04; partnership of MapBiomas and Banco do Brasil provides alerts to bank to require potential deforester to provide document showing forest clearance legal 2022-04; MapBiomas study of satellite images showing Indigenous peoples slow the destruction of the Amazon 2022-04; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights sent Inter-American Court of Human Rights case of 10 people kidnapped in Mage, Brazil, in 1990 by civil and military police, case archived without serious investigation 2022-05; President Jair Bolsonaro's first 3 years in office more land title deeds distributed than in previous 13 years 2022-05; video went viral of 38-year-old mentally ill Black man asphyxiated in back of police car 2022-05; 1 million people live no more than a kilometer away from one of 1220 dams with high risk of failure according to Dam Safety Information System's incomplete data 2022-05; Catholic Church report on violence against Indigenous people, invasions into Indigenous lands rose during Bolsonaro presidency 2022-08; police killed 6,145 people in 2021, 85% Black, Brazil's population 55% Black 2022-10; filing at ICC requested investigation of crimes against humanity against Indigenous peoples in Amazon 2022-11; National Institute for Space Research said Amazon lost 11,600 sq. kilometers rainforest August 2021-July 2022 2022-11

**Bulgaria.** European Court of Human Rights ruled Bulgaria lacked proper oversight of covert surveillance and regulation of storage, access and destruction of surveillance data 2022-01; refused to give citizenship to daughter of same sex couple, one of whom is Bulgarian, ignored EU Court of Justice ruling 2022-06

**Burkina Faso.** Trial of 14 men accused of killing former president Thomas Sankara, have some documents from France but expert said not all released 2022-03; tribunal ruled former president Blaise Compaore guilty of complicity in murder of Thomas Sankara, sentenced in absentia to life in prison, ten associates given prison, three acquitted 2022-04; HRW report violent incidents, abuse of civilians September 2021-April 2022 2022-05; Bellingcat used satellite images to verify 26 September civilian convoy ambush, killings by Al-Qaeda-linked Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM), and authenticity of JNIM-posted video 2022-11

**Burundi.** HRW report government and ruling party youth group members violence against people belonging to opposition parties or working with armed opposition groups, authenticated footage showing army and police officers admitting to killings 2022-05

**Cameroon.** Displaced women and children have lost civil papers and identity documents 2022-02; HRW said Cameroonian soldiers killed people, burned buildings in December 2021 military operations in North-West English-speaking regions, to document used satellite imagery, social media, hospital bills, photographs 2022-02

HRW said government soldiers carried out extra-judicial executions in Anglophone area 2022-08

**Canada.** Library and Archives Canada told researcher would take 65 years to fill request, he urged government reform of Access to Information Act 2022-01; federal government will give National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation "school narratives" on 11 residential schools 2022-01; British Columbia First Nations continued locating unmarked graves at sites of former residential schools, a Chief said access to records helps not re-traumatize as persons do not have to recount experiences 2022-01; federal

government and First Nations agreed “in principle” to compensate First Nations put into foster care between April 1991 and 31 March 2022 2022-01; explanation of government uses of personal information on immigration applications collected at borders 2022-02; records of Indian Residential Schools found in Yellowknife and Vancouver storage lockers, under court and Federal review 2022-04; Sisters of St. Ann archives on First Nations residential schools to go to British Columbia Museum 2022-06; new law allows foreign nationals use Privacy Act to access information 2022-07; National Advisory Committee on Residential Schools Missing Children and Unmarked Burials established 2022-07

**Central African Republic.** HRW documented summary executions, tortures, massacre 13 unarmed men at Bossangoa roadblock 21 July 2021, government said would set up special commission of inquiry on incident 2022-05; ICC unsealed 2019 arrest warrant Seleka militia leader Mahamat Nouradine Adam 2022-07; OHCHR issued 2 reports on attack by pro-government militia, systematic sexual violence 2022-07; Special Criminal Court issued first verdict, found 3 former members of armed group guilty of crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in 2019 2022-10

**Chile.** Inter-American Commission on Human Rights report said Chile’s response to October 2019 demonstrations was excessive use of force leading to deaths, injuries including eye injuries 2022-01; court ordered clearance of sit-in protest at building where Valech Commission truth commission records held 2022-02; government apologized to woman forcibly sterilized at public hospital because she was HIV positive, part of settlement of case at Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 2022-05; failure to approve new constitution, need to protect records 2022-09; president created special commission on Mapuche people’s lands, create land registry of all lands “usurped by the Chilean State from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards” 2022-11

**China.** Blogger posted photo of woman chained in shed in Yunnan province, had been trafficked, arrests and firings resulted 2022-02; Uyghurs in 44 countries outside China targeted with cyberattacks and threats to family members in China, more than 1,500 Uyghurs detained or forced to return to China 2022-04; leak of thousands of images and documents from public security bureaus in Konasheher and Tekes counties in Xinjiang 2022-05; Shanghai police records left open without password, wiped and ransom note sent 2022-07; OHCHR report on human rights concerns in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous region 2022-08; Citizen Lab (Canada) analysis public sources said since June 2016 China’s police conducted mass DNA collection program in Tibet Autonomous Region, HRW also said July 2019 police called for bids to construct regional DNA database for Tibet 2022-09; police service centers operating around the world, threaten expatriates to return to face persecution 2022-12

**China/Hong Kong.** Hong Kong Democracy Council database records 1,022 political prisoners 9 June 2019 to 23 May 2022 2022-07

**Colombia.** OHCHR received 202 reports of human rights leaders killed in Colombia in 2021, contrast to Colombia’s human rights ombudsman who said at least 145 community leaders and rights activists killed 2021 2022-01; Constitutional Court said government failed to implement security guarantees for former Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) members, 303 killed since 2016 peace agreement, ombudsman to monitor compliance 2022-01; Constitutional Court said identity documents can have gender registered as non-binary 2022-02; UN Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in first 2 months 2022 at least 274,000 people affected by violence, 621% increase over 2021, OHCHR said in 2021 78 “multiple homicides” and 72,000 people forced from homes by armed groups, NGO Indepaz reported 48 social leaders killed in first quarter 2022, 6 more than 2021 2022-03; Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) announced 3 “macro-cases” based on 458 reports submitted by victims’ groups and state agencies 2022-03; JEP public hearing 10 former members of the military faced families of men murdered by military during the civil war as “false positives” cases, men admitted 120 extrajudicial executions, 24 forced disappearances, 1 attempted assassination 2007-2008 2022-04; conflicting numbers on registers of forced disappearance 2022-04; report to JEP on role of multinational companies during Colombia’s armed conflict, Drummond Company Inc., Drummond Ltd., and Prodeco Group financial support illegal armed groups 2022-05; truth commission issued final report 2022-06; JEP hearing 7 former FARC commanders faced victims and families, JEP registered 3,029 parties to case, 1860 still missing 2022-06; truth commission said 121,763 people disappeared 1985-2016, example of using archives to find remains of

