

## ICA HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP NEWS

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World Health Organization. Health of refugees in European Region 2019-01; urged to establish a global registry of research on editing human DNA 2019-03; guidelines on digital interventions for health systems strengthening 2019-04; released Uganda report on Ebola, then withdrew it as including “unverified information” 2019-07; first world report on vision, says more reliable data needed 2019-10

### **General news.**

Anti-Semitism. Tel Aviv University’s annual report on violent anti-Semitic acts said up 13% worldwide in 2018 2019-05

### **Business records.**

2019-01: Investor Statement on Corporate Accountability for Digital Rights 2019-01; judge said Bristol-Myers Squibb, Johns Hopkins University and Rockefeller Foundation can be sued over roles in Guatemala syphilis experiments 2019-01; Purdue Pharma corporate records released in lawsuits 2019-01; DR Congo communities can go to mediation with development banks over rights issues against Feronia, Inc. 2019-01; France fined Google for breaching European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation 2019-01

2019-02: Germany rules Facebook cannot collect data from third-party services without user explicit consent 2019-02; Nigerian widows suing Shell, two denied visas to Netherlands 2019-02; Honduras prosecuting chief executive Energy Development SA for Berta Caceres murder 2019-02; Brazil dam collapse brings calls for database on tailings dams and safety risks 2019-02; Thermo Fisher Scientific said it would “no longer sell or service genetic sequencers in China’s mostly Muslim region of Xinjiang” after criticism the product supported human rights abuses 2019-02; Purdue Pharma reformulation of OxyContin drug led to rise in hepatitis C infections, Richard Sackler deposition opened to public 2019-02

2019-03: Thais displaced by sugarcane industry ask U.K. to force action by Bonsucro oversight organization 2019-03; Rainforest Alliance and Fairtrade certified tea companies that violated labor standards 2019-03; fashion industry launched Open Apparel Registry 2019-03; records show Samarco executives and boards know of risk to dam that collapsed in Brazil 2019-03; Quebec court ordered three tobacco companies to pay smokers who didn’t know or understand smoking risks 2019-03; review of Ecuador case against Chevron-Texaco 2019-03; California Federal court ruled Monsanto’s Roundup “substantial factor” in man’s non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma 2019-03

2019-04: Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea issued 2019-04; ruling on Ford Motor Argentina case released 2019-04; U.K. supreme court permits Zambia case against Vedanta to proceed 2019-04; protests against the Vale and other mining companies over dam collapse in Brazil in January 2019-04; Nigeria Bayelsa State appointed commission on environmental and health damage in the oil fields 2019-04; Microsoft rejected California law enforcement request to buy facial recognition technology 2019-04; open letter urges Amazon to stop selling its facial recognition technology; nearly half women in Vietnam’s clothing and shoe factories harassed 2019-04; Netherlands court said widows of activists killed in Nigeria 1995 can sue Royal Dutch Shell in the Netherlands 2019-04; NGOs deliver court summons to

Shell for climate destruction 2019-04; Netherlands court said Chevron does not have to pay judgment to Ecuadorians, Canada also said its Chevron subsidiary does not have to pay 2019-04

2019-05: Odebrecht admits illegally funding presidential campaigns in Peru 2019-05; Brazil suing tobacco companies to recover costs of treatments 2019-05; U.K. petitioned to allow rehearing of case of Nigerians against Royal Dutch Shell 2019-05; U.S. appeals court allows Sudan refugees' case against BNP Paribas to proceed 2019-05; study of working conditions in Beqaa Valley found only 17% of workers have written contract 2019-05

2019-06: Another case decided on Roundup causing cancer 2019-05; consortium of companies and universities cooperative to use machine learning on data on drug development 2019-06; Pfizer did not disclose research results indicating Enbrel efficacy on Alzheimer's disease, criticized 2019-06; Vale mining company withdrew from UN Global Compact 2019-06

2019-07: The United Nations Human Rights Council's "open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights" (OEIGWG) released draft of treaty to regulate "in international human rights law" activities of corporations 2019-07; U.K. Supreme Court said Nigerian communities can appeal dismissal of case against Shell 2019-07; Vale Brazil mining company to pay both collective moral damages and individual damages to "close relatives" of the dead 2019-07

2019-08: Canadian mining company Tahoe Resources settled suit in Canada brought by Guatemala men injured during protest outside the company's mine 2019-08; U.S. said Novartis manipulated data on gene therapy treatment Zolgensma 2019-08; Richard Sackler testimony in opioid trial released 2019-08; Johnson & Johnson ordered to pay State of Oklahoma for opioid marketing 2019-08

2019-09: Brazil police say mining company Vale and German safety firm TUV SUD "falsified documents" on the Feijao dam that collapsed 2019-09; law firm hired by Bayer said Monsanto list of European journalists and politicians to lobby for Monsanto products not illegal 2019-09; Nicaragua banana workers suing Dow, Shell, Occidental in France for health damages 2019-09; lawsuit by Cambodians can go forward in the U.K. against Bansucro 2019-09; Tencent and Alibaba refusing to give customer loan data to China for credit scoring 2019-09; SLAPP lawsuits brought by "carbon majors" and mining companies 2019-09; suits against German firms exporting spyware to Turkey 2019-09; agribusiness, including Dole, linked to attacks against indigenous groups Philippines 2019-09; historians ask U.S. court to preserve and make public all documents in opioid case 2019-09;

2019-10: Engineer alleged Ethiopian Airlines manipulated records post-crash 2019-10; Health Canada to make public permit applications for drug, biological treatment and medical devices 2019-10; Asia Pulp and Paper involved in hundreds of land conflicts Sumatra and Borneo 2019-10; Syrian activist decried YouTube removals of videos that are evidence of war crimes 2019-10

2019-11: Australian court ruled against Johnson & Johnson on defective implants 2019-11; 1966 article as evidence coal industry knew combustion of fossil fuels increasing carbon dioxide in atmosphere 2019-11; Corporate Human Rights Benchmark released, said "distressing picture" 2019-11; Purdue Pharma documents show using public relations to counter criticism of promotion of OxyContin 2019-11; French court dismissed some and maintained some charges against Lafarge for aiding terrorist enterprise 2019-11

2019-12: Investor Alliance for Human Rights asked all investors to sign a statement on mandatory due diligence for business 2019-12; pollution of rivers by prescription-drug factories 2019-12; U.S. lawsuit against Apple, Alphabet (Google), Dell, Microsoft, and Tesla for abuse of children mining cobalt in Democratic Republic of Congo, photos in complaint 2019-12; global trade in small arms highest since survey began in 2001 2019-12

Church records. Texas Southern Baptist sexual misconduct 2019-02; Catholic church sexual misconduct records Vatican, Texas, Mexico, Brazil 2019-02; Poland released statistics from local parishes showing sexual abuse reports 2019-03; Pope issued new law requiring church to report accusations of sexual abuse to church authorities 2019-05; Vatican will make records on sexual abuse available to civil authorities, expanded definition of child from 14 to 18 to combat child abuse 2019-12; Legion of Christ released

statistics on child abuse 2019-12; Catholic diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina, published list of clergy accused of child sexual abuse 2019-12

Citizenship. 25 countries do not allow women to give nationality to children 2019-06

Climate change. Oceans heating faster 2019-01; U.S. and Bangladesh villages forced to move 2019-01; commentary 2019-03; Torres Strait Islanders file complaint with UN Human Rights Committee against Australia for not meeting its climate accord pledge 2019-05; internal displacement worldwide sharply higher 2019-05; Supreme Court Netherlands ruled government must reduce emissions by 25% by end of 2020 compared to 1990 levels 2019-12; Philippines' Commission on Human Rights said fossil fuel firms could be held "legally liable" for global warming 2019-12; Greenland's ice sheet melting, 400 million people at risk of flooding every year by 2100 2019-12; U.S. court ruled ExxonMobil did not mislead investors about the costs of future climate change by keeping two sets of books 2019-12; U.S. NGOs that question human causes of global warming received money from major coal-mining company 2019-12; data from 19<sup>th</sup> century ship logs added to dataset to reconstruction daily weather back to 1836 2019-12

Colonial records. Kenyan writer urged former colonial powers "return" records to countries from which they were taken 2019-03

Criminal records. Need for data on drug crimes worldwide because believe minorities and immigrants disproportionately targeted 2019-10

Environment. Report on killing of land and environmental defenders 2019-07; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change oceans report 2019-09; more internal displacement from disasters than conflict 2019-09; Climate Central research shows greater impact of rising seas due to climate change 2019-11; report on attacks against environmental protection defenders 2019-11

Freedoms. NGO CIVICUS said data show that from November 2018 to November 2019 twice as many people are now living in countries where civic freedoms violated 2019-12; Committee to Protect Journalists said "at least" 250 journalists in jail, more than half for publishing online 2019-12; Reporters without Borders said from 1 January to 1 December 2019 49 journalists were killed, all in their own country 2019-12

Human rights defenders. Highest number of defenders killed in 2018 2019-01

Indigenous rights. Working group formed on Indigenous Data Sovereignty 2019-07

Inequality/poverty. 26 richest persons own as many assets as 3.8 billion poorest half world population 2019-01; high resolution satellite data can map economic living conditions at household level 2019-01

Justice. NGO World Justice Project measured the "justice gap" 2019-04; Microsoft and Clooney Foundation for Justice announced TrialWatch artificial intelligence program 2019-04; survey shows only 17% of persons with a legal problem went to an authority to mediate or adjudicate 2019-06

Land records. Opening land claim data may hurt indigenous communities 2019-03; coalition mapping indigenous lands worldwide, may aid authorities in removing informal settlements 2019-09

Medical records.

2019-01: Pew Charitable Trusts open-access data on antibiotic research, Novartis and Achaogen contributions 2019-01; U.S. cases of serious birth defect called gastroschisis is more common in counties

with high opioid rates 2019-01; Finnish data say births from medially assisted reproduction worse health outcomes than natural conception 2019-0;

2019-02: “Only 1 in 3 biomedical studies include data on sex differences” 2019-02; tech companies creating risk scores for health care providers and insurers 2019-02

2019-03: Ddata show coarse dust particles in air pollution cause 8.8 million extra deaths in 2015, more than smoking 2019-03; human reference genome faults 2019-03; 23andMe will tell customers risk of type 2 diabetes 2019-03; Nuance software maker developing listening system to automatically populate medical records 2019-03; medical-related apps developers sharing user data 2019-03; relationship between democracy and “cause-specific mortality” 2019-03 supp.; research on Inuit tuberculosis focus on living conditions 2019-03 supp.

