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Abbreviations used

AI	Artificial intelligence
CAR	Central African Republic
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
CIA	U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EU	European Union
GDPR	European Union General Data Protection Regulation
HRW	Human Rights Watch
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICE	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICTR	UN International Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	UN International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IG	Inspector General
IDP	Internally displaced person
IRMCT	UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
ISIS	Islamic State, IS
KGB	Soviet secret police 1954-1991
KLA	Kosovo Liberation Army
KSC	Kosovo Specialist Chambers
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPCW	Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
SG	UN Secretary General
SR	UN Special Rapporteur
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

International and regional intergovernmental news

African Extraordinary Chambers. Released Hissene Habre for 60 days 2020-04 comm. (commentary)

Council of Europe. Risk of unregulated digital technologies and AI 2020-04

Economic Community of West African States Community Court of Justice. Togo illegally shut down internet during protests 2020-06

European Commission. Issued European data strategy and white paper on AI 2020-02

European Court of Human Rights. Summaries of decisions on personal data protection and new technologies 2020-01; Mothers of Srebrenica filed suit against Netherlands, said DutchBat did not protect 2020-01; breach of internet privacy is a form of domestic violence 2020-02; Romania violated rights of Pakistani students deported, did not give access to classified information 2020-10; fast-track climate change case brought by Portuguese youth, looking for evidence 2020-11; Romania violated rights of Muslim man, prison asked him to furnish written proof of religion 2020-11

European Court of Justice. “Privacy Shield” between EU and U.S. inadequate 2020-07; unrestrained mass surveillance of phone and internet data unlawful, states to define threats to national security 2020-10
European Union. U.K. failed to tell other EU members of convictions of criminals from their countries 2020-01

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Open Society Justice Institute said UN should leave court but protect archives 2020-04; AoAn case dismissed after 13 years investigation 2020-08

Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic. 52 “emblematic attacks by all parties” on medical facilities, schools 2020-07

Independent Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar. Facebook refused request by Mechanism and Gambia to provide postings by Myanmar police and military 2020-08

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Published report “Business and Human Rights: Inter-American Standards” 2020-01; referred to Inter-American Court of Human Rights Colombia’s monitoring of a lawyers group by intercepts and making personal files on each 2020-12

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Representative on Freedom of the Media, and UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. Statement on coronavirus, protect personal information in tracking 2020-04

International Atomic Energy Agency. Reported Iran over limits of uranium authorized by Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) 2020-09

International Committee of the Red Cross. General guidance for management, including records, of COVID-19 related deaths 2020-04

International Conference of Information Commissioners. Access to information and good recordkeeping during COVID-19 pandemic 2020-04

International Court of Justice. Myanmar ordered to prevent genocide, preserve evidence and make regular reports on Rohingya 2020-01; Netherlands takes first step to filing complaint against Syria for torture 2020-09

International Criminal Court. Registry to map potential beneficiaries of reparations in Ntaganda case 2020-01; Sudan pledged to have former president al-Bashir appear 2020-02; Venezuela petitioned ICC open investigation into U.S. financial sanctions against it as a crime against humanity 2020-02; Appeals Chamber ruled Prosecutor may open investigation into war crimes in Afghanistan 2020-03; Ongwen trial use of radio intercepts Lord’s Resistance Army 2020-03; Sudanese Ali Kushayb arrested in CAR and transferred to the court 2020-06; Registry using mapping exercise to identify victims eligible for reparation in Ntaganda case 2020-07; Uighurs petition ICC to investigate crimes by China 2020-07; Kenyan Paul Gicheru turned self in on bribery case 2020-11; Prosecutor’s annual report said will not investigate U.K. military’s involvement in Iraq, Austria’s treatment of migrants held in Nauru and Papua New Guinea, or China’s treatment of Uighurs 2020-12

International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. ICTY and ICTR convicts denied release on COVID-19 grounds 2020-04 comm.; arrest of Felicien Kabuga charged by ICTR 2020-05; Augustin Bizimana wanted by ICTR declared dead 2020-05; concern that records necessary for Kabunga trial destroyed 2020-10; Prosecutor gave files on suspects to Montenegro, Croatia and Serbia 2020-12; Prosecutor complained South Africa lack of cooperation in apprehending Fulgence Kayishema, said had no refugee file or fingerprints 2020-12