woman 2022-06; JEP charged 19 former military, intelligence agent, 2 civilians for “false positives” murders Casanare department 2022-07; records of truth commission to go to national archives 2022-08; truth commission and U.S. NGO launched digital library of 15,000+ formerly classified documents related to civil war 2022-08; truth commission revealed 423 people and 58 companies financed paramilitary AUC, AUC financial administration records found in 1998 2022-09; 199 killings of social leaders and human rights defenders highest ever annual level, attributed to drug trade groups 2022-12  
**Costa Rica.** Attorney general asked Supreme Court to lift President’s immunity to prosecute for unauthorized collection of personal information on citizens 2022-02

**Cuba.** New penal code, eases criminalization NGOs 2022-07 comm.; public referendum approved new Family Code, permits surrogacy, adoption by homosexual couples, prohibits child marriage, policies to combat gender violence 2022-09

**Czech Republic.** President Milos Zeman’s office allegedly shredded intelligence report on Russian operation on Czech territory in 2013, 2 people died, national archives to decide on “potential wrongdoing” in shredding 2022-05

**Democratic Republic of Congo.** Military court sentenced 51 to death for involvement in 2017 murder UN investigators in Kasai 2022-01

**Denmark/Greenland.** Prime minister apologized to 22 Greenland Inuit children taken from families in 1951 and raised in Denmark 2022-03; Greenland investigation of impact colonialism on Inuit population, relationship with Denmark, asked Denmark for report on forced contraception program 1960s-1991 2022-07

**Dominican Republic.** Environment minister killed allegedly over denied environmental permits 2022-06

**Ecuador.** Congress granted amnesty to 268 people, primarily Indigenous defenders who had been criminalized and prosecuted for defending territories, rights and nature 2022-03; 2 indigenous activists awarded Goldman Environmental Prize, used aerial images and phototrap images of incursion of gold mining operations in ancestral lands 2022-05; 13 June national strike, security forces committed human rights violations, killed Indigenous boy, police occupied cultural center in Quito as base for policing social protests, attorney general’s officers raided center 2022-06; ombudsman to set up truth commission on June national strike, Constitutional Guarantees Commission to report on agreement with organizations involved in strike 2022-07; 218 agreements between government and Indigenous communities on oil block authorizations and mining concessions 2022-10

**Egypt.** Economist Ayman Hadhoud died in custody of security forces, morgue photographs show injuries, autopsy report not released, death certificate dated month before body released 2022-04; videos on social media appear to show government and pro-government militias committing extrajudicial execution of IS militants Sinai Province 2022-08; Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms documentation detentions nearly 700 people 1 October to 14 November, 40 whereabouts known 2022-11

**El Salvador.** Supreme Court ordered reopening of case against masterminds of 1989 murders of 6 Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and daughter 2022-01; Attorney General opened international investigation into corruption March 2020-April 2021, massive seizures of information 2022-01; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights hearing on surveillance using Pegasus spyware against journalists and activists, *El Faro* journalists harassed, ministries withholding information 2022-03; March 26 had 62 murders in 24 hours, legislature enacted “state of exception” suspending right to association and legal defense, intercept communications without warrant 2022-03; daily arrest quotas for police, officers told to falsely state persons arrested were gang members 2022-04; audio files show government negotiating with MS-13 gang leaders 2022-05; Amnesty International said “meticulous” documentation 28 cases human rights violations, thousands detained without administrative or judicial arrest warrants 2022-06; human rights prosecutor received 2,673 complaints related to state of emergency implementation 2022-07; images on Facebook show Mara Salvatrucha leader, supposed to be in prison, living freely 2022-07; Institute of Legal Medicine documents show 207 bodies recovered from mass graves 2022-08; “state of exception” mass arrests, police used police archives to identify persons to be arrested 2022-08; deaths in

prison “registered,” coroner found signs of torture and murder 2022-08; mass arrests of women, report includes photographs of women in prison 2022-08; human rights ombudsman reported since 27 March state of exception received 3,777 complains human rights abuse violations 2022-10; hacked police documents show government released MS-13 gang leader prior to serving out sentence 2022-10; Salvadoran security forces widespread human rights violations since March 2022 state of emergency 2022-12

**Ethiopia.** NGO complaint to African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights alleging military violations of human rights of Tigrayan people, names not listed for fear of reprisal 2022-02; Amnesty International report of violations by Tigrayan People’s Liberation Front 2022-02; video showed armed men dragging and burning at least 3 people alive, Tigray leaders charged the burned were ethnic Tigrayans 2022-03; Amnesty International and HRW said grave human rights abuses against Tigrayan civilian population 2022-04; health facility records June 2021-April 2022 1,200 children died in Tigray of malnutrition 2022-04; 19<sup>th</sup> century Tigray region maps show claims of historical Amhara dominance over Western Tigray false 2022-05; Amnesty International urged government investigate massacre of over 400 Amhara residents of Tole Kebele in Oromia region 2022-07; UN Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia told UNHRC parties to conflict since 2020 committed serious abuses, many amount to war crimes 2022-09; peace accord signed between federal government and Tigray forces 2022-11; Derg military junta 1984 document leaked, supports claim western Tigray belongs to Tigray, name of archives withheld, fear document would be destroyed 2022-11

**France.** NGOs report on impact of 2021 law and 2022 decree on access to archives, said writing history impeded 2022-04; Independent Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Church said on 5 October 2021 more than 216,000 people abused by priest or clergy since 1950, by 6 September 2022 784 people applied for reparation, only 30 cases finalized 2022-09

**Gambia.** Truth commission approved amnesty commission report on 25 applications for amnesty, 11 were dismissed, 8 denied and should go to trial, 5 approved while 1 was granted immunity 2022-03; government accepted all but 2 of 265 truth commission recommendations, announced creation special court to prosecute alleged perpetrators including former president Yahya Jammeh 2022-05; Memory House trained 3 Gambian women to document more crimes in addition to truth commission evidence 2022-05; 6 members National Intelligence Agency Ja meh regime sentenced to death 2016 killing Ebrima Solo Sandeng, forged death certificate 2022-07