2019-04: Records of British teenagers said a third had a psychotic experience since age 12, most if live in polluted areas 2019-04; study of worldwide birth records shows “missing” girls, preference for boys 2019-04

2019-05: Kenya bracelets with GPS reduce baby deaths 2019-05; national statistics used to show gun deaths in U.S., Mexico, Brazil and Colombia associated with young men, race and ethnicity, low education levels 2019-05; three studies show strong relationship between air pollution and dementia 2019-05; online patient registry helped combat spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria 2019-05; *Lancet* launched journal on digital health 2019-05

2019-06: 22.1% of conflict-affected populations have mental disorders 2019-06; persons with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) have higher rates of mortality 2019-06; children vaccinated for chicken pox also protected from shingles 2019-06; Swedish records show flexible leave for fathers reduces after birth problems of mothers 2019-06

2019-07: 54gene is building pan-Africa biobank and urging hospitals away from paper 2019-07; Nigeria issuing e-Yellow Card of vaccinations 2019-07; Biocell breast implants recalled, linked to lymphoma 2019-07; fingerprinting children in Bangladesh and Tanzania to track vaccinations and link to medical records, Simprints to manage 2019-07

2019-08: Who should control data from robot assisted surgery 2019-08

2019-09: Tracing after-effects of Ebola infection in Guinea 2019-09; mental health apps providing data to Google and Facebook “for analytics or advertising” 2019-09; 187 servers with medical images and health data unprotected 2019-09; U.S. made public in cloud the DNA Sequence Read Archive 2019-09; taking and holding DNA samples of criminals reduces reoffending 2019-09

2019-10: WHO and country records show preventive medication reduces parasitic worm infection 2019-10; half of deaths worldwide do not have death certificates or records describing cause of death, Bloomberg Philanthropies donated \$120 million for “verbal autopsies” and registries 2019-10; German anti-mosquito compound developed during World War II more effective than DDT used by Allies, found in postwar U.S. intelligence reports 2019-10; lack of data on antimicrobial resistance 2019-10; call for Wellcome Sanger Institute to return DNA samples from South African indigenous communities 2019-10; African under-represented in genetics research 2019-10

2019-11: Research group asks *Lancet* to reconsider making individual level data openly accessible, wants easier data sharing outside Europe 2019-11; mobile phone location data helps understand disease transmission 2019-11

2019-12: U.K. partnership with Amazon allows various uses of National Health Service data 2019-12; recommendation to strengthen cooperation of medical regulatory authorities, too many rules prevent sharing critical safety information to protect trade secrets 2019-12

Migration. Mexico holding African migrants, if get residence permit can bar asylum in U.S. 2019-11; Facebook public data can show trends in migration, useful for early-warning 2019-12; Human Rights First (NGO) report on violence against migrants returned to Mexico after crossing into U.S. 2019-12

Privacy. Less than 60% of countries have data protection/privacy laws 2019-01; telephone companies selling access to customers’ location data 2019-01; hackers leak 2.2 billion records 2019-01; China

paying fine for TikTok app which collected information from children under 13 2019-02; Twitter retains messages deleted from deactivated accounts 2019-02; Ovia pregnancy app lets employers and insurers track health data 2019-04; Amazon employees listen to voice recordings of Echo/Alexa 2019-04; sensitive data found on 42% hard drives sold on eBay 2019-04; urge aid agencies to minimize collection of PII and encrypt data 2019-07; German data protection authority ordered Google to stop manual reviews of audio snippets from language reviewer service 2019-08; contractors for Microsoft listening to personal conversations of Skype users 2019-08; Digital Recognition has 9 million license plate photos 2019-09; South Korean man ran child pornography operation of 250,000 videos, Bitcoin transactions used to identify and arrest customers in 40 countries 2019-10; Florida police obtained search warrant to use full DNA database at GEDmatch 2019-11; American Bar Association on privacy concerns in using DNA held at genealogy sites for criminal investigations 2019-11; U.S. military able to search biometric data of both U.S. citizens and “catalogued non-citizens” 2019-11; Amnesty International said Facebook and Google have “surveillance-based business model” 2019-11; one server with information on 1.2 billion individuals unsecured, one of the largest breaches ever 2019-11; “Principles of Responsible Data for Children” released 2019-11; “forensic genomics firm Verogen” bought genealogy website GEDmatch 2019-12

Refugees. World Refugee Council published “Data Protection and Digital Agency for Refugees” 2019-05; danger that counting refugees will decrease public support for them 2019-10; migrants detained in Mexico although may had official Mexican government papers allowing them to be in the state 2019-10

Slavery. Michigan State University links data collections on slavery 2019-01; UN Special Rapporteur said International Labor Organization estimates 24.9 million people in forced labor and 15.4 million in forced marriages 2019-09; reports on slavery and trafficking in Bangladesh (case backlog), India (low conviction rate), and Malaysia (backlog and low conviction rate); France created Foundation for the Memory of Slavery 2019-11; Cultural Heritage Agency Netherlands pilot study of records for traces of “slavery and colonial history” of its collection 2019-12

Technology. Shareholders ask Amazon not to sell facial recognition technology without safeguards 2019-01; Physicians for Human Rights app to report sexual violence cases 2019-01; hacked Russian data leaked 2019-01; psychological damage to Facebook content reviewers 2019-02; urge Google and Apple remove Saudi “Absher” which allows tracking of women 2019-02; Facebook, Twitter, YouTube failed to prevent spread of video of New Zealand massacre 2019-03; Internet Archives received more than 550 “takedown notices” from Europol and France in one week, included links to scientific research, U.S. government documents, TV footage from CSPAN 2019-04; Christchurch Call for voluntary pledges to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content online 2019-05; practice of using mobile phone records to unknowingly track populations for humanitarian purposes questioned 2019-05; Twitter disclosed government request for information it received, accounts suspended 2019-05; language in Facebook posts helps identify serious medical conditions 2019-06; audio recordings can show developing psychosis 2019-06; smart phones identify breathing noises associated with heart attacks 2019-06; American Civil Liberties Union report on use of surveillance technology 2019-06; EU SURVANT project uses AI on surveillance videos to find “critical elements of criminal activity” 2019-06; DeepNude app undressing women taken down 2019-06; fake videos problem 2019-06; YouTube deleted posts on Holocaust denial and Nazi ideology, took down archival material 2019-06; 4chan archives show increase in slurs, 8chan does not keep “complete” archives, child pornography on site 2019-07; Chinese app lets users swap faces with celebrities, identity verification concerns 2019-09; child pornography on the internet, last year 45 million photos and videos of abuse 2019-09; Facebook expanded definition of terrorist organizations, “better spot and block live videos of shootings,” suspended “tens of thousands” of apps 2019-09; Facebook users sue for letting app developers and business partners use personal data without consent 2019-09; Google temporarily paused its “human audio review” then resumed it 2019-09; researchers used facial-recognition software to match photos to unidentified MRI images that show outlines of the head and brain 2019-10

Torture. Drawing by Guantanamo Bay prisoner Abu Zubaydah on abuse and torture 2002 at U.S. Central Intelligence Agency “black site” 2019-12

World War II. Train records show Nazi murders per day during Operation Reinhard 2019-01; International Tracing Service digitized photo card index of former Dachau prisoners 2019-01; National Library Israel digitized rare photos of Vilna, Lithuania, ghetto 2019-01; return of Nazi stolen library books 2019-01; French railroad reparations payment to Holocaust victims in U.S. completed 2019-02; National Archives Finland published research on involvement of Finnish SS men in killing of Jews, civilians and prisoners of war 2019-02; mapping locations of USSR POW camps for Germans showed economics dictated camp locations 2019-03; Vatican will open records of Pius XII papacy in 2020 2019-03; Korean organization published 4 volumes documenting comfort women archives and their locations 2019-04; 600 books returned by Sotheby’s to German library which had “meticulous inventory” of its losses 2019-04; International Tracing Service uploaded documents from Nazi concentration camps 2019-05; descendants of Hermann Stieve found microscopic slides with remains of Nazi prisoners, medical school located related autopsy records 2019-05; Dutch railway to pay reparations to Holocaust survivors 2019-06; Bibliotheque nationale de France restored and displayed children’s drawing made before deportation 2019-06; Blumenthal papers, including study of Nazi terminology, donated to YIVO Institute 2019-06; Ancestry digitized and posted records from Arolsen Archives 2019-08; Poland seeking reparations from Germany for WWII destruction 2019-08; Russia to give records of Jewish organizations back to Austria, taken after war 2019-09; U.S. film maker sued by Japanese men interviewed for comfort women documentary 2019-09; Dutch railroads invoiced Germans for transports to camps, records of payments lost 2019-09; audio recordings of Nuremberg trials digitized and made available at three sites 2019-10; Italian musician collects music composed by prisoners during the Holocaust, building preservation and performance facility 2019-12; Auschwitz museum adding names from transport lists to its Digital Repository of names of persons held at the camp 2019-12

### **Bilateral and multilateral news.**

Afghanistan/United States. UN said during first quarter of 2019 air strikes by U.S. killed 145 civilians, half women and children 2019-04

Algeria/France. Negotiation on archives restitution and compensation victims of nuclear tests, Algeria 26,00 hours oral testimonies of former guerilla fighters and conducting a census of all former fighters 2019-01; France opened archives relating to 1957 disappearance of Maurice Audin, promised to declassify and open archives on war with Algeria 2019-09

Arab states/Israel. Israel demanding compensation for assets lost by Jews who fled Arab/Iran 1948 independence riots 2019-01

Argentina/Myanmar. Lawsuit filed in Argentina against Myanmar officials over crackdown on Rohingya 2019-11; Yangon committee compiled list of mosques and Muslim religious schools demolished or forced to shut down 2019-11

Argentina/United States. U.S. gave tranche of documents to Argentina on its military dictatorship 2019-04; Argentina prosecutor’s office said declassified U.S. records contributing to ongoing cases 2019-11

Armenia/Azerbaijan. Minsk Group of OSCE said tension reduced over Nagorno-Karabakh, parties should “redouble efforts” to provide data on missing persons 2019-12

Armenia/Turkey. Turkish historian identifies handwriting, two documents on Armenian genocide 2019-07

Australia/United Kingdom. U.K. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority withdrew Australia nuclear test files from National Archives 2019-01