Kosovo Specialist Chambers. Issued first public indictments, included Kosovo president Hashim Thaci 2020-06; Kosovo Liberation Army War Veterans’ Organization received 3 batches of KSC Prosecutor documents, returned copies 2020-09; Salih Mustafa arrested and indicted for war crimes, Mustafa believes arrest based on Serbian court records 2020-09; released documents on interference with potential witnesses, released redacted indictment 2020-11; indictment of two leaders of Kosovo Liberation Army War Veterans confirmed for leaking confidential case files 2020-12

NATO. Released documents on 1960 Non-Proliferation Treaty negotiations 2020-03

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. Archives increasingly used, began with ICTY 2020-07

Organization of American States Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Representative on Freedom of the Media, and United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression. “Joint Declaration on Freedom of Expression and Elections in the Digital Age” 2020-04

Special Criminal Court of the Central African Republic. Refused to disclose identity of detainees 2020-10

Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Salim Jamil Ayyash convicted in absentia, 3 acquitted, evidence 269 witnesses and over 3,000 exhibits 2020-08; sentenced Ayyash and issued warrants for his arrest and an Interpol notice 2020-12

UNICEF. Report on countries where female genital mutilation occurs 2020-02

United Nations. UN did not disclose major hacking attack at its European IT systems 2020-01; UN Centre for Humanitarian Data said not enough data to understand top humanitarian crises 2020-02; Secretary-General appeal for global ceasefire because of COVID-19 pandemic 2020-03; report on “special measures” to prevent sexual exploitation by UN personnel and partner organization staff members 2020-03; SG urged governments to tackle domestic violence surge during pandemic 2020-04; Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights adopted General Comment 25 on right to science; UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights issued statement on relevance of Guiding Principles and business respecting human rights during COVID-19 crisis 2020-04; Congolese militia leader arrested, accused of murder of UN staff members and interpreter 2020-05; World Wildlife Crime report said poaching can spread zoonotic diseases 2020-07; Working Group on business and human rights report urged business to take “risk-to-people approach rather than a risk-to-business” 2020-07; Human Rights Committee issued General Comment 37 on right to peaceful assembly 2020-07; convention on Worst Forms of Child Labor ratified 2020-08; 6 Special Rapporteurs warn during pandemic internet is vital 2020-08; searches for missing must continue during pandemic 2020-08; SR said UN must compensate and apologize to Roma, Ashkali and Balkan Egyptian refugees for living in lead-contaminated camps in Kosovo 2020-09; Honduras ratified Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, goes into force 2020-10; Latin American and Caribbean UN-member countries agreement on access to information in environmental matters (Escazu Agreement) 2020-11; Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions on sources for identifying persons in mass graves 2020-11; Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women recommendation 38 on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration 2020-11; Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination recommendation 36 on use of AI in policing 2020-11; Committee on Enforced Disappearance registered 1,000th urgent action request 2020-12

United Nations Development Program. Opinion piece on technology and dangers to privacy and data security 2020-01

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Released database of companies doing business in Israeli settlements in occupied territories 2020-02; report on access to remedy by non-state mechanisms for business-related human rights abuse 2020-06; report on impact of new technologies on human rights in context of assemblies and protests 2020-06; Human Rights Council directed OHCHR establish fact-finding mission to Libya 2020-06; with University of California Berkeley published guidelines for using online publicly available information in criminal and human rights investigations 2020-12; former High Commissioner warned death penalty used for children, excuse lack of birth records to ascertain age 2020-12

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. 79.5 million people displaced at end of 2019, 45.7 IDPs 2020-06; calls for proposals on digital access, inclusion and participation 2020-06

United Nations Human Rights Committee. Ruled on refugees and climate change, said right to life with dignity, refugee can claim asylum because climate change will make Kiribati uninhabitable 2020-01