**Germany.** Archives Catholic diocese of Muenster showed at least 196 clerics sexually abused minors 1945-2020 2022-06

**Guatemala.** Court convicted 5 men for early 1980s rape of 36 Indigenous Maya Achi women in Rabinal 2022-01; law requiring all NGOs to register with Ministry of Interior in effect, no registration category for human rights reporting or advocacy, estimated 96% NGOs did not register 2022-02; Inter-American Court of Human Rights heard arguments in case of Maya Q’eqchi community of Agua Caliente Lote 9, records of their land titling cut from registry, government had not replaced missing documents 2022-02; family of disappeared man filed case with UN Human Rights Committee asking it to look for the first time into enforced disappearance in Guatemala 2022-04; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights settled case of 2 people who ran for president 2019 but government refused to register candidacy 2022-05; judge who ordered 9 retired military and police officials to stand trial over killings and forced disappearances 195 people 1983-1985 (Military Diary case) receiving threatening phone calls, text messages, smear campaign on social media 2022-05; Human Rights Commission of Congress ordered by constitutional court to give human rights ombudsman records related to attempts to removed him from position, video showing lawyer threatening ombudsman 2022-06; Inter-American Court of Human Rights ordered protection for Miguel Angel Galvez, pretrial judge Military Diary case 2022-07; official records show in 3 years nearly 1,500 human trafficking victims found 2022-08 ; Nebaj municipality boarding up municipal building housing legal documents related to investigations into the mayor 2022-08; NGO recorded 8,180 cases of sexual violence against Indigenous women since 1 January, Ministry of Health

recorded 2,906 pregnancies in Indigenous girls under 14 years of age in first 6 months 2022 2022-09; Indigenous women proposed law to protect Indigenous weaving designs from patenting 2022-10; Miguel Angel Galvez, pretrial judge in “Death Squad Dossier” case, resigned and fled country 2022-11  
**Guinea.** Multiple broadcasters of trial of 11 men charged with crimes as broke up rally 28 September 2009, media phenomenon 2022-11

**Haiti.** Ca. 85% orphanages not registered with the state, over half of registered flagged in 2018 report for physical or sexual abuse, since 2019 state closed 4 2022-02; courthouse broken into, judges’ offices ransacked, items including cellphones stolen 2022-05; armed group occupied court, set fire to files, took safe 2022-06; UN said 471 people killed, violence 8-17 July in commune Cite Soleil and other locations Port-au-Prince 2022-07; NGO interviewed 50 women raped and beaten by gangs G-PEP and G-9 and Family, sexual assault trials rare 2022-08; OHCHR and UN office Haiti joint report gangs using sexual violence, record videos of rapes to get families to pay ransom 2022-10; IOM said over 113,000 internally displaced persons 2022-10

**Honduras.** Foreign affairs and human rights ministers said Inter-American Commission on Human Rights will investigate the “Honduran State” for involvement in the 2009 coup against President Manuel Zelaya 2022-02; UN agreed to install an International Commission against Impunity 2022-02; team from attorney general’s office went to presidential offices a week after Juan Orlando Hernandez stepped down and found all documentation disappeared or destroyed 2022-03; HRW letter to president said should establish efficient system for providing titles for traditional territories of Indigenous and mixed African-Indigenous 2022-06; Roberto David Castillo, who planned Berta Caceres murder, sentenced to jail, court ordered case files closed as investigation remains open 2022-06; Dutch and U.S. legal and financial documents show international funding to company affiliated with murderers of Caceres 2022-06; police and army evicted Garifuna community in Punta Gorda, community ancestral land rights but no land deed issued by government 2022-11

**India.** Police arrested 3 suspects for posting online “auction” of more than 100 Muslim women 2022-01; Mising tribe in Assam affected by flooding, lack land titles to reclaim land 2022-01; use of anti-terrorism laws to silence journalists in Jammu and Kashmir, will affect record of state violence and create hole in archives 2022-02; State Secretariat in Assam cleaning, sending “all old files that have no relevance” to state archives 2022-02; Chandigarh Municipal Corporation requires sanitation workers wear smartwatches, workers worried about privacy invasion, wages lost if watch turned off 2022-05; hackers of activists’ phones linked to police in Pune 2022-06; Goa legislative assembly records 1953- destroyed “during relocation of the secretariat” 2022-06; ministry of labor has no records of child labor since 2011 2022-07; Intelligence Bureau bought Pegasus equipment that can secretly infect mobile phones with surveillance software 2022-10; forensic analysis of hard drive of computer of Stan Swamy, Jesuit priest who died in prison 2021, found hackers fabricated evidence and planted it, were collaborating with Pune City police 2022-12

**Indonesia.** Parliament passes personal protection bill including corporate fines and prison for mishandling personal data, president’s personal vaccine records had been leaked 2022-09; parliament approved new criminal code, regulating morality, banned sex outside marriage, insulting president or state institutions, more lenient sentence for corruption 2022-12

**Iran.** 1988 political dissidents extrajudicially executed, buried mass graves, Amnesty International said government covered up, photos and videos show new walls and security camera around Khavaran mass grave site 2022-09; government using a web program for remotely manipulating cellular connections 2022-10; UNHRC created fact-finding mission on protests that began 16 September following death of Mahsa Amini 2022-11; NGO Iran Human Rights said as of 27 December 476 people killed by security forces in the anti-government protests that began in September 2022-12

**Iraq.** HRW and NGO IraQueer documented crimes against LGBT people 2018-2021 2022-03



**Ireland.** Land Commission digitizing finding aids to its archives, long closed to research 2022-01; online service gives adopted persons right to see any information the state holds about them, free tracing service 2022-10

**Israel.** Government will set up commission of inquiry on report that police used NSO Group spyware to hack phones of public figures 2022-02; Amnesty International report, 5-year investigation, “Israel’s Apartheid Against Palestinians” 2022-02; Military Court of Appeals ruled classified protocols from trial of perpetrators of 1956 Kafr Qasim massacre can be published, not including massacre photographs and unfilled plan to deport Arabs from Israel’s Triangle region to Jordan 2022-05; OHCHR said documented killing of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli security forces 2022-06; Military Court of Appeals opened large portion Kafr Qasim massacre trial transcripts 2022-07; Israeli government contracted Google to build cloud computing for facial detection, automated image categorization, etc. 2022-07; *Al Haq* used evidence including autopsy documents and images of bullet and confirmed that Abu Akleh killed by Israeli forces, investigation report accompanied Abu Akleh family and colleagues complaint to ICC against Israel 2022-09