Balkan wars. Republika Srpska set up commission on Srebrenica and Sarajevo, international experts say aim is revisionism 2019-02; digital archives of evidence pertaining to war crimes cases in possession of



BiH prosecutor to be created 2019-02; refugees experiencing violence from Croatian police at Croatia-Bosnia border 2019-03; Serbia's War Crimes Prosecutor website removed much content 2019-03; two Bosniak men shot by Scorpions paramilitary unit in 1995 identified 2019-04; Kosovo waiting copies of cadastral documents seized by Serbia at end of 1999 war 2019-04; Netherlands Supreme Court said government "partly liable" for Srebrenica deaths, will pay compensation 2019-07; Bosnia agreements with Croatia and Serbia on search for missing persons 2019-07; NGO RECOM said Serbia and wartime commanders withholding information on locations of mass graves 2019-08; Missing Persons Institute BiH published new database of all missing person reports that have been verified 2019-08; Humanitarian Law Centre published dossier showing Serbia forced refugees to do military service on the front lines in Bosnia and Croatia 2019-11; *BIRN* launched updated war crimes verdicts map 2019-12; Kosovo and Serbia each said have more documents to give to Kosovo Specialist Chambers 2019-12

Belgium/Burundi/Congo/Rwanda. Belgium apologized for separating metis children from parents, said will open colonial archives, help gain access to official records and Belgian nationality 2019-04

Belgium/Democratic Republic of Congo. Belgian court investigating orphanage that trafficked children from Congo 2019-08

Bulgaria/Russia. Russia won't return original Bulgarian records from 1934-44 taken by Red Army 2019-03

Burundi/Tanzania. Officials signed agreement to refoule Burundi refugees in Tanzania 2019-09

Cameroon/France. French diplomatic archives on Cameroon independence opened 2019-07

Cameroon/Germany. Germany gave Cameroon copy of 10,000 colonial period records 2019-09

Central America/United States. U.S. Inspector General says records failure when children separated at U.S.-Mexico border 2019-01

Chile/United States. U.S. document released on U.S. effort to hold Chilean General Pinochet accountable for 1976 assassination in Washington, D.C., of Orlando Letelier and Ronnie Moffett 2019-09

Colombia/Venezuela. Venezuelan children born in Colombia have birth certificate "not valid to show nationality." 2019-05; limited registration by Colombia of births of Venezuelans if parents in country legally 2019-08; attacks into Colombian border area of Catatumbo, written testimony given to Colombian government by almost 500 victims 2019-08

Croatia/Serbia. Dossier of Serb complicity in crimes against Croats in Vojvodina during 1991-1995 war, ICTY records used 2019-01

Czech Republic/United Kingdom. Aide to former U.K. prime minister cooperated with Czech secret police, archivist of police said he was unaware 2019-06

Ecuador/Israel/United States. Ecuador urged to reopen investigation of president's 1981 death in plane crash alleging involvement of CIA and Israeli Mossad 2019-05

Egypt/Israel/Syria. Israel's Defense Ministry released archives on the hours before the start of the 1973 Yom Kippur War 2019-10

El Salvador/Spain/United States. Rene Yushy Mendoz, extradited from U.S., will go on trial in Spain for killing Spanish Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter in El Salvador in 1989 2019-12

Ethiopia/United States. Nigussie Mergia on trial in US for lying on immigration documents, expert says documentary evidence may be falsified in Ethiopia archives 2019-02

European Union/United Kingdom. Prior to U.K. exit from EU, U.K. registering EU citizens living in 2019-01

Finland/Russia. Russian group said Finns buried Soviet POWs in Sandarmokh, nothing in Finnish archives on it 2019-09

France/Rwanda. French president appointed 8 person commission to consult "all French archives" relating to Rwanda genocide 2019-04

France/United Arab Emirates/Yemen. French weapons being used by UAE in Yemen war 2019-04

Gambia/United States. Gambia Truth Commission took testimonies in U.S. 2019-09

Georgia/Germany/Russia. Russian man charged with killing Georgian in Berlin had Interpol notice, photographic comparison determined identity 2019-12

Georgia/Russia. National archives accused of redacting information about crimes committed when Georgia was part of USSR 2019-03

Germany/Namibia/United States. U.S. judge ruled Germany cannot be sued in U.S. for colonial crimes in Namibia 2019-03

Germany/Rwanda/Syria. New trial in Germany for Rwandan armed group leader, German investigation unit ZBKV (war crimes and crimes against international law) had 8500% increase in “leads” 2013-2015, mostly Syria cases 2019-01

Greece/United States. Eastern Orthodox Church demands universities return Byzantine-era manuscripts 2019-01

Guatemala/United States. U.S. lack of response to police archives crisis linked to getting Guatemala’s help in stopping immigration to U.S. 2019-07; Guatemala will give U.S. biometric information on foreigners “in or passing through” 2019-08; Cuxum Alvarado pled guilty to entering U.S. illegally, will be jailed, then deported to Guatemala where wanted in crime of mass sexual assault of Maya Achi women in and around Rabinal 2019-10; Samayoa Cabrera deported from U.S. to Guatemala, charged with human rights abuses in El Quiche in early 1980s, court documents show culpability 2019-12; Guatemalan alleged offenders of human rights in U.S. 2019-12

Gulf countries/India. Nearly 10,000 complaints of torture of Indians employed in the Gulf 2019-07

Hungary/Russia. Russia will give Hungary copies of identification documents of Hungarian prisoners of war who had been held in Soviet camps 2019-10

India/Pakistan. India says will not send Indus water to Pakistan in defiance of Indus Water Treaty 2019-02

Indonesia/Timor-Leste/United states. U.S. records on what U.S. knew of 1999 Indonesian military plans to kill Timor activists 2019-08

Iran/Iraq. *The Intercept* obtained an “an archives of secret Iranian intelligence cables” showing “vast influence in Iraq” 2019-11

Iraq/United Kingdom. Report rules of engagement permit U.K. army to shoot unarmed civilians if civilians “suspected of keeping them [army] under surveillance” 2019-02; U.K. returning looted Babylonian kudurru 2019-03

Ireland/United Kingdom/Northern Ireland. Irish prime minister urged to release file on 1975 Dublin-Monaghan bombing and U.K. to release its files 2019-05

Islamic State (IS, ISIS). Information on making chemical weapons on dark Web 2019-01; women and children of fighters stateless 2019-03; children of IS fighters prosecuted in Baghdad 2019-03; women in Iraq prosecuted for belonging to IS 2019-03; Indonesia try to determine if IS displaced persons are its citizens 2019-03

Israel/Palestine. Israel destroyed Palestinian structures in West Bank, lack of Israeli building permits 2019-01; UN Human Rights Council commission of inquiry said some Israeli violations constitute war crimes, released video compilation of Gaza shooting 2019-02; NGO B’Tselem report on High Court responsibility for allowing demolition of Palestinian homes and dispossession of Palestinians 2019-02; Palestinian children detained or in Israeli prisons 2019-04; UN asks \$20 million for Palestinians injured in demonstrations 2019-05; Akevot obtains file on Israel preventing Arabs from returning to villages 2019-05; Akevot report on Defense closing archives re 1948 events, *Haaretz* reports on it 2019-07; Israel closing records to prevent historians from reporting on 1948 2019-08

Israel/Russia. Russia gave the Israeli National Library the archives of Israel’s communist party which had been sent to Moscow in 1977 2019-04

Italy/Russia/Ukraine. Dual Ukraine-Italy citizen convicted in Italy for helping coordinate strike in Ukraine killing Italian photographer, questionable Russian propaganda used to convict 2019-12

Japan/North Korea. North Korea gave Japan false documents on citizens it kidnapped 2019-09

Kazakhstan/Russia. Medical register of persons exposed by the Semipalatinsk nuclear tests 2019-04

Kosovo/Serbia. Investigating whether photo said to be of Serbs raping Albanian woman is authentic 2019-05; lack records on children born of Kosovo women raped by Serbian forces during war 2019-06

Kosovo/Turkey. Kosovo deported 6 men to Turkey, said linked to Gulen, had Kosovo papers, one deported in error 2019-03

Latvia/Russia. Index of KGB agents in Latvia released, no access to Russia records 2019-01; report of aftermath of opening 2019-03; Latvia parliament authorized national archives to open filing system and other KGB documents 2019-05

Liberia/Switzerland. Switzerland indicted Liberian man for violations of the law of war during Liberian civil war 1989-1996 2019-04

Libya/Turkey. Libya asked for Ottoman property records 2019-03

Lithuania/Russia. Lithuania convicted 67 former KGB and military for 1991 crackdown crimes 2019-03

Malaysia/Netherlands/Russia/Ukraine. Netherlands charged 3 Russians and 1 Ukrainian for shooting down Malaysian Airlines Flight 17 2019-06

Middle East and North Africa. Correlation between climate stress and Arab spring uprisings 2019-01

Middle East/North Africa/United States. U.S. military report on civilian casualties from US military action 2015-2017, NGO Syrian Justice and Accountability Centre says unclear whether U.S. ever made “condolence payments” in Syria for killings 2019-02

Mideast wars.