United Nations Special Rapporteurs. Two SRs said gravely concerned technology use by Crown Prince Saudi Arabia against Jeffrey Bezos, Jamal Khashoggi and others 2020-01; SR on truth, justice, reparation and guarantees advice on prison releases during COVID-19 2020-04 comm.; SR on cultural rights call for submissions on threats posed by climate change, SAHR response 2020-04; SR on freedom of opinion and information issued “Disease pandemics and the freedom of opinion and expression” 2020-05; SR report on drones, said U.S. killing of Iranian General Soleimani unlawful 2020-07; SR on cultural rights report on climate change and cultural rights, quotes SAHR 2020-10; SR on the promotion of truth, justice, reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence report on memorialization processes, urges protection of archives, said UN should have “methodology” to grant access to its archives 2020-10

UN Women. Report on progress on gender equity and women’s rights 2020-03

World Health Organization. Announced commission to investigate claims of sexual exploitation and abuse in Congo 2020-10

World Meteorological Organization. Climate measurement data gathering badly disrupted by COVID-19 2020-09

World/General news

Adoption. Persons adopted from India and Sri Lanka find barriers to getting records of parents 2020-10

Artificial intelligence. AI can identify the photographer on the basis of photo content 2020-11

Business records.

2020-01. Records of Imperial Oil at University of Calgary show from 1960s conducted surveillance on public critics 2020-01; sales call notes by Purdue Pharma 1997-2001 released 2020-01; data from U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration show opioids shipped daily in U.S. 2006-2024 2020-01; software company Practice Fusion designed electronic popup tool to promote prescriptions for opioids 2020-01; Boeing messages on 737 MAX jet released to U.S. Congress investigators 2020-01; *New York Times* examined 2009 crash of Boeing 737 near Amsterdam in light of MAX crashes 2020-01; Palestinian lawyers filed complaint with U.S. OECD contact point on JCB corporation equipment used in settlements in occupied Palestine 2020-01; GRID-Arendal launched global database mine tailings dams 2020-01; officers of Vale and Tuv Sud sued in Brazil, homicide and environmental crimes in Brumadinho dam collapse 2020-01

2020-02. Quality of reporting poor by 1000 companies under EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive 2020-02; 5 companies made 35% sales income from toxic pesticides 2020-02; BP pledge to be a “net zero company by 2050” 2020-02; oil project in Republic of Congo imperiling “climate-critical peatland forests” 2020-02; Chinese oil consortiums in South Sudan know contamination is damaging health 2020-02; HeidelbergCement works occupied Palestinian territory “grave breaches of international humanitarian law” 2020-02; Tanzanians sue Canada’s Barrick Gold in U.K. high court for abuses at gold mine, say records falsified 2020-02

2020-03. Interactive map of conflicts at Pan American Silver mines 2020-03; labor and environmental issues at Firestone Rubber Plantation Liberia 2020-03; Brazilian meat companies linked to farm whose owner implicated in massacres 2020-03; children working in Guatemala coffee farms, Starbucks and Nespresso to investigate 2020-03; 5 U.S. and U.K. financial institutions contributing to climate change by providing financing for oil extraction projects in the Amazon 2020-03; U.K. court said African Minerals Ltd not liable for unlawful acts of police guarding mine 2020-03; man who provided research on cobalt case in Congo received death threats 2020-03; 83 multinationals linked to forced labor by Uighurs in China factories 2020-03; Peruvian Amazonian people complaint to Dutch OECD against Pluspetrol for oil drilling in rainforest 2020-03; Walmart escapes prosecution for opioid sales 2020-03; Johnson & Johnson used “super poppy” grown in Tasmania to manufacture opioids 2020-03

2020-04. Plastic pollution by 4 drink companies in 6 countries 2020-04; Colombians suing Chiquita Brands International 2020-04; Zambia residents sue United Quarries, UQ lied to Ministry of Land on registration as agriculture purposes not mining 2020-04; Panguna mine in Bougainville massive pollution, land boundaries need mapping 2020-04; 29 Nobel Laureates support Ecuadorians and lawyer on suit against Chevron for pollution 2020-04; Souapiti dam in Guinea will displace people, no new land titles, HRW created map of the reservoir 2020-04