**Japan.** Began issuing partnership certificates to same-sex couples 2022-11; Civil Code changed to allow new husband of remarried woman to assume paternity of children born within 300 days of divorce from her previous partner 2022-12

**Kenya.** Social media disinformation ahead of presidential election 8 August 2022-06; 12 police officers charged crimes against humanity in 2017 post-election protest crackdowns, first prosecution for election-related sexual violence 2022-10

**Kosovo.** NGO Humanitarian Law Centre Kosovo report only 1 indictment in 2021 for war crimes 1998-1999 conflict, 2 suspects arrested, 5 ongoing cases, Kosovo Special Prosecution said over 1,000 war crimes cases pending 2022-04; records on war not being given to state archives, chair of working group on transitional justice strategy said strategy will include establishment of database of archival materials 2022-07

**Lebanon.** Lokman Slim Foundation launched to document and analyze political assassinations in Middle East and North Africa region 2022-02; UN special envoy on poverty report said dearth of official data on poverty, relied on NGOs for information, said government “callous destruction of the Lebanese economy” 2022-05

**Liberia.** New law permits dual citizenship, duals can now own land, cannot hold elective positions and certain other posts 2022-07

**Libya.** Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya (IFFML) report on conditions in acknowledged and secret prisons, no comprehensive official statistical data on Libya’s prisons, used multiple sources 2022-03; IFFML report to UNHRC gross violations since 2016, used medical and forensic reports, etc. 2022-06; IFFML report on attack on civilian population Tarhuna 2022-07; OHCHR report said complete failure to protect human rights of migrants, estimate 600,000 in country 2022-10; 2 NGOs documented at least 581 people killed by law enforcement and militias January 2020-March 2022 2022-10

**Mali.** UN peacekeeping mission in Mali said number of violations and abuses by defense and security forces rose from 31 in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021 to 320 in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2022, NGOs said number deaths doubled in 5 months since Mali partnered with Russian Wagner Group 2022-05

**Mexico.** Interior Ministry said in 2021 rescued 7,329 victims of human trafficking, intercepted over 250,000 undocumented migrants and deported over 100,000 2022-01; Law for Protection of the Cultural Heritage of Indigenous and Afro-Mexican Peoples and Communities into effect, government to established National Registry of Cultural Heritage, law vague 2022-02; videos by residents of town in Michoacan seem to show mass murders 2022-02; official figures show homicide rate dropping, possibly because drug cartels are hiding dead bodies 2022-03; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights’ Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts issued 3<sup>rd</sup> report on 2014 disappearance of 43 students

from Ayotzinapa, showed video of members of Mexican navy manipulating evidence, former Colombian prosecutor supporting investigation said authorities withheld or falsified evidence, altered about crime scene and records 2022-03; UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances said organized crime central perpetrator of disappearance, National Registry of Missing or Unlocated Persons registered 95,000 people as disappeared as of end November 2021 2022-04; NGO Article 19 said attacks against press increased 85% since President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador took office 2022-04; more than 100,000 persons officially registered as disappeared, 97% after December 2006 2022-05; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concerned, Executive Secretariat of the National Public Security System said 229 femicide cases January-March 2022 2022-05; convicted former head of search for disappeared shared confidential genetic information on recovered remains with private company 2022-06; at least 47 women intentionally burned January-June 2022, health authorities referred only 28 to public ministry 2022-07; report by Commission for Truth and Access to Justice in the Ayotzinapa Case 2022-08; national statistics agency said on average 10 femicides a day 2022-08; judge vacated 21 arrest warrants in Ayotzinapa cases, federal judge acquitted former municipal president of Iguala for role in disappearances 2022-09; investigators obtained unredacted truth commission report on Ayotzinapa case, suggested 6 students held for some days before killed, journalist who wrote story harassed 2022-09; around 180 informal groups hunting for 105,879 officially missing, official reports not consistent with independent autopsy on one woman's remains 2022-09; Pegasus infected phones journalists and a human rights defender 2019-2021 2022-10; questionable evidence screen captures of WhatsApp message purportedly send by participants in Ayotzinapa kidnapping 2022-10; third report from Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' Special Follow-up Mechanism to the Ayotzinapa Case accused Army withholding evidence, government cover-up 2022-11

**Morocco.** Feminist group creating archives of the LBGTQI+ community 2022-02

**Myanmar.** *Washington Post* used videos, photos, satellite imagery, military planning documents, showed military arson and targeted killing Chin state September 2022-01; NGO report on mass-atrocity crimes by military in Karenni State May 2021-January 2022, UNHCR said about 150,000 people displaced in Karenni and Shan States, Karenni NGOs said more than 170,000 of population of 300,000 displaced in Karenni State alone 2022-02; NGO Fortify Rights and Yale University law school report said 61 senior military and police officials should be investigated for international crimes, more than 1,150 incidents of human rights violations March-May 2021 2022-03; leaked junta documents, interviews, show government forced Rohingya to obtain National Verification Cards that strip access to full citizenship rights 2022-06; UN SR on human rights in Myanmar said since coup 1 February 2021 military killed at least 142 children and over 250,000 displaced, 61 held hostage, documented torture of 142 children 2022-06; Amnesty International said military war crimes in Kayah state, at least 20 civilians killed or injured by land mines since June 2021, only state armed forces use antipersonnel landmines 2020-21 2022-07; NGO Business & Human Rights Resource Centre data over 100 cases of alleged labor and human rights abuses against at least 60,800 garment workers, 70 factories, since 1 February 2021 military takeover 2022-07; ILO said NGOs in country asked funders to lower expectations, for personal security not require detailed participant information and meeting attendance records 2022-08; Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar told UNHRC has prepared 67 evidential packages to share with ICC and ICJ, has more than 3 million "information items" 2022-09; statement by political prisoners at Insein Prison revealed names of officials involved in abuses of prisoners 2022-10; NGO reported at least 1,650,681 people fled homes since military took power 1 February 2021 2022-11