2019-04: Amnesty International and Airwars launch website documenting civilian casualties in Raqqa, Syria 2019-04; lawyers for Majid Khan at Guantanamo military court ask for evidence about CIA secret prison and torture 2019-04; video of IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi released, said “jihad will continue until doomsday” 2019-04

2019-05: Syrian families organization call for creation of formal mechanism to address missing in northeast Syria 2019-05; International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) report on complexity of Syrian refugees in Jordan to return home 2019-05; U.S. said to have sent 30 captured IS fighters to stand trial in Iraq 2019-05; Netherlands arrested a Syrian accused of war crimes, will start trial of returned Dutch IS fighter in July 2019-05

2019-07: Al-Hol refugee camp foreign women, children died, records of deaths not always kept 2019-07; Netherlands court used social media and convicted Dutch-born former IS fighter 2019-07; Syria war crimes cases in Germany using universal jurisdiction 2019-07

2019-08: Germany collecting evidence on IS crimes against Yazidis 2019-08; Iraqi doctor in U.K. may appeal for asylum although he treated prisoners who were tortured by Iraq military 2019-08; Syrian intelligence agencies directing and monitoring humanitarian aid 2019-08; detained foreigners in Syria, use middlemen for information 2019-08; Lebanon forcibly deported almost 2,500 Syrian refugees 2019-08; UN Security Council held first briefing on detainees and missing in Syria, numbers not known because government uses unregistered detention facilities and won’t make prisoner records public 2019-08; Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) annual report says at least 98,000 people forcibly disappeared in Syria since March 2011 2019-08; SNHR also said 638 refugees forcibly disappeared after return to Syria and 15 killed by torture 2019-08; ICTJ said “archiving and oral history projects” helping the families of missing 2019-08; report on types of weapons used, Russia using Syria as test ground 2019-08; increase in bombardment in northwest Syria killing civilians 2019-08

2019-09: Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (IICI) said civilians harmed, lack of civil documentation problem now and in future 2019-09; medical facilities damaged by attacks, UN to investigate 2019-09; SNHR report satellite images show destruction Khan Sheikhoun City 2019-09; *New York Times* on verification methods for Afghan deaths 2019-09; U.S.

documents released on men who developed CIA torture program, interrogation of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed 2019-09; Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri video called for attacks in U.S., Europe, Israel and Russia 2019-09; report on how U.S. hacked ISIS computer systems in 2016 2019-09

2019-10: HRW report Afghan forces backed by U.S. unlawfully killed civilians, forcibly detained, attacked health care facilities, 14 cases from late 2017 to mid-2019 2019-10; in raid that killed Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi U.S. military seized telephones, laptops, thumb drives, a Syrian researcher obtained an IS “book of receipts” 2019-10; evidence of bombing hospitals in Syria on May 5 and 6 by Russian Air Force 2019-10; Amnesty International said documentation provides evidence of attacks on residential areas in northeast Syria by Turkey and Syrian groups, also medical report on killing Kurdish female politician 2019-10; SNHR report on torture methods used by Syrian regime and identity found of persons in Cesar Photographs 2019-10; SNHR documented 118 civilians killed in Syria in September 2019-10; fighters of Ahrar al-Sharqiyyeh posted video of killing of Kurdish prisoners 2019-10

2019-11: Civilian casualty count variations between UN and coalition forces 2019-11; human rights organizations ask U.K. to reopen investigation into British troops killings civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq 2019-11; videos appear to show war crimes following Turkey’s military crossing border into Syria 2019-11; almost 30,000 Syrian children have been killed during war since March 2011 2019-11; military escalation in northwest Syria, April – November 2019-11; Syrian Justice and Accountability Centre analyzes an average of 8,500 videos per month, had more than 180,000 videos and 1.8 million “pieces of online data on the Syrian conflict” 2019-11; 5 Syrian torture survivors in Norway filed case against 17 Syrian officials 2019-11; researcher believes the al-Baghdadi “receipts” are forgeries 2019-11

2019-12: *Washington Post* 6-part report on history of war in Afghanistan 2019-12; Physicians for Human Rights said attacks on medical facilities and medical personnel by Syrian government violates national and international laws and ethics 2019-12; *New York Times* used cockpit recordings, flight logs of observers to show Russian pilots attacking civilians in Syria summer 2019 2019-12

New Zealand/Rwanda. New Zealand gave Rwanda documents relating to the 1994 genocide 2019-04; New Zealand added documents from its UN presidency 2019-09

North Korea/South Korea. South Korean NGO identified 323 sites in North Korea where public executions or extrajudicial killings occurred 2019-06

Peru/Venezuela. Human trafficking victims without documentation, 10% from Venezuela 2019-03

Philippines/Switzerland. Final payments to Marcos victims using Swiss returned funds, 11,103 to receive compensation 2019-03 supp.

Poland/Russia. Russian authorities removed plaque in Tver commemorating Polish officers killed in KGB building in 1940, said could not find archives on “plaques’ origins” and inscriptions “not based on documented facts” 2019-12

Republic of Marshall Islands/United States. Radiation levels in RMI areas “far higher” than Chernobyl and Fukushima 2019-07; environmental damage from tests, U.S. buried soil from mainland tests 2019-11

Russia/Ukraine. Ukraine experience opening KRB archives 2019-07; Russia granting citizenship to residents of Donetsk and Luhansk, Ukraine will simplify citizenship procedures for groups including “citizens of the Russian Federation who have been persecuted for political reasons” 2019-08; Russian documents on death of 83-year-old woman Crimean Tatar activist reviewed, experts say police actions led to death 2019-12

Russia/United Kingdom. Additional evidence of the third Russian involved in Skripal poisoning case in U.K. 2019-06

Saudi Arabia/Turkey/United States. U.S. transcribed and analyzed audio of Mohammed bin Salman and aide regarding death of Jamal Khashoggi 2019-02; UN special rapporteur said had access to “chilling and gruesome audio” about Khashoggi murder, evidence in hands of Turkish Intelligence 2019-02

Saudi Arabia/ United Arab Emirates/United Kingdom/United States/Yemen. Report on role of U.S. and U.K. in arms supply to Saudi/UAE used in Yemen 2019-03

Saudi Arabia/United Kingdom/Yemen. Allegation that coalition covered up evidence of unlawful airstrikes on civilian targets, U.K. government to review licenses to export arms to Saudi 2019-08; HRW called for UN investigation of killing of Yemeni fishermen by coalition air strikes, Yemeni fishermen in Saudi in custody and some tortured 2019-08

Saudi Arabia/ United States/Yemen. Bomb that struck wedding party in Yemen manufactured by U.S., sold to Saudi Arabia 2019-04

Somalia/United States. U.S. acknowledged airstrike killed 2 civilians 2019-04

Sri Lanka/Switzerland. Sri Lankan employee of Swiss Embassy abducted, forced to show cellphone data on Sri Lankans who sought asylum in Switzerland, raid of news outlet and forced journalists to unlock computers 2019-11

Sri Lanka/United Kingdom. U.K. destroyed diplomatic files dating from start of LTTE uprising in Sri Lanka even after U.K. admitted destroying Kenya records on Mau Mau 2019-01; data on destruction by U.K. of Foreign Office files on Sri Lanka 2019-02

Sri Lanka/United States. Former Sri Lankan defense secretary, dual Sri Lankan-U.S. citizen, sued in U.S. by a Tamil man for torture by military during civil war 2019-04

Syria/Turkey. Turkey coercing refugees to sign forms saying want to return to Syria 2019-07

Syria/United States. U.S. court said Syria must pay compensation to family of Marie Colvin, journalist killed in Syria air strike targeting journalists 2019-02

United Kingdom/Northern Ireland/United States. Court cleared Ivor Bell of charge of soliciting murder of Jean McConville in 1971, said oral history interview in which he appeared to admit role was unreliable because of bias of interviewer and interviewee 2019-10

Vietnam War. Persistence of Agent Orange in soil and water 2019-02; U.S. not compensating persons in Laos and Cambodia affected by Agent Orange, also not compensating U.S. personnel if did not go on shore in Vietnam 2019-07

West Africa. Data show huge increases in civilian fatalities in Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali from November 2018 to March 2019 2019-05

## **National news.**

Afghanistan. More civilians killed by government than nongovernment forces for second quarter in a row 2019-07; boys raped in schools, in forced confession activist confirmed then retracted allegations of rapes 2019-11

Albania. Court ordered release of records 1980-1989 of Sigurimi security service 2019-05; legislature considering shutting off inquiry into World War II events 2019-07; International Commission on Missing Persons identified remains of 2 people who disappeared, estimated 6000 victims still missing 2019-11

Algeria. Army may permit access to records of former political police 2019-07

Argentina. Ministry of Defense ordered mass declassification of Army records 2019-01; mega-case against 22 military and police officers for “Dirty War” crimes 2019-05; number of children living in poverty increased 11% in a year 2019-08; statistics agency said 36.4% population living below poverty line, 52% of persons under 14 years of age are poor 2019-10

Australia. Court ruled indigenous peoples to be compensated for cultural loss 2019-03; map of location of conflicts between indigenous and settlers 1788-1928 2019-03; Tasmania made gender optional on birth certificates 2019-04; court ruled employers must give notice and get informed consent prior to collecting biometric data 2019-06; HealthEngine sold private patient information to insurance brokers 2019-08; website to help return Indigenous ancestral remains launched 2019-09

Bangladesh. Summary of work of International Crimes Tribunal 2019-07; women no longer must declare virginity on marriage certificates 2019-08; UN Committee on Torture recommendations 2019-08

Bolivia. Audios leaked of opposition leaders calling for coup d'état 2019-11

Bosnia. OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) said 33 cases of suspected hate crimes first 3 months of 2019 2019-04; OSCE said conviction rate for war crimes cases decreased, warns that breaking allegations into separate trials can re-traumatize witnesses 2019-06; UN Committee Against Torture said Bosnia must set up a compensation scheme for woman raped during war by soldier who does not have money to pay compensation 2019-08; transfer of cases to lower courts for prosecution not working, 550 unresolved war crimes cases with identified perpetrators and equal number with unknown perpetrators 2019-11; few indictments for corruption, two include document falsification, civil courts have 1.9 million cases relating to unpaid utility bills 2019-12

Brazil. Gay Group of Bahia documented 420 violent LGBT deaths 2018 2019-02; retired army major charged for massacre of guerrillas in Amazon region during military dictatorship 2019-03; 2 “fashion brands” added to “dirty list” of companies alleged to use slave labor 2019-04; President issued decree shutting down work of two groups researching crimes of dictatorship 2019-04; military police killings in Rio make first quarter 2019 most violent in history 2019-05; report of Fiat Brazil and Fiat Italy repressing workers during dictatorial regimes 2019-07; Labor Prosecutor creating new “dirty list” of companies and individuals found guilty of enslaving persons 2019-07; rare video of uncontacted tribe released 2019-07; military men appointed to commission on disappeared during dictatorship 2019-08; more than 300 people killed in past decade in Amazon conflicts 2019-09; Amazon deforestation highest in November since record-keeping began, used space agency data 2019-12; murder rate of environmental defenders of Amazon varied from 66 to 80 each year, 2015 to 2018, 1/3 indigenous persons, 80% men 2019-12; police statistics show people “officially killed by the police reached a 50-year high” in 2018, data lacks killings by police as part of illegal militias 2019-12

Burkina Faso. HRW report on atrocities in Sahel, witnesses provided lists of victims and drew maps 2019-03; new law on archives says State can seize private documents 2019-10

Cameroon. TV demonstration of how to physically abuse a wife 2019-03; International Crisis Group urge ICC investigation of conflict 2019-05; half million displaced, half schools closed in Anglophone areas 2019-08; detainees held incommunicado and tortured in Yaounde facility 2019-08