2020-05. Ashaninka won lawsuit against companies and written apology 2020-05; planned rubber plantation, Papua New Guinea Manus Island, front for illegal logging 2020-05; Johnson & Johnson ending sales of talc-based baby powder in U.S. and Canada 2020-05; Rio Tinto demolished Australian world heritage site used as Aboriginal shelters 2020-05; Rio Tinto's ilmenite mine in Madagascar health risk to locals 2020-05; pressure on government to let open-pit gold mine at Jermuk, Armenia, proceed 2020-05; Facebook to pay compensation to moderators 2020-05; Facebook named independent board on content 2020-05; Facebook released reports of its impact in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Cambodia 2020-05; gold mine in Ethiopia's Oromia state health risk to locals 2020-05; 2 U.S. counties suing big pharmacy chains as complicit in opioid epidemic 2020-05

2020-06. OECD Watch said of 28 cases filed in 2019 with National Contact Points, 10 dismissed with no help in resolution, Polish case agreed to screen out environmentally harmful advertisements from a company's digital platform, first-ever agreement on responsibility of online platform 2020-06; Bayer paying \$10.9 billion to settle lawsuits over Roundup herbicide 2020-06; Compagnie des Bauzites de Guinee resettled community without adequate support, no signed resettlement documents 2020-06; Thailand's supreme court ruled against pineapple company who charged journalist with defamation 2020-06; Norilsk Nickel fuel spill in Russian Arctic question of what and when reported 2020-06

2020-07. Suggestions to Rio Tinto for review of heritage management processes 2020-07; petition to U.S. CBP to exclude Sime Darby Plantation palm oil products of forced and child labor 2020-07; Facebook auditors said prioritizing free speech led to abuse by politicians 2020-07; Global Witness report on gold from conflict sources 2020-07; fisheries observers need better protection 2020-07; drivers sue Uber for data it collects on them 2020-07; Boeing did not share information about the flight control software on the 737 Max jet 2020-07

2020-08. Magnum reviewing archives for "problematic" imagery, captioning, keywording 2020-08; France suing Sanofi for birth defects linked to drug, 500 complaints 2020-08; Google launching ethics service 2020-08

2020-09. Global supply chains of major multinationals responsible for fifth of world carbon dioxide emissions 2020-09; Boeing 737 MAX airplane crashes were preventable, information not shared 2020-09; JBS meat company said will monitor entire supply chain by 2025 2020-09; JBS and other meatpackers not giving workers compensation for days missed due to COVID-19; Volkswagen to pay compensation to workers it helped Brazilian state persecute 2020-09; Guatemala women suing Hudbay for eviction from Lote Ocho village and gang rape 2020-09; human rights violations by security company at Petra Diamonds' Williamson Mine in Tanzania, victims chained in hospital, denied access to medical records 2020-09; Dutch court asked to order Dutch company Boskalis to provide information to fisherfolk in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, about risks of sand mining project 2020-09; directors of Rio Tinto "replaced" after destruction of Juukan Gorge rock shelter in Australia 2020-09; Australian court denied mining company Adani request to search home of Ben Pennings, protester against mine 2020-09; U.S. Treasury suspicious activity reports (SARS) leaked, too many for law enforcement to handle 2020-09; *The Intercept* failed to protect whistleblower 2020-09; men acquiring bankrupt brands look for "good archives" 2020-09

2020-10. Documents show Exxon planned to increase annual carbon-dioxide emissions 2020-10; U.S. government settled case against Purdue Pharma 2020-10; class action lawsuit against Anglo American for lead pollution in Kabwe, Zambia 2020-10; Canada lawsuit by Eritreans against Nevsun mining settled, called precedent-setting for corporate accountability for overseas actions 2020-10; U.S. released "voluntary human rights due diligence guidance" for businesses selling surveillance capabilities 2020-10