**Nepal.** Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Person to give funds to 93 kin of disappeared, Commission received 3,243 complaints, believes 2,513 persons disappeared 2022-02; Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Commission for Investigation of Enforced Disappeared Persons terms extended 3 months 2022-07

**Nicaragua.** Sweeping cancellations of universities and NGOs 2022-02; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights condemned violations of due process for political prisoners, legal representatives' obstacles to access files prior to trial 2022-02; judge in cases of 5 political prisoners ignored 1,000

documents in evidence, sentenced all to prison 2022-03; UNHRC decided to establish 3-person group to investigate human rights violations and abuses since April 2018 2022-03; NGO said at least 181 political opponents in prison, some since 2018, NGO reported at least 103 attacks on press freedom in March, Parliament cancelled legal credentials of 174 NGOs since November 2018 2022-04; since end 2018 government cancelled legal status 870 NGOs either through legislative decrees or cancel registries 2022-06; registration over 770 NGOs cancelled 6 June-19 July 2022-07 comm.; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights report on serious human rights violations 2022-08; OHCHR told UNHRC drastic reduction civic space, over 1500 NGOs cancelled, no record of convictions of security forces for human rights violations since 2018 2022-09; Interior ministry shut down 300 NGOs, bringing total closed since December 2018 to around 2,900 2022-11

**Nigeria.** Since 2013 Nigerian military forced women in northeast to have abortions 2022-12; Nigerian Army and allies killing children in northeast combat 2022-12; women kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery by Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) 2022-12

**Pakistan.** Sindh High Court ordered police use modern technology to find missing, asked National Database and Registration Authority to block computerized national identity cards of missing, province create task force on missing 2022-01; Rawalpindi court sentenced woman to death for allegedly blasphemous messages from WhatsApp conversation with man whose advances she rejected 2022-01; *Balochistan Post* confirmed 48 disappearances in 10 days following attacks on military headquarters by Baloch Liberation Army 2022-02; Human Rights Council of Balochistan annual report 442 people disappeared of which 170 tortured and released 2022-05; national identity card still not given to millions, woman could not get COVID-19 vaccine without card, privacy risks in biometric database linked to cards 2022-07; Balochistan created parliamentary committee on missing persons 2022-08; Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances said 81 missing returned to homes in November, 240 missing found dead, has received 9,133 inquiries about missing persons, researcher said 1,262 Baloch people officially disappeared since 2000 but number underestimated 2022-12

**Panama.** Strikes since 6 July, injuries, ombudsman recorded, clashes endangered third parties 2022-07

**Papua New Guinea.** Voters in East Sepik and Hela provinces protested not enrolled on voter lists, destroyed ballot boxes, set fire to ballots 2022-07

**Paraguay.** Mateo Sobode Chiquena, an Ayoreo man, recorded more than 1,000 cassettes of Ayoreo histories and songs which are being digitized by a conservation organization 2022-03; UN SR on toxics and human rights extremely concerned about disinformation being spread about the Escazu Agreement on justice in environmental matters, government lacks data to manage compliance with rulings of Human Rights Committee 2022-10

**Peru.** Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concerned that in 2021 were 140,833 cases of violence against women, 43% higher than 2020 2022-02

**Philippines.** ICC prosecutor asked judges to permit resuming investigation of crimes against humanity 1 November 2011 to 16 March 2019 2022-06; NGOs digitizing documents, fear documents will vanish with presidency of Ferdinand Marcos' son 2022-06

**Poland.** Institute of National Remembrance archivists reconstructed 6,714 "archival units" (files and record cards) that had been shredded, contributed to legal cases 2022-04; ministry of health to include fact of pregnancy in national online medical database 2022-06

**Romania.** Researchers protest national archives decision to limit access to classified information pending "verification" even some dating from World War II 2022-05; national archives announced access to archives of communist period closed, 2 researchers and 2 archivists under investigation for allowing access to classified records, archivists say documents from National Archival Fund destroyed at request of secret services 2022-06; former president Ion Iliescu and 3 other former official will be tried, accused of crimes against humanity after 1989 revolution 2022-08

**Russia.** Both parts of NGO Memorial appealed court orders to close 2022-01; International Memorial's appeal rejected, prosecutor launched criminal probe against it for "rehabilitation of Nazism" 2022-02;

Foreign Intelligence Service announced will declassify archival materials “throughout 2022 to coincide with historical anniversaries” 2022-02; Chechen member of Russian State Duma made video threat to family of activist, head of Chechnya added threat on Telegram 2022-02; U.S. NGO National Security Archive briefing book on work of Russian NGO Memorial 2022-03; investigation by Bellingcat, *The Insider* and the *BBC* used travel data, phone records, court documents to link killers of Boris Nemtsov to poisonings of Valdimir Kara-Murza, Dimitri Bykov and murder of Alexy Navalny 2022-03; Russia classifies military deaths as state secrets even in peacetime 2022-04; justice ministry revoked registrations of 15 foreign NGOs, including Amnesty International and HRW 2022-04; organizations listed as foreign agents 2022-07 comm.; *Novaya Gazeta* stripped of media license 2022-09; *NYT* analysis of 700 GB of data from Bashkortostan regional office of Russia’s internet regulator Roskomnadzor showed silencing detractors, controlling flow of information, spreading disinformation, monitoring dissidents 2022-09; UNHRC appointed SR on situation of human rights in the Russian Federation 2022-10; 2 Russian human rights organizations and 18 Russian citizens filed first Russian climate case before Supreme Court, case dismissed in 10 days 2022-11; new law outlaws spreading “propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations” 2022-12

**Rwanda.** HRW monitored trials 2020-2021, said politically motivated prosecutions, intolerance of dissent 2022-03; association of survivors of 1994 genocide NGO Ibuka digitizing archives and recording testimonies of survivors 2022-04

**Saudi Arabia.** Student arrested for tweets critical of government, sentenced to 34 years in jail 2022-08; authorities investigating video of men beating women protesting living conditions at state-run social care facility 2022-09

**Serbia.** Policemen filmed celebrating Srebrenica genocide and war crimes, disciplined 2022-01; Council of Europe’s Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment report on conditions in 13 detention facilities, said registers on treatment and management inadequate, credible allegations of ill-treatment by police officers 2022-03

**Sierra Leone.** Parliament passed 2 acts giving local communities prior consent on industrial projects on their lands and binding agreements between communities and companies on environmental license conditions 2022-08