Canada. Indigenous broadcasting records preserved, evidence of Cree language changes 2019-01; mining companies score 3 or less on scale of 5 for human rights disclosures 2019-01; Ontario and Saskatchewan maintain “Risk-driven Tracking Database” on vulnerable people 2019-02; former TRC general counsel said Catholic Church did not turn over all records relating to residential schools 2019-03; indigenous peoples’ psychological distress and suicide linked to food insecurity and income 2019-03; proposal to build “smart city” in Toronto using masses of data, worries on privacy 2019-03; Quebec bill would cancel pending immigration applications, government agreed will not throw out until final resolution on bill 2019-03 supp.; “Canadian ombudsperson for responsible enterprise” appointed 2019-04; release of report on murders of Indigenous women, annex on “Forensic Document Review Project” 2019-06; security service destroyed file on former prime minister Pierre Trudeau 2019-06; Canadian Broadcasting Company’s Indigenous languages archives project on 75,000 hours of recordings 2019-06; class-action lawsuit settled for children who went to Indian day schools 2019-08; Yukon says under FOIA can deny existence of records to protect privacy 2019-08; National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation released names of 2,800 children who died in residential schools, more to find 2019-09; letterbooks of two residential schools digitized and published 2019-09; National Association of Japanese Canadians asked British Columbia to “fully account” for the actions 1941-1949 and fully disclose B.C. government documents 2019-11

Central African Republic. Peace agreement said will set up truth commission 2019-02; violence decreased after agreement 2019-08

Chile. Mapuche leader appealed prison sentence for arson and illegal weapons, alleged government espionage law violated 2019-01; two men charged in Camilo Catrillanca murder 2019-02; new case

against former commander Chilean army for torture of 24 people after 1973 coup 2019-02; retired soldiers convicted of setting activists on fire in 1986, in 1988 Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ordered Chile to hold those responsible accountable 2019-03; search for children adopted by foreign couples during Pinochet era hampered by poor records 2019-10; government used pellets causing eye damage, documents on composition to be obtained from supplier and from laboratory tests 2019-11; National Human Rights Institute filed 442 criminal complaints for actions of security forces 14 October to 21 November, HRW recommended installing cameras in all areas in police stations and retaining recordings 2019-11; youth crushed by police vehicles, filmed, mass arrests since October 18, OHCHR mission said military police excessive use of force 2019-12

China. Uyghur facial recognition database of over 2.5 million left open on internet “for months” 2019-02; publication of document from June 1989 meetings after Tiananmen Square crushed 2019-05; documents leaked on treatment of Uighurs in Xinjiang 2019-11; NGO issued list of demolished mosques and other Islamic-related sites in Xinjiang 2019-11; new regulations require people to have faces scanned when registering new mobile phone services 2019-12

China/Hong Kong. Amnesty International verified footage on 12 June police violence, created interactive map 2019-06; Hong Kong police manual eliminated section on police accountability for actions 2019-11; medical professionals arrested while providing emergency medical services to protesters 2019-11; *Washington Post* database 65 police use-of-force incidents through mid-November, experts compared database videos and police guidelines and said police went against rules in about 70% of incidents 2019-12

Colombia. 37% of assassinations 2016-01 to 2019-12 were local leaders, conflicts over land with drug gangs 2019-01; effect of conflict on children and youth 2019-02; Human Rights Watch said 9 officers in key army positions involved in extrajudicial executions and other abuses 2019-02; NGO Programa Somos Defensores said 2018 worst year for human rights defenders since records began in 2009 2019-04; OHCHR alarmed by numbers of human rights defenders killed, harassed and threatened 2019-05; 2005 documents show involvement of army’s commander in “false positives,” also has ordered current commanders to double kill, capture or force to surrender 2019-05; plan to give farmers land titles 2019-06; report on child abuse 2019-07; FARC rebels gave government details on 276 disappeared, victim organizations also contributing 2019-08; number of disappeared believed to be at least 120,000 2019-08; Victims Register has low numbers of claims of sexual violence 2019-08; FARC said taking up arms, government to set up special unit to fight new FARC rebels 2019-08; 11 former rebels gave Special Peace Jurisdiction “three file folders” on kidnappings but no individual case details 2019-09; report says political violence up, 20 assassinations in September 2019-10; Washington Office on Latin America commentary on Alvaro Uribe case, thousands of recorded phone calls as evidence 2019-10; 187 FARC members assassinated since peace deal, Bogota police raided organizations and magazine, threatened reporters, deaths and injuries during 21 November nationwide strike 2019-11

Congo-Brazzaville. Killings in May 1999 never clarified, case in France on hold since 2002 2019-05

Croatia. NGO appealed to European Court of Human Rights to get records of government payment for legal representation before ICTY 2019-06

Cuba. New constitution guarantees right of habeas data 2019-04

Czech Republic. Sample of photographs from Security Services Archives published, show surveillance of civilians in Communist-era 2019-10

Democratic Republic of Congo. UN mission found “horrific intercommunal attacks” in Yumbi territory, may be crimes against humanity 2019-03

Denmark. Convictions for sharing graphic video of murder in Morocco 2019-03

Dominican Republic. Sex workers torture and abuse by police 2019-03

Ecuador. “Thousands” of surveillance cameras installed 2019-04; Woorani people must be consulted before lands given by government for oil exploration 2019-07; offices of Center for Digital Autonomy sacked and computer equipment stolen 2019-08; UN High Commissioner for Human Rights report on

violations and abuses 3-13 October protests 2019-11; discrimination against persons of African descent reported UN Working Group 2019-12

Egypt. Egyptian military and police crimes in North Sinai and ban on independent reporting 2019-05; government security agents raided home of Mada Masr editor confiscated his and his wife's laptops, raided office, confiscated laptops 2019-11

El Salvador. Mass increase January murders but 2018 homicides down, attorney general said no agreed method of counting disappearances, which increased 10% in 2018 2019-01; U.S. ambassador said sufficient evidence of crimes against humanity at El Mozote massacre 2019-03; proposed law on "national Reconciliation" de facto amnesty, bad provisions on archives, vote postponed 2019-05; girls forced by gang to wed, then husbands killed by gang for life insurance, violence driving girls to suicide 2019-05; 17 former members of military must stand trial for crimes at El Mozote 2019-07; Advocate for the Defense of Human Rights (PDDH) issued report on "overwhelming evidence of extrajudicial executions" 2019-08; 131 murders in August, lowest month since 2000 2019-08; government and OAS to create International Commission against Corruption and Impunity 2019-09; president said will give judge the military archives related to El Mozote massacre 2019-11

Ethiopia. Former Jail Ogaden prison records scattered, trials of former jailers lack that evidence 2019-07

Finland. Sami Parliament accepted mandate of Truth and reconciliation Commission 2019-12

France. "Colossal increase" in anti-Semitic violence in 2018 2019-02; Facebook will give government identification data on French users suspected of hate speech 2019-06; femicides by husband or partner 2019-07; migrant children's ages and documents not believed in Hautes-Alpes 2019-09 commentary

Gambia. Truth Commission began hearings 2019-01; Truth Commission hearing testimony on killings 2019-07; money from sales of former president Jammeh's assets put in reparations fund, review of documents showed his domestic and foreign assets 2019-10

Germany. Stasi records oversight to be transferred to Bundesarchiv 2019-03; identity of killer of Chechen man uncertain 2019-09 com; Parliament decided to transfer Stasi archives to Bundesarchiv 2019-09; man filmed and broadcast his attack on synagogue in Halle, video removed by Twitch platform but copies already in circulation 2019-10; continuing efforts to restore torn Stasi documents 2019-11; Stasi in-house law school unethical practices, Federal Commissioner said titles should be withdrawn from graduates 2019-12; owner of *Berliner Zeitung*, said to be informer for the Stasi, gave his Stasi files to two newspapers, had a report written on the files 2019-12

Guatemala. Bill on blanket amnesty proposed, would end trials, affect police archives 2019-02; review of case files on home where 41 girls burned to death in March 2017 show pattern of abuse 2019-02; Interior Minister press conference said want to reassert control of Historical Archives of the National Police, 6 months extension to agreement with Ministry of Culture 2019-05; families of Diario Militar victims demanded national mechanism to search for all victims of enforced disappearance, create genetic database, declassify military documents 2019-05; ICA statement on police archives issued 2019-06; Kate Doyle interview on police archives 2019-06; data show huge case burdens on judges and forensic experts 2019-06; court dismissed case brought by 36 Maya Achi women in Rabinal who were sexually assaulted, said lack of evidence, no recognition that Army not providing access to records 2019-06; CICIG closed, records given to prosecutor, copies in UN 2019-08; national and international statements on situation of National Police archives, campaigns against former national archivist Anna Carla Ericastilla and former police archives head Gustavo Meono 2019-11; judge approved charges against 3 members of military high command for genocide and crimes against humanity against Maya Ixil 1988-1982 2019-11; commission holding hearings on CICIG, Congress reduced sentences for corruption cases, civil society appeal to constitutional court 2019-11; court indicted retired army general Mendoza Garcia for genocide and crimes against Maya Ixil people, prosecutor will present "408 death certificates of individuals killed as a result of these military actions" 2019-12

Haiti. Land title problem, new town north of capitol 2019-01



Honduras. Violence against trans and LGBTI persons 2019-07; report on criminal activities of man charged with murder of Berta Caceres in 2016 2019-09

India. Arunachal Pradesh riots over recommendation to give resident certificates to 6 Scheduled Tribes 2019-02; voter identity cards in Telangana linked to Aadhaar, names missing in electoral rolls 2019-02; women and homeless people difficulties getting IDs in order to vote 2019-03; Mizoram requiring all to register to “detect illegal foreigners” 2019-03; Maharashtra state to survey land with drones, thousands of laws related to land including about land records 2019-03; NGOs released study of 432 cases of torture in Jammu and Kashmir 2019-05; study of Facebook posts reveals focus of hate speech, posts taken down and restored by Facebook are all Islamophobic posts 2019-06; tribunal in Assam ruled most Muslims not citizens 2019-07; judge in Madras said government must consider applications for citizenship by Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka; report on torture in Jammu and Kashmir 2019-07; 132 villages with no girls born in last 3 months 2019-07; National Register of Citizens in Assam strips about 1.9 million people of citizenship 2019-08; five rights monitors told OHCHR that Kashmir communications blackout may obscure abuses 2019-08; pellet injuries in Kashmir since August 5, pellet guns used by security personnel 2019-08; court acquitted 6 men for killing Muslim dairy farmer, rejected cellphone video evidence 2019-08; taskforces established to stop women being duped into having hysterectomies 2019-08; report said hospital records and photographs show injuries of Kashmir residents by members of Indian army, army said report “baseless” 2019-10; annual crime report lacked data on crimes against journalists, human-rights violations by security forces, attacks by cow vigilantes 2019-10; Central Bureau of Investigation raided Amnesty International offices 2019-11; Citizenship (Amendment) Act in force, discrimination against Muslim migrants, protests, violence 2019-12; police used facial recognition software to screen crowd at rally held by Prime Minister 2019-12