2020-11. Pesticide poisoning farmers India, lack documentation but suing Syngenta in Switzerland 2020-11; tests of people living near Kabwe, Zambia's Broken Hill mine showed multiple metal exposures 2020-11; U.K. dismissed lawsuit against BHP for failure of Brazil's Fundao dam 2020-11; sexual abuse and heavy work of female palm oil workers in Indonesia and Malaysia, oil goes to big Western brands 2020-11; Amazon using detective agency to spy on warehouse workers and monitor labor unions, environmental activists 2020-11; guards beat man to death at Carrefour Brasil store, supervisor filmed incident 2020-11

2020-12. Australian panel said Rio Tinto to rebuild Juukan Gorge caves, provide places for storage of artefacts and "other material" 2020-12; Global Witness report on beef processing companies (JBS, Marfrig, and Minerva) and banks destroying Amazon ranches without deforestation permits 2020-12; Global Witness report on Indonesian palm oil supply chains, named ADM and Bunge 2020-12; algorithms and artificial intelligence affect gig workers 2020-12; Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's emails revealed in lawsuit over anti-competitive behavior 2020-12; Walmart accused of fueling U.S. opioid crisis, did not report suspicious orders to authorities 2020-12; McKinsey apologized for its role in sales promotion of opioid OxyContin, email showed considered purging records related to Purdue Pharma 2020-12; Alibaba offers Uighur ethnic minority recognition as part of a Cloud service 2020-12

Child abuse. U.S. government in 2019 received reports of 70 million online images and videos of child sexual abuse 2020-02; increase of pedophiles targeting children during coronavirus lockdown 2020-05; abuse of children leads to "negative" social outcomes in adulthood (U.S. study), Australian children who had contact with child protective services had twice death rate by age 33 than those without contact 2020-12; Pornhub said pulled from its platform images with child sex-abuse content 2020-12

Child labor. Estimates of child labor in cocoa-growing in Ivory Coast and Ghana 2020-12; child labor and abuse in palm oil supply chains originating in Malaysia and Indonesia 2020-12

Church records. Vatican said will open records 1939-1958 2020-01; Vatican digitized archives concerning missing persons in Uruguay 1968-1985, relatives of missing can have access 2020-01; U.S. Jesuits using archives to determine the slaves that were "owned, rented or borrowed" 1823-1865 2020-01; French commission on sexual abuse in Catholic Church used archives 2020-04; France said at least 3,000 victims clerical sex abuse since 1950 but still reviewing archives 2020-06; Vatican archives reveal information about Holocaust, two Jewish boys held after war because baptized as Catholics 2020-08; Vatican released report on sexual abuse of minors by ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, church now can open investigation based on anonymous report 2020-11

Climate change. Databases used to link climate-related disasters to violence in societies 2020-04; environmental price of fast fashion 2020-04; International Council on Clean Transportation said "data is the primary currency" in argument to cut air pollution through cutting vehicle emissions 2020-04

Copyright. Internet Archive released 1.4 million digital copies of books, authors say violation of copyright 2020-04; Internet Archive ended free book program 2020-06

Electronic surveillance. Chinese tech company Zhenhua Data has personal details of 2.4 million people, some believed to be from dark web 2020-09; Amnesty International report on gaps in EU export regulations for digital surveillance technologies 2020-09

Environment. Use of historical data to determine baseline abundance and distribution of species 2020-05; personal papers of Dutch climate denier Frits Botcher show money from Shell and other multinationals 2020-05; environmental defenders halted projects in 11% of cases, defenders high rates of criminalization and assassinations especially Indigenous defenders 2020-06; Global Witness said 2019 most murders in a single year of land and environmental defenders, half killed in Colombia and Philippines 2020-07; environmental crimes in Amazon detectable through use of public records 2020-09

Femicide. Latin American initiative for Open Data developed standard for recording instances of femicide 2020-04

Forced labor. China using North Korean forced labor to make PPE for U.K. and other purchasers 2020-11

Freedom of the press. 50 journalists killed worldwide in 2020, 8 died in Mexico 2020-12

Human rights defenders. Business & Human Rights Resource Centre documented more than 2,000 attacks on defenders 2015-2019 2020-01