**Singapore.** Government to repeal law banning consensual sex between men 2022-08

**Slovenia.** President formally apologized for 1992 “erasing” from official register of permanent residents 25,671 people designated “non-Slovenes” 2022-02

**Somalia.** OHCHR said 6132 civilians killed and 948 injured since 1 January, most by improvised explosive devices attributed to Al-Shabaab militants who also destroyed buildings, poisoned wells 2022-11

**South Africa.** Refugees and asylum seekers complaints about renewing permits on the new online system 2022-03; judge ruled constitutional right to an environment “not harmful to health and wellbeing,” government needs to monitor atmospheric emissions, ensure collection of reliable data and make public 2022-03; Statistics South Africa showed ca. 853,00 people immigrated to South Africa 2016-2021 2022-04; judicial commission on state capture and corruption during Jacob Zuma presidency 4<sup>th</sup> report, 3000 witnesses interviewed 2022-05; court ordered Cape Town return belongings of homeless who were evicted including identity documents and asylum-seeker permits, birth certificates 2022-06; human rights risks of abandoned, unrehabilitated coal mines, water quality data and mine locations not on government websites 2022-07; 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marikana Massacre, living and working conditions of mineworkers not improved 2022-08; faulty DNA testing in rape cases, 72.1 rapes per 100,000 people 2019-2020, South African police officers accused of rapes 2022-10; Western Cape High Court reopened inquest into 1969 death of Imam Abdullah Haron in police custody, case recommended by truth commission 2022-11

**South Korea.** Intelligence service filed complaints against two former chiefs for ordering end of investigation and destruction of intelligence documents on North Korea cases 2022-07; prosecutors raided Presidential Archives, investigating 2019 forced repatriation of 2 North Korean fishermen 2022-08

**South Sudan.** UN report on investigation into human rights abuses and attacks against civilians “in and around” Tambura County June-September 2021, has confidential documents profiling 31 perpetrators 2022-03; chairperson of UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan said women repeatedly systematically gang raped, including by government officials since 2013 2022-11; law firm Global Rights Compliance said deliberate starvation being committed principally by South Sudan government forces against citizens, urged UN Security Council to refer situation to ICC 2022-11

**Spain.** Catholic Church to set up local commissions to hear complaints from victims of sexual abuse, *El Pais* gave dossier to Pope on abuses 2022-01; prosecutors investigating 68 cases of alleged sexual abuse of minors by Catholic Church clergy and staff, church also investigating, hired law firm to audit work of its investigating commissions 2022-02; archivists serious comments on draft law on official secrets 2022-08; during Franco era babies stolen from hospitals and placed with Catholic parents, forged paperwork 2022-10

**Sri Lanka.** President Rajapaksa resigned by sending a letter by email 2022-07; OHCHR told UNHRC developing an information and evidence repository on an e-discovery platform, including information from non-UN sources 2022-09, urged government release records of its inquiries into Easter Sunday bombings 2022-09; UNHRC reinforced OHCHR capacity to collect and preserve information and evidence for future accountability processes for gross violations human rights and violations IHL 2022-10

**Sudan.** Army intelligence and a paramilitary squad raided and took over the building of the commission investigating the June 2019 killing of over 100 protesters 2022-03; NGO used corporate records to show cartel of “state-affiliated” companies obstruct democracy 2022-06; military and civilian leaders signed framework agreement on 2-year civilian transitional authority, some blank signature lines for some political forces 2022-12

**Sweden.** UN SRs on indigenous peoples and human rights and the environment urged Sweden not to issue license for iron-ore mine in Gallok region home to Sami people 2022-02

**Syria.** Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) report on violations by Hay’at Tahrir al Sham (HS) January 2012-December 2021 2022-01; Syria Justice and Accountability Centre (SJAC) explained why exhumations of Syria’s graves can wait 2022-02; SNHR collected data on February 1982 massacre in Hama, persons killed, disappeared, urged UN to apologize for not documenting the massacre and pressure Syrian government to explain fate of disappeared 2022-02; SNHR report at least 9,774 women detained or forcibly disappeared, 17,228 women killed, 93 women died due to torture since March 2011 2022-03; passport delays threaten legal status of Syrians abroad, elevated fees for obtaining or renewing passports, applicants outside country must submit video testimonials 2022-03; SJAC report documenting 152 sites in northern Syria where IS detained people 2013-2017, used internal IS documents from Tabqa 2022-04; video of Syrian military unit killing 41 men found on military laptop and smuggled out of country, Netherlands researchers identified and located officer directing murders, Amjad Yousef, and taped chats with him over Facebook 2022-04; Netherlands researchers published essay on the leaked 2011 video 2022-05; Tamer Turkmani had friends send photos of persons gunned down, has 40,000 gigabytes 2022-06; UN report on missing persons, recommended new international institution on missing persons in Syria, proposed core principles and standards for it 2022-08; SNHR said at least 111,000 persons forcibly disappeared 2022-08; SJAC published its process of investigating three cases of government targeting civilians and civilian objects contrary to laws of war 2022-09; NGO Association of Detainees & the Missing in Sednaya Prison published report on prison’s administrative structure and operations, interviewed former prison staffers 2022-10; SJAC obtained cell phone and laptop videos showing execution, burning and burial of detainees by Syrian government forces, identified members of Syrian 9<sup>th</sup> Division 2022-10; SNHR annual report on violations against females, most violations by Syrian regime forces 2022-11; SNHR annual report on violations against children, said Syrian regime forces responsible for nearly 23,000 children killed since March 2011, Russian forces killed 2,046 2022-11; SNHR report on Syrian government’s amnesty practice 2022-11; SNHR obtained 547 new death certificates from sources within Syrian regime, 4 for persons in Caesar photographs 2022-12

**Tanzania.** Videos and photos on social media show police evicting Maasai, police beating and arresting person believed to have distributed images of the violence 2022-06; legislative acts on land titling systematically dispossess village land 2022-07

**Thailand.** Government used Pegasus spyware, monitored at least 30 people in pro-democracy movement 2022-07

**Timor-Leste.** Journalist charged with violating judicial secrecy published reported on 30 girls undergoing virginity tests for public prosecutor case against priest, denied using court records but exposed girls' faces and identities in video report 2022-07

**Türkiye.** Police raided homes and offices Kurdish news agency reported in 6 cities, detained at least 10 journalists, confiscated computers, notebooks, ID cards 2022-10; Federation of Women's Associations said at least 327 women have been killed by men, 1 January-11 November, most by partners in big cities 2022-11; NGO trial monitoring report said great increase in prison sentences in freedom of expression trials since 1 September 2021 2022-12