Indonesia. HIV test required to marry, hospital to issue certificate 2019-01; Indonesia military destroyed offices West Papuan National Committee 2019-01; video of snake on boy, 5 UN Special Rapporteurs say Indonesia must investigate excessive use of force in Papua 2019-02; Asia Pulp and Paper and suppliers in land rights conflicts 2019-04; Nduga Case Investigation Team said military operations in West Papua included human rights violations 2019-04; government says slow to issue land titles because have “too many maps” 2019-06; woman guilty of indecency for sharing phone recording of sexual harassment, parliament granted amnesty 2019-07; NGO said deaths in Nduga people refugee camp, military said “no data on deaths” 2019-07; Aceh Truth Commission made permanent 2019-07; foreign teachers given written “psychological exams” to eliminate foreign lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender teachers in international schools 2019-12

Iran. Call for UN to establish fact-finding mission on 1988 massacre of political prisoners 2019-07; new law grants women the right to pass their citizenship to their children born with foreign fathers if children do “not possess any security issues” 2019-10; government cut internet access for 5 days, videos later posted show government crackdown on protesters 2019-11; Amnesty International said had credible reports of killings of protesters and mass arrests 2019-11; Interior Minister said banks and government sites “torched,” security force bases attacked 2019-11

Iraq. Counter-terrorism court at Tel Keppe said trials have improved because investigators have found more IS data, records show IS “functioned as a State” 2019-04

Ireland. Member of Parliament called for release of Land Commission records dating back to early 1890s 2019-02; university collecting interviews on Tuam Mother and Baby Home to “ensure their story cannot be twisted over time” 2019-02; records of three government bodies that probed the child abuse scandal to be turned over to national archives, closed 75 years 2019-03; 5<sup>th</sup> interim report of Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation said some bodies of children sent to medical schools for use, churches not cooperating with investigation 2019-04; papers of Joe Barrett donated to archives show violent IRA actions 1917-1925 2019-06; government to delete 3.2 million people’s personal data from national ID card scheme 2019-08; Parliament considering bill on preservation of records of child abuse inquiries, considering 100 year closure 2019-08

Israel. State Archives “catalog of classified archive documents” oldest dated 1821 2019-02; delayed release of cabinet minutes, released after memoir published containing an account of 1 October 1967 cabinet meeting 2019-04; Akevot launched website of documents on 1956 Kafr Qasim Massacre 2019-10

Japan. HRW report on barriers to legally change gender identity, HRW used UN Special Procedures to get government response 2019-03; will provide redress for estimated 25,000 people involuntarily sterilized 1948-1996 2019-04; court said involuntary sterilization “unconstitutional,” few records of program remain, court denied compensation 2019-05; records of landmark constitutional civil cases mostly destroyed 2019-08

Kenya. Death squad in police profiling suspected gang members, posting photos on Facebook, later post pictures of dead bodies 2019-05; three found guilty of conspiracy in Garissa University attack, phone records and handwriting used in case 2019-06; 11 communities start to register communal lands, created maps 2019-07; Data Protection Act signed, creates requirement to register if organization owns, manages and controls data, persons can ask for deletion of personal data 2019-11

Kosovo. Monitor of 520 court hearings show corruption cases becoming less strict 2019-05

Kyrgyzstan. Gave citizenship to all persons in country, first country in world to end statelessness 2019-07

Liberia. National bar association endorsed 2009 Truth Commission report and establishment of War and Economic Crimes court 2019-04; attorney obtained archives during and after war, opening research center 2019-11

Libya. Amnesty International report, based on variety of sources, said evidence of potential war crimes by both combatant parties 2019-10

Malaysia. National Human Rights Commission report on two abductions said probably taken by “state agents,” prime minister said “hearsay,” on abduction was captured by surveillance cameras 2019-04; call for truth commission and declassification of documents on 1969 anti-Chinese riots 2019-05; Special Branch photographed persons in compromising situations 2019-07

Mali. Truth Commission mandate expired, has 10,223 witness statements but no public hearings 2019-01 and 2019-02; MINUSMA fact-finding team at Ogossagou massacre sites, said could be crimes against humanity 2019-05; Fulani and Dogon militias signed peace agreement 2019-08

Mexico. Detainees freed who had not had a sentence after “many years of detention” because lack of evidence 2019-01; 2018 had highest homicide rate since records began in 1997 2019-01; government plan to search for missing, create central database 2019-02; president said national archives will open records of intelligence agencies during “Dirty War” 2019-03; National Human Rights Commission report on Ayotzinapa missing students, said 17 officials human rights violators 2019-03; number of military died in “War on Drugs,” over 22,000 homicides in 2018 2019-03; released files of Federal Security Department, included one on the president 2019-04; Supreme Court said everyone can define sexual and gender identity, records including birth certificates must be changed 2019-05; January to June deadliest half year on record 2019-07; authorities do not know nationality of foreign trafficking victims in country 2019-08; government said since 2006 have discovered 3,000 clandestine graves with at least 5,000 bodies 2019-09; judge released a chief suspect in Ayotzinapa case, government will investigate those responsible for the release 2019-09; Washington Office on Latin America review of justice system found only 5% homicide cases end in conviction, over 75% of detainees subjected to psychological violence 2019-11

Montenegro. New law said that to retain property religious communities must produce evidence of ownership before 1918 2019-12

Mozambique. Government and Renamo signed peace agreement, Renamo to demobilize 2019-08

Myanmar. Two *Reuters* journalists’ appeal denied, notebook with phone number of member Arakan Army used as evidence 2019-01; military established “investigation court” on Arakan 2017 attacks 2019-03; OHCHR said has videos and photographs of Myanmar military attack on village, killing civilians,

“may constitute war crimes” 2019-04; UN named head of Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar which is to collect evidence and prepare prosecutorial files on crimes since 2011 2019-04; information from *Reuters* journalists’ phones was pulled by police using Cellbrite technology, conviction based on it 2019-05; Amnesty International report on additional war crimes in Rakhine in 2019 2019-05; UN Mission issued report on business interest of Myanmar military, used business records, said business supports operations against ethnic groups 2019-08; UN Mission issued report on sexual violence by military, said “indicator” of genocidal intent to destroy Rohingya 2019-08; Independent International Fact-Finding Mission released report, said satellite imagery shows “at least” 392 Rohingya villages destroyed, named 6 most responsible officials, gave list of additional names to OHCHR 2019-09; 3 UN Special Rapporteurs concerned about incommunicado detention, military should make public its investigation into deaths in custody 2019-09; filmmaker given 1 year in prison for Facebook post “insulting and defaming” military 2019-09; analysis of draft law on archives 2019-09

Nepal. Terms of Truth Commission and Commission on Disappeared extended one year, Commission members’ terms end April 2019-01

Netherlands. National Archives must search records of Central Archives for Special Criminal Jurisdiction for information about SS soldiers and Nazi concentration camp guards who are still alive 2019-01; Netherlands’ national archives appeals order to search for SS soldiers and Nazi concentration camp guards 2019-02; Child Labour Due Diligence law adopted, require companies to address issue in supply chains 2019-05; Council of State ruled that Ministry of Education, Culture and Science must decide on early access at the National Archives for records in the Central Archives for Special Criminal Jurisdiction dealing with Dutch collaboration with Nazi regime during World War II 2019-12

New Zealand. *TV New Zealand* will “vest access of its Maori material with a Maori body,” not allow Getty distribution 2019-03; national archives revoked disposal authority on all public records related to abuse in state care 2019-03

Nicaragua. Raid on Red Local, “documents and assets” seized 2019-02; government creating up to 5000 reconciliation commissions 2019-06; from January through November Commission on Human Rights received 2,529 complaints of state-sponsored human rights violations 2019-12

Nigeria. Satellite imagery shows Boko Haram burning town of Rann 2019-01; Kajuru local government established truth commission 2019-03; study found when women’s economic position strengthened gender-based violence increased 2019-05; abuses against Nigerian women trafficked and women trafficked into Nigeria, no reliable data 2019-08; armed forces detaining children alleged to be associated with Boko Haram 2019-09; Islamic State posted video killing 11 Christian men in reaction to death of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi 2019-12

Pakistan. Over 500 Hazaras killed in terrorist incidents January 2012 to December 2017 2019-04; terrorist attacks on polio immunization program killed 51 health workers and 54 security personnel since 2012 2019-04; Balochistan police officers killed since 2009, constructing “women police station” 2019-05; Commission on Enforced Disappearances said 3,983 of 6,156 missing persons traced 2019-07; violence against Ahmadi Muslims, Constitution says are “non-Muslim,” all citizens must declare religion when applying for identity documents 2019-11; at least 110 journalists killed, 519 injured, 451 arrested since 6 March 2000 2019-11; Junaid Hafeez sentenced to death for blasphemy during university lectures and on Facebook, UN Working Group said some evidence alleged to have been fabricated but was not given independent review 2019-12

Papua New Guinea/Bougainville. Bougainville citizens voted to become independent nation 2019-12

Paraguay. Farm family harmed by pesticide, UN Human Rights Committee issued decision said link between severe harms to environment and core civil and political rights 2019-08

Peru. National register of persons to properly record names given by indigenous peoples 2019-04; court will try naval officers for killings in Huanta province 1984, as recommended in 2003 by Truth Commission 2019-04

Philippines. List of fighters to be decommissioned given to independent Decommissioning Body 2019-04; Supreme Court ordered release of police records on killings in anti-drug war 2019-04; offices raided, 18 organizations declared communist fronts 2019-11