Human trafficking. Migrants picked up at sea and sent back to Libya at risk of being sold to traffickers 2020-01; Armenia baby selling ring, checking adoption records 2020-01; Thailand rescued trafficking victims but some trafficking cases prosecuted as smuggling which is considered consensual 2020-01; children rescued in Ivory Coast, try to find parents 2020-01

Inequality/poverty. Rich countries with less than 15% of global population have reserved 51% of COVID-19 vaccines 2020-12; study found tax cuts for the rich don't trickle down to the less wealthy, used 50 years tax data 2020-12

Internally displaced persons. Record 50.8 million IDPS in 2019

Justice. 10th anniversary of UN Rules for Treatment of Women Prisoners, found increase in global female prison population of 17% 2020-12

Land records. Increasing concentration of land ownership in fewer hands 2020-11

Medical records. Study of medical records 200,000 U.S. military may have found gene linked to anxiety 2020-01; allegation Google can access health records without knowledge of patients or doctors, Google denied 2020-01; Twitter posts linked to crisis mental health episodes 2020-02; activists posted papers referencing coronaviruses, some from behind paywalls 2020-02; Avandia linked to cardiovascular risk when individual patient data used for analysis 2020-02; NRC Health data breach, medical record for sale at "several hundred dollars per record" 2020-02; data of drug and medical device trials since 2007 must be published on U.S. ClinicalTrials.gov 2020-02; U.S. Defense Department Joint Pathology Center to digitize 55 million pathology glass slides and other tissue samples with associated records 2020-03; thalidomide lawsuits filed in U.S. 2020-03; Kuwait death certificates show Arabian Peninsula may become uninhabitable because of heat 2020-03; transgender adults with gender-affirming IDs better mental health 2020-03; over ¼ YouTube videos on COVID-19 contain misleading information 2020-05; study of babies born in Lubumbashi, DRC, showed defects linked to father working in mine 2020-05; 20% of persons who see their electronic health records find errors 2020-06; Mayo Clinic (U.S.) gave 16 companies access to de-identified patient data 2018-19 2020-06; linking birth, residence and oil and gas well location found mothers living near such sites increased risk of spontaneous preterm birth 2020-06; two-thirds of COVID-19 drug trials not entered into European Union clinical trials database 2020-06; sperm donor in Oregon suing university for using his sperm more times and more places than agreed 2020-09; Google and Mayo clinic working to develop artificial intelligence to help treat head and neck cancers 2020-10; debate over use of digital health passports 2020-12

Migration. Damage to Central American migrants by U.S. and Mexican policies 2020-02; El Salvador migrants killed after deported from U.S. 2020-02; U.S. ICE getting notes of therapy counselors meeting with immigrant children in Federal custody 2020-02; psychological effects of family separations rise to level of torture 2020-03; using budgetary records to show EU complicit in human rights abuse by Libya against migrants 2020-08; surgical procedures on women at U.S. Georgia immigration facility, no consent, Mexico identified one of the women 2020-09; Saudi Arabia keeping migrants locked in terrible conditions 2020-09; deaths of migrants in U.S. custody, allege falsified records 2020-10; U.S. apprehended 53% fewer migrants than previous year, 8,800 unaccompanied children pushed back 2020-10; 545 children U.S. separated from parents still can't be found 2020-10; U.S. Justice Department report shows Attorney General and other senior officials knew that "zero-tolerance" policy would lead to

separation of children from parents 2020-10; records incomplete of medical treatment of 19 women migrants who allege maltreatment in U.S. detention 2020-10; forcible deportment by U.S. of Cameroonian and Congolese asylum seekers forced to sign own deportation orders 2020-10; Croatian law enforcement officers brutalized migrants trying to cross from Bosnia, photographs from Danish Refugee Council 2020-10; survey refugees from northern Central America showed 20% families and 30% of unaccompanied children leaving because of violence 2020-12; 70,000 migrants “caught” at U.S.-Mexico border in November 2020 2020-12; 30 migrant women sued U.S. for unnecessary gynecological procedures while in custody 2020-12