**Uganda.** Digital ID system introduced 2015, one-third of adults still do not have card, harms access to social and healthcare 2022-05; government suspended NGO working with sexual minorities, said operating without valid permit 2022-08; justice minister called for national registry for war victims, NGOs estimate more than 25,000 young women and girls abducted by Lord's Resistance Army 1987-2006 2022-10

**Ukraine.** Trials of members of armed units who fought against government troops eastern Ukraine, defense counsels' difficulty obtaining documents from persons in east 2022-07; 12 cases in Kirovohrad courts against persons charged as Russian collaborators, case files show all signed plea agreements, 2 imposed obligations such as reading the constitution and literature of Ukrainian national-patriotic nature 2022-09; woman arrested and sentenced to 10 years in prison for posts on social media supporting Russian invasion, man who exchanged maps of Ukrainian armed forces positions given 5 year suspended sentence and 3 year probation 2022-10

**United Arab Emirates.** New law on domestic worker rights include right to receive copy of work contract 2022-10; Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation recorded 26,104 labor law violations January-October 2022 2022-11

**United Kingdom.** Persons can apply to have their records "wiped" of convictions for consensual same-sex sexual activity 2022-01; research by a legal group said at least 464 people have had their citizenship removed in past 15 years, government does not publish number 2022-01; court said government could not strip citizenship by only putting note in the person's Home Office file 2022-01; University of Leicester cannot find donation of records of the Institute for the Study of Terrorism 2022-01; All-Party Parliamentary Group on Trafficked Britons in Syria report, said stripping citizenship exposes them to serious risks 2022-02; National Archives will publish online court and tribunal decisions from the superior courts of record 2022-04; 2 peers and a professor published essay saying official records on conviction or caution of offences involving same-sex sexual conduct continue to harm people even though conduct now legal 2022-04; lawyers working on potential miscarriage of justice cases denied access to evidence, court transcripts extremely costly, Law Commission said reviewing law around criminal appeals 2022-07; researchers found Black and Asian people have to wait longer for cancer diagnosis than white people 2022-08; digital process to confirm migrants' rights to rent and work exacerbating digital divides 2022-08; government plans to use smartwatch facial recognition technology to track and gather data on migrants 2022-08; Information Commissioner's Office issued enforcement notice to the Department for International Trade for persistent failures in handling freedom of information requests 2022-09; Church of England review found 383 cases relating to abuse of vulnerable people by clergy, Church officers and volunteers 2022-10; London's Metropolitan Police to completely revise its gangs matrix database, admitted Black people disproportionately represented 2022-11

**United Kingdom/Scotland.** Scotland's First Minister formally apologized for killing an estimated 3,837 people as witches 1563-1736 2022-03

## United States.

2022-01. NGO counted 1,055 children killed or injured by gunfire 2021; emergency medics lack access to electronic medical records 2022-01; negative descriptors found more frequently in Black patient records than in White 2022-01; Nooksack Indian Tribe expelled 306 people, said not on 1942 tribal census 2022-01

2022-01. Mishandling of Presidential records by former President Trump 2022-02; Central Intelligence Agency collection of large datasets includes data on U.S. persons 2022-02; Federal Bureau of Investigation said had license to use NSO's Pegasus spyware but had not deployed it 2022-02; police killed at least 1,055 people nationwide in 2021 2022-02; Cherokee Nation principal chief said Cherokees were wrong to "once participate in slavery," Nation seeking materials from families of former slaves for use in museum 2022-02; pollution at military base Fort Ord, veterans who were housed in the region of the base have a 35% higher rate of multiple myeloma diagnosis than the general U.S. population 2022-02; death certificate inaccuracy 2022-02

2022-03. Census Bureau data showed Black, Latino and Native American people undercounted in 2020 census 2022-03; attorneys for Abu Zubaydah suing U.S. at European Court of Human Rights, said victim of crimes when detained at CIA black site in Poland, wants access to testimony of two doctors who helped set up CIA torture program (overruling U.S. Supreme Court) 2022-03; reports on effort to modernize veterans' medical records said poses risks to treatments 2022-03; historical "redlining" in 1930s government grading of neighborhoods associated with present air pollution disparities in U.S. cities 2022-03

2022-04. U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled scraping data publicly accessible on the internet is not a violation 2022-04; Harvard University released report on Harvard and the legacy of slavery based on extensive archival research 2022-04

2022-05. SafeGraph stopped sale of data related to family planning centers, concern over tracking 2022-05; internal meatpacking industry documents show aware of high risk of COVID-19 spread in plants, forced to continue work 2022-05; report ICE obtaining state and local government digital records and buying private company databases for a "surveillance infrastructure" 2022-05; Department of Interior report on Federal Indian Boarding Schools with 53 burial sites, extensive archival research 2022-05; Black agricultural land ownership declined 90% 1910-1997, used agricultural census data 2022-05; 2020 deaths by guns highest ever, 45,222 in 2020, 14% rise over 2019 2022-05; COVID-19 deaths reached 1 million 2022-05; Southern Baptist Convention released list pastors and other church personnel accused of sexual abuse 2000-2019 2022-05; Chicago police department task force investigated people across social media platforms for FBI 2022-05

2022-06. In 2021 40% law enforcement agencies did not submit data to national FBI crime statistics collection program 2022-06; 13 people sued Federal government because not scheduled for citizenship interviews more than 2 years after applications, Citizenship and Immigration Service said could not get necessary records from National Archives, 40,000 pending requests 2022-06; Facebook collecting data about people who visit websites of crisis pregnancy centers, Facebook said against its policies 2022-06; lack of national privacy law makes hard to protect or exchange data in wake of decision of supreme court saying no constitutional right to abortion 2022-06; archival research in records of Milbank Memorial Fund showed participated in funding Tuskegee syphilis study 2022-06

2022-07. American Civil Liberties Union published Department of Homeland Security records, showed buying access to people's cell phone location information extracted from smartphone apps 2022-07; 19<sup>th</sup> century land survey maps used, calculate carbon storage in forests of upper Midwest before and after settlers began forest clearing 2022-07; National Park Service data 870,000 Native American artifacts including nearly 110,000 human remains still in possession of colleges, museums, should be returned to tribes 2022-07; without doorbell-owners' consent Ring doorbell company provided surveillance footage to law enforcement 11 times in 2022 2022-07; types of surveillance and data that could be used as evidence of having or providing abortion 2022-07