Romania. Former president Ion Iliescu and others to stand trial for crimes during 1989 uprising, huge evidence file 2019-04; court to determine whether records show former president Basescu cooperated with Securitate secret police 2019-06; court upheld finding that Basescu worked as an informer 2019-09; trial of former president Iliescu and 2 others began, 3300 volumes evidence, said incited violence in 1989 revolt leading to unnecessary deaths 2019-11; archives of Securitate being made available to persons spied on, “professionals and members of the public who show a legitimate interest” 2019-12

Russia. Documents on Kolchak case (1920) declassified but cannot be viewed 2019-03; intelligence service refused to declassify names of Stalin’s three-judge panel members, Novosibirsk archives refuse access to local NKVD records until reviewed for declassification 2019-03; raid on offices of Justice Initiative in Moscow and Ingushetia, in latter took contracts with lawyers working on ECHR cases 2019-08; former USSR parliamentarian wrote on documentation and deception on Chernobyl catastrophe 2019-08; parallel declines in overall alcohol consumption and decline in mortality rates 2019-10; case dismissed against Moscow police and information technology department for using facial recognition without permission of individuals 2019-11; police raided offices of Alexei Navalny’s Anti-Corruption Foundation and the apartment of a reporter for *Novaya Gazeta* 2019-12

Saudi Arabia. Text messages will inform women of divorce 2019-01; decrees allow women to get passports, right to register child birth, marriage, divorce, be guardian to minors, have right to work without discrimination 2019-08

Serbia. Employees for former Serbian State Security convicted of 1999 murder of journalist, records of mobile phone communications used 2019-04; no progress in war crimes prosecutions since National Strategy adopted 2019-07

Seychelles. Truth Commission began public hearings on 1977-1993 events 2019-09

Sierra Leone. Database of facial scars of persons captured as slaves 2019-04

Singapore. Breach of confidential information on HIV individuals and contacts 2019-01

South Africa. Prisoners need documentation to vote 2019-01; cases referred to the National Prosecution Authority by Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) not pursued, influence of “political interests,” families urge inquiry 2019-05; South African History Archives opened searchable TRC Victims Database 2019-05; Minister of Water and Sanitation Statistics on water pollution, mines operating without water permits 2019-05; policeman must stand trial for death of Ahmed Timol, prosecutor urged to act on cases referred by the TRC 2019-06; activists opposing Mineral Sands Resources mine lost case to get corporate documents, court said too burdensome on company 2019-06; University of Cape Town medical school records enabled identification of human skeletal remains in holding, work with families to research history of San and Khoe people 2019-12

South Sudan. Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan first report identified those responsible for gross violations, urge data system to collect information on all forms of gender-based violence against women 2019-02; violence in Central Equatoria region documented by UN 2019-07; UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan said has collected evidence on 66 persons responsible for serious crimes under international law 2019-09; report on international “actors” who provide support to perpetrators of violence and human rights abuses 2019-09

Sri Lanka. NGO urged government to suspend army chief of staff and investigate his conduct in 2008-2009 civil war 2019-02; India supplied intelligence before April 21 bombings, president said did not reach him, IS posted videos and photographs of bombers swearing allegiance to it 2019-04; military has not returned 30,000 acres to Tamils, kept for “security” 2019-05; president appointed commission of inquiry on April 21 bomb attacks 2019-09

Sudan. Physicians for Human Rights report on police and security service attacks on medical facilities 2019-04; data on persons killed during military crackdown varies, NGO numbers nearly double

government's 2019-06; Transitional Military Council and opposition reached agreement on future government 2019-08; Human Rights Watch documentation on security forces' attacks on protesters' sit-in caop in Khartoum 3 June 2019 and following days 2019-11

Switzerland. Commission report said more than 60,000 people detained over the last century without judicial orders 2019-10

Syria. The Day After (NGO) finished scanning court records in three areas 2019-01; Global Public Policy Institute (NGO) says "credibly substantiated" 336 uses of chemical weapon 2012-2018, 98% by government and affiliates 2019-02; NGO Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) supplying information to UN on most serious crimes committed since March 2011 2019-02; NGO Syrians for Truth and Justice report on children recruited for use in forced labor in 2018 2019-02; UNICEF said 1,106 children killed in fighting in 2018 2019-03; Syrians likely to file more than 2 million lawsuits for restitution for lost and damaged property, women don't have land title, child marriage to get "roof over their head" 2019-03; OPCW concluded "toxic chemical" used to kill people in Douma in 2018 2019-03; men in Syrian prison sexually assaulted, required to strip naked 2019-03; work of "body puller" teams in Raqqa, documenting details of remains 2019-04; Syrian Justice and Accountability Center analysis of intelligence agency documents found in abandoned offices 2019-05; report of how *New York Times* acquired documents, published feature on documents from "torture prisons" 2019-05; Syrian Legal Development Programme published toolkit on human rights and business 2019-06; Syrian Network for Human Rights published statement on refusal to allow OPCW team to investigate chemical weapons attacks and to give access to records 2019-06; Syrians for Truth and Justice said 700 death certificates of government detainees given to city of Hama, no bodies or details of burial locations 2019-06; Syrian Justice and Accountability Centre published study of property law and registration system for land and its implications 2019-09; Centre said president's amnesty decree does not cover anyone in opposition 2019-09; Association of Detainees and The Missing in Sednaya Prison issued report, has database of persons detained 1987 to present 2019-11

Taiwan. Transitional Justice Commission (TJC) may unable to review files of National Police Agency because not declassified 2019-01; TJ C exonerated 3,831 people unjustly convicted in regard to 228 Massacre in 1947 2019-02; same-sex marriage legalized, can adopt child only if one person biologically related to child 2019-05; found records allowing man to find father's grave, was victim of White Terror 2019-05; Political Archives Act passed, president to "press" agencies to declassify "major cases" from the White Terror era 2019-07; TJ C will launch Taiwan Transitional Justice Database with records of trials of 967,000 people 2019-09; declassified National Security Bureau files showed surveillance of *Formosa Magazine*, its support for pro-democracy demonstration 1979 led to arrest of "virtually all well-known opposition leaders" 2019-12

Tanzania. Small-scale mining sites survey found safety problems and health risks for workers and neighboring communities 2019-01; withdrew from Article 34(6) of the African Court Protocol, revoking right of citizens and NGOs to file cases directly with the African Court 2019-12

Thailand. Government to set up review of conflicting land claims in national parks, have too many maps 2019-08

Togo. UN Special Rapporteur said child labor widely used but "complete lack of data" 2019-06

Tunisia. Truth and Dignity Commission's [IVD] Arbitration and Conciliation Board said Ministry of Interior did not cooperate on over 20,000 cases 2019-01; IVD report said prevented from accessing National Archives, but interviewed 1,782 persons about crimes committed by occupying French forces 2019-03; interview with president IVD said similarity of Tunisian system to Stasi 2019-04; audit of IVD said confusion in defining human rights violations affected accuracy of data 2019-05; Specialized Chambers in one year examined only 38 of the 173 cases referred to it by IVD, political pressure cited 2019-06

Turkey. Infographic on fatalities in current conflict between Turkish forces and Kurdish PKK organization 2019-03; eleven members of medical association sentenced to prison for statement “war is a man-made public health problem” and social media posting “inciting hatred and hostility” 2019-05; International Crisis Group database of fatalities since 2001 in conflict between government and Kurdish PKK showed 3.36 PKK members killed for each state security force member killed 2019-10; scientist convicted of disclosing results of a study in which he participated on environmental pollution 2019-11

Uganda. Next fiscal year will issue birth certificates to children born during Lord’s Resistance Army war, including those of returned abductees 2019-05; 73% aid organization failed to register to renew licenses to operate, said to be crackdown prior to next elections 2019-11

Ukraine. Foreign intelligence service declassified documents from Ukrainian National Republic 1918-1921 2019-05; archives of Soviet secret police to be moved to separate building and open to public, said should not be in hands of police and security service 2019-06

United Kingdom. Delay in determinations of claims as victims of slavery, risk deportation 2019-01; police crime stops disproportionately target black people 2019-01; anti-Semitic incidents at record high, up 16% in 2018 from 2017 2019-02; Northern Ireland only prosecuting one British paratrooper for Bloody Sunday massacre deaths, prosecutor said evidence not admissible 2019-03; NGO filed “super complaint” saying police methods of interviewing victims of modern slavery hinder prosecution 2019-03 supp.; anti-slavery help line had 150% more calls in 2018 than in 2017, only 10 cases led to investigations and only one arrest 2019-04; Revenue and Customs failed to get consent to save voice records, are deleting 5 million recorded before October 2018 2019-05; UN special rapporteur for extreme poverty issued critical report, said “statistics alone” are not adequate for picture of U.K. poverty 2019-05; HSBC Bank announced will offer service without all usual documentation to people who escaped slavery and trafficking 2019-06; reports on likely slavery victims in country, 4 of 10 deported even after recognized as trafficked 2019-07; Law Commission said electronic signatures are “legally viable” 2019-09; 27% drop in rape convictions from previous year 2019-09; hate crimes against LGBTQ grew 130% between 2014-15 and 2018-19 2019-09; medical records dumped to weigh down scaffolding 2019-09; care leavers have difficulty obtaining access to records about their time in care 2019-10; young man arrested in 1972, seeks conviction overturned, review commission said almost all files on case in prosecution and court destroyed 2019-10; former head of London police said documents were not disclosed to the previous three inquiries into allegations of security force collusion with loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland during “Troubles” 2019-10; chief superintendent of police at the time of the Hillsborough Stadium disaster in 1989 when 95 persons were crushed to death found not guilty of gross negligence manslaughter 2019-11; Home Office recalled 668 files from National Archives, said to be used for reopened inquest into 1974 Guildford bombings 2019-12

United Kingdom/Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland police to publish DNA retention policy 2019-01; Public Records Office of Northern Ireland opened records relating to the “Troubles” 2019-12

#### United States.

2019-01: Law requires FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) and other agencies to transfer “cold-case” files to National Archives 2019-01; 6 boxes of records found on case of imprisoned journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal 2019-01; police departments dropping body-cameras over cost of management of footage 2019-01; of 50 people killed in 2018 by domestic extremists, 42 killed by guns and all killers had ties to right-wing extremist movements 2019-01; force-feeding of hunger strikers, records inadequate 2019-01; nitrate in water systems more elevated in Hispanic communities 2019-01; OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) reduced reporting on workplace injuries and illnesses 2019-01

2019-02: Voice prints used in correctional institution databases and not deleted 2019-02; DoD (Department of Defense) testing mobile device that continuously records walking gait, location, facial structure, voice patterns 2019-02; immigration authorities using dentists to take X-rays and determine age of border crossers 2019-02; DoD runs archives with American Board of Forensic Odontology, NGO denied access to records of bite mark analysis 2019-02; ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)

stopped force feeding detainees at El Paso immigration detention center 2019-02; sexual abuse of migrant children in shelters largely child on child abuse 2019-02; Rockefeller researcher who sexually abused, took pictures of children which he published in journal articles, children want photos removed 2019-02; grand jury records of last lynching case, 1946, to be released 2019-02

2019-03: Reversal of Executive Order requiring public report of deaths from U.S. operations in noncombat zones, Amnesty International said U.S. airstrikes killed people in Somalia 2019-03; NSA shut down system analyzing domestic calls and texts 2019-03; secret database of persons to be targeted for screening at U.S.-Mexico border for sympathy with migrant caravan 2019-03; ACLU suit for FBI records on creation and use of “Black Identity Extremist” label 2019-03; FBI wants to return cultural artifacts taken from Indiana man 2019-03; Census Bureau asked Homeland Security for information about legal status of resident before 2020 census taken 2019-03; Food and Drug Administration released of injury and malfunction reports on medical devices; medical charts in electronic format “unholy mess”: hospitals in Arizona shut down, left electronic records in limbo, company says not bound by retention rules of hospitals and doctors and may destroy records 2019-03

2019-04: Disciplinary records of police from 700 police agencies nationwide obtained 2019-04; Director of National Intelligence reported National Security Agency asked to unmask identities of U.S. citizens in foreign monitored conversations nearly 17,000 times in 2018, up from 9,500 in 2017 2019-04; Motel 6 must pay \$12 million for providing guest lists to agents of ICE between 2015-2017 2019-04

2019-05: HHS (Department of Health and Human Services) keeping spreadsheet on pregnant minors in custody 2019-05; review of 8,400 reports found ICE using solitary confinement as a “go-to tool” 2019-05; ICE advertising for contractor to help implement DNA test to verify family relationships of migrants 2019-05; nearly 17,000 military killed in Middle East wars since 2006 2019-05; Justice Department IG said only 20 of 120 Federal prisons keep data electronically 2019-05; military called for proposals to analyze 350 billion social-media posts to see how “popular movements evolve” 2019-05; Supreme Court said hunting rights in treaty with U.S. concluded before statehood apply to the successor state 2019-05; study found no tie between immigration status and criminality 2019-05

2019-06: Backlog of cases in immigration courts documented 2019-06; police officers making hate posts on Facebook 2019-06; push to open records of police misconduct 2019-06; complaints against Chicago police resulted in sanctions 20% of time when complaint made by white person, 7% when Latino, 2% when black 2019-06; murders of transgender women mostly of black women (88 of 110) 2019-06; sex-abuse cases against members of Federal Indian Health Service 2019-06; Food and Drug Administration released data on medical device malfunctions and injuries, new database will allow companies to group reports of failures instead of individual reports 2019-06; suit against University of Chicago Hospital for giving unredacted records to Google to use to develop AI 2019-06

2019-07: States with stricter gun laws and states requiring background checks for firearms purchase have lower rates pediatric mortality 2019-07; states in top quartile of firearm ownership 64.6% higher incidence of domestic firearm homicide 2019-07; Drug Enforcement Administration database is “virtual road map” of opioid crisis 2019-07; Court of Appeals said emails sent to journalist not “made public” by CIA 2019-07; emails show Customs and Border Patrol agents made racist and sexist postings, required Honduran man to say is gay 2019-07; Palantir software manual shows logging and tracking of individuals for agencies and companies 2019-07; review of Guantanamo prison policy permitting interrogators to have access to mental/medical health records 2019-07

2019-08: Federal Customs and Border Protection won’t vaccinate detainees for the flu 2019-08; Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in first half of 19<sup>th</sup> century owned and sold slaves 2019-08

2019-09: Activist suggests reparations for slavery if descended from an enslaved person and have “identified as black in public documents for at least 40 years” 2019-09; Passamaquoddy tribe members recordings from 1890 in Library of Congress to help keep language alive 2019-09; departments of motor vehicles selling drivers’ personal information 2019-09; in past decade physicians spending twice time on electronic health records, creating stress and burnout 2019-09; Oregon county reduced suicides by recording more information about cases 2019-09; Missouri issued report on sexual abuse in Catholic

Church since 1945, also report that Buffalo, New York, Catholic bishop keeps “secret binder” of priests accused of sexual abuse 2019-09

2019-10: As of 30 September number of migrants at southern border up 88% from 2018, nearly 1 million persons 2019-10; government separated more than 4,250 children from their immigrant parents between June 2018 and June 2019 2019-10; two group of immigrants can sue USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) and ICE for failing to provide access to records within Freedom of Information Act deadlines 2019-10; DNA samples collected from people in immigration custody will go into national criminal database CODIS 2019-10; report of internal investigation showed that 16 Chicago police covered-up 2014 murder of Laquan McDonald, including falsifying and destroying records 2019-10; electronic patient system FollowMyHealth uses personal health record data for marketing purposes 2019-10; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention annual overview of health trends showed infant mortality down but the number of persons taking 5 or more prescription drugs nearly doubled between 1999 and 2016 2019-10; Veterans Administration data show spike in cancers during the years since 2000 2019-10; software algorithm used to identify patients with complex health needs biased against black persons 2019-10; Missouri state health department kept data on menstrual periods of Planned Parenthood patients to identify failed abortions 2019-10; two books to show slaveholding abuses at University of Virginia 2019-10

2019-11: Government held 69,550 migrant children over the past fiscal year, 4000 in custody as of November 2019-11; Syracuse University said Executive Office for Immigration Review deleting records for master database 2019-11; NGO research found on average 100 persons a day killed by gun violence and two more are injured 2019-11; Violence Project study on mass shootings 1 August 1966 to present showed 4 commonalities of mass shooters 2019-11; widening gap between rural and urban population who die from preventable diseases 2019-11supp.; most medical records not made available to cancer patients within 30 days of request 2019-11; Project Nightingale secret transfer of personal medical data of 50 million people to Google 2019-11supp.; Ring corporation allows more than 600 law enforcement agencies to access users’ footage 2019-11supp.; California Federal court said FBI must confirm or deny existence of records of social media monitoring program 2019-11supp.; people detained by U.S. Marshals Service placed in private jails, in Texas “pencil whip” logs to make “documents look right” 2019-11supp.; guards when Jeffrey Epstein hanged himself signed false certificates of regular checks, caught on internal video system 2019-11supp.; FBI said hate crimes at 16-year high in 2018 2019-11supp.; Department of Veterans Affairs not redacting names of other people when giving person access to his or her file 2019-11supp.; drug companies and academic researchers not making timely report of clinical trial results for posting on ClinicalTrials.gov 2019-11supp.; personal papers Louis Julyon West has correspondence on MKUltra program of CIA 2019-11supp.

2019-12: Facial-recognition algorithms’ ability to match two images varies from one demographic group to another 2019-12; migrants in ICE custody being given poor health service (whistleblower), boy died in cell, records from local police 2019-12; deaths in ICE custody, failure to keep comprehensive professional medical records 2019-12; some doctors who give immigration exams have medical disciplinary board records 2019-12; arrests and deportations rose 2015-2018 including of elderly, transgender, disabled, 52% increase in pregnant women detained 2019-12; ICE using information from commercial data brokers to get around government restrictions and identify persons deported who have returned 2019-12; records of military service lottery system which began in 1969 identify random cohort of population for social scientists 2019-12 supp.; Dronesense company exposed database of customer data including law enforcement systems 2019-12 supp.; records from 1819 to present used to determine rate of suicide of active-duty Army service members 2019-12 supp.; dataset created on every individual sentenced to die by Federal and state governments, 1976-present, found state record-keeping on death row populations “abysmal” 2019-12 supp.; lawsuit filed challenging requirement that applicants for U.S. visas list the social media identifiers they have used over the last 5 years on 20 platforms 2019-12 supp.; Federal court ruled Edward Snowden not entitled to the proceeds from his published memoir, did not submit the work for prepublication review as his contract with CIA and NSA required 2019-12 supp.



United States/California. *Los Angeles Times* used death certificates, coroner's reports and hospital inspection records to identify deaths in California psychiatric facilities, also found assault against patients 2019-12 supp.; local government employees who were whistle-blowers saying there was illegal destruction of pollution records were retaliated against, sued and won \$4 million

United States/Louisiana. New Orleans city inspector general found that city did nothing to notify people of lead in tap water 2019-11supp.

United States/Maryland. Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission held first public event, investigation of lynchings between 1954 and 1933 2019-09

United States/Michigan. Internal emails of Veolia utility company, public in a lawsuit, show it knew people in Flint at risk of being poisoned by lead "months before the city admitted the problem" 2019-12 supp.

United States/Minnesota. Engineering students devised 3-D scanner to save images in textbooks for the blind 2019-12 supp.

United States/New York. New York City police department retained database of fingerprints of children charged as juvenile delinquents, should have been destroyed 2019-11supp.; New York City archives made public 140 hours of police surveillance films 1960-1980 2019-11supp.

Venezuela. Mass arrests, military courts prosecuted more than 800 civilians since 2017 2019-01; video of plan for presidential assassination attempt in 2018 2019-03; OHCHR said "reasonable grounds to believe grave violations" of rights, official publications and statistics "scarce and completely lacking in some areas" 2019-07; military in jail, tortured, autopsy report leaked on one victim 2019-08; UN Human Rights Council to send international fact-finding mission to investigate human rights abuses 2014 to present 2019-09; Inter-American Court of Human Rights held government responsible for violation of rights of journalist for publishing article, criminal records to be erased 2019-10

Yemen. Landmines primarily laid by Houthi forces killed 140 civilians since start 2019 2019-04; dispute between Houthi and World Food Organization over control of biometric aid distribution, WHO partial suspension of aid deliveries 2019-06; NGO tracking deaths in civil war said 91,000 dead since 2015 2019-06; Armed Conflict Location Event Data Project recorded over 100,000 fatalities during conflict from 2015 to present 2019-11

Zambia. Lead poisoning of persons living near former lead mines, no government data to track cases 2019-08

Zimbabwe. NGO says 180 violations of human rights in 3 weeks, police and army implicated 2019-02; government promised to exhume and rebury people killed in the 1980s campaign in Matabeleland, will help people whose parents died in campaign "to get proper identity documents" 2019-04