2022-08. Gunman who killed 10 in Buffalo, New York, used YouTube "as his library" kept online diary 2022-08; 10 years of FOIA data on 8,000 Army courts-martial cases, soldiers accused of sexual assault

half as likely to be detained ahead of trial as with other charges 2022-08; apps that track periods and pregnancies share information about users including to law enforcement 2022-08; Facebook gave Nebraska police the chats of a mother and daughter as part of investigation of illegal abortion, also seized smartphones and laptops they used 2022-08; data on former industrial facilities and flood risks estimated 200,000 people live near a flood-prone former industrial site with “legacy contamination” 2022-08; West Virginia child sex abuse lawsuit showed Church of Latter Day Saints officials’ guidance to church officials 2022-08, church said notes of help line calls destroyed end of every day 2022-08; feature article with images of documents on Trump Administration migrant family separation policy 2022-08

2022-09. UN Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination said U.S. data collection system failed to adequately report cases of racial discrimination 2022-09; NGO Electronic Freedom Foundation said local law enforcement using cellphone tracking tool, sometimes without search warrants 2022-09; network of high-tech towers on U.S. side of border with Mexico to identify and track “objects of interest” 2022-09; election officials getting requests for copies of “cast vote record” generated by ballot-counting machines 2022-09; team of scholars and volunteers developed list of 125,284 persons of Japanese ancestry incarcerated by U.S. during WWII 2022-09; grants to 7 Oklahoma universities to digitize 1966-1972 oral histories with Indigenous people, control over process and access with tribes 2022-09

2022-10. White House issued “Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights” 2022-10; new Federal rules require health care organizations to give patients access to full health records in digital format 2022-10; report that through special Facebook portal Department of Homeland Security can flag content on Facebook or Instagram and request it be suppressed 2022-10; Supreme Court refused to reconsider Insular Cases on birthright citizenship denied to American Samoans, case opposed by government of American Samoa 2022-10; private contractors accused of abusive labor practices on U.S. military bases 2022-10

2022-11. Unequal airborne exposure to toxic metals associated with race, ethnicity, and segregation, need abatement through regulation 2022-11; Senate report on gynecological procedures performed without consent on detained immigrants at Irwin County Detention Center in Georgia 2022-11

2022-12. Congress passed act enabling prosecution of alleged war criminals in U.S. regardless of nationality of perpetrator or victim 2022-12; study 1999-2020 data on homicide victims 0 to 17 years of age, rate increased annually for boys and decreased for girls, if 10 years or younger perpetrators mostly parents/caregivers, older by friend/acquaintances 2022-12; more children killed or hurt in gunfire in 2022 than in 2021 2022-12; prisoners died of treatable hepatitis C-related complications at twice rate of deaths in general population 2022-12; University of California at San Francisco committee on historical unethical conduct report on experiments in 1960s and 1970s on incarcerated men said questionable informed consent practices 2022-12; Princeton & Slavery project posted essay on Princeton’s debt to Firestone rubber company’s exploitive practices in Liberia 2022-12; Indigenous people formerly enslaved in Southwest unable to prove genealogy to enable enrollment in American Indian tribe today 2022-12; increase in reported number of abandoned oil and gas wells after legislated money to plug wells, records used to find wells, researchers said 14 million people live within mile of orphaned well including 1.3 million adults with asthma 2022-12

United States/California. Task force report on impacts of enslavement and generations of discrimination against Black Californians 2022-06; DNA of rape victim used by San Francisco police to arrest her in unrelated property crime, police chief said changed procedure to prevent use of such DNA for unrelated crimes 2022-09

United States/Colorado. Original 2019 autopsy report on Elijah McClain, young Black man who died during his arrest by Aurora police, changed in July 2021 showing died after police paramedics gave him doses of ketamine 2022-09

United States/Iowa. Change of computer software at Department of Human Services made unreadable thousands records dealing with child abuse investigations 2022-01

United States/Louisiana. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told state must examine how polluters imperil health of Black residents, disproportionate number cancer cases from industrial air pollution, air samples show pollution some locations greatly exceeds health limits 2022-10



United States/Maryland. Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission public hearing on 15-year-old Howard Cooper lynched 1885, great-great-granddaughter said “in awe of archive” that provided evidence 2022-06

United States/Mississippi. Unserved 1955 warrant found in county records charging white woman with involvement in kidnapping and killing of Emmett Till 2022-06; county grand jury decided not sufficient evidence to indict woman in lynching of Emmett Till 2022-08

United States/New Jersey. Governor executive order said name change orders after 1948 exempted from Open Public Records Act to protect privacy 2022-11

United States/Oklahoma. Tulsa excavating suspected mass graves after 1921 Greenwood massacre, 19 sets remains found, persons can submit DNA to law enforcement “genealogy website” to see if match remains, worry about further uses of DNA by police 2022-09

United States/Pennsylvania. Since 2014 when state law expanded list of professionals required to report suspicions child in danger, flood of unfounded reports, disproportionately affected families of color living in poverty 2022-10

United States/Virginia. Virginia Beach police forged documents to use in interrogations 2022-01

**Uzbekistan.** Protests over proposal to deny Karakalpakstan’s right to seek independence, proposal withdrawn, president said would appoint commission to investigate unrest 2022-07

**Venezuela.** Members sworn in to a commission to “delve into the truth of European colonialism and its crimes and genocide” 2022-01; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights condemned extra-judicial killings of poor young men, 27 killed first two weeks 2022 2022 2022-01; Amnesty International research report on correlation between stigmatization in public and private media and arbitrary detentions and attacks against human rights defenders 2022-02; Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (IIFFM) said 185 State security officials convicted for human rights violations but lack of “disaggregated data and key information” on trials an obstacle to assessing the government’s “real efforts to investigate and prosecute” human rights violations 2022-03; IIFFM 2 reports on State repression of dissent, crimes against humanity, human rights violations in struggle for control mining areas 2022-09; human remains found in mining areas southern Bolivar province, attributed to R Organization criminal group controlling illegal mines and communities, mine workers stripped of phones, disappeared 2022-12

**Zimbabwe.** Judge rejected claim by villagers of governmental eviction for commercial use of land, said government should have commission of enquiry on question of private ownership of communal lands 2022-01