Nuclear testing. 75th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs, Marshall Islands says U.S. did not disclose critical information 2020-08; UN urges states to sign Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, SR says legacy of nuclear tests “one of the cruelest examples of environmental injustice” 2020-08

Privacy. South Korea center of spycam porn, a fourth of women victims consider suicide 2020-01; Norway said 10 Android apps pass sensitive data to advertising and marketing firms, sued dating app Grindr under European Union’s GDPR 2020-01; Spanish court said Google did not have to block links in court case but must show stories about acquittal first 2020-03; European Trade Union Confederation said companies and governments citing GDPR and not providing it contact information on employees 2020-03; ICA and IFLA issued joint statement on privacy legislation 2020-03; Electronic Frontier Foundation warned aggregate location data misses people without smartphones 2020-04; Canadian buildings using facial scans to enter 2020-04; COVID-related apps collecting more information than required to track pandemic 2020-11

Refugees. Family separation harms mental health of refugees in Australia 2020-11

Sexual violence in conflict. Global Code of Conduct for Documenting and Investigating Conflict-related Sexual Violence (“Murad Code”) drafted, open for comment 2020-06; women accused Ebola aid workers in DRC of sexual exploitation and abuse 2020-09

Slavery. Database produced on all UN Member States’ domestic legislation on slavery and human trafficking 2020-02; report found slavery in 8 countries in the Pacific 2020-03; 23andMe study of genetics of slavery 2020-07; logbook of 1795-86 voyage of U.S. slave ship found 2020-09; satellite vessel monitoring data can identify behaviors related to forced labor abuses 2020-12; linked open platform created for data on transatlantic slave trade 2020-12

Technology.

2020-01. Romanian start-up now in U.S. to market “typing biometrics” to identify persons by keystrokes 2020-01; European and U.S. seized WeLeakInfo.com, said had 12 billion stolen records 2020-01

2020-02. Sales of Crypto AG enabled spying by U.S. and West German intelligence services, Swiss government found records related to Crypto AG, was used by Operation Condor countries 2020-02; Jigsaw tech company has tool to identify image manipulation 2020-02; Twitter will label deceptive tweets 2020-02; Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg destroyed his notebook for “privacy reasons” 2020-02

2020-04. 75 organizations sent letter to tech companies, urged preservation of all data blocked or removed during the pandemic 2020-04; bringing the dead back to life in virtual form through data use 2020-04

2020-05. Research team developed software to run data analysis on data *in situ* 2020-05; video use in U.K. remand hearings modest improvement 2020-05; Guatemala emergency alert app Alerta Guate risk to personal data 2020-05; American Civil Liberties Union suing Clearview AI which has 3 billion images pulled from internet without permission and used by 3rd parties 2020-05

2020-06. YouTube takedown of Syrian human rights documentation of crimes doubled since January 2020 2020-06 comm.; Facebook worked with third-party firm and U.S. FBI to identify sexual predator

2020-06; Bosnian municipality temporarily had to stop issuing birth and death certificates after hack 2020-06; IBM, Amazon and Microsoft said will not sell or will limit sale of facial recognition technology to law enforcement agencies in the U.S. 2020-06; dog trained to sniff out flash drives and cell phones 2020-06

2020-07. Hackers buying decommissioned police body cam with video evidence 2020-07; developing AI to search Yemeni Archive for evidence of use of BLU-63 ammunition 2020-07

2020-08. “BlueLeaks” police documents show TikTok sharing information with U.S. law enforcement 2020-08; Instagram not removing deleted information promptly 2020-08; smart home devices and wearables used in police investigations 2020-08

2020-09. Social media platforms removing evidence of war crimes, should ensure off-line preservation 2020-09; Facebook and WhatsApp law enforcement portals open to anyone, Google’s not 2020-09; Google contract with U.S. Department of Defense to test “augmented reality microscope” 2020-09; Humanitarian Open StreetMap Team working in 18 countries to help reach remote populations vulnerable to COVID-19 2020-09

2020-10. Google removed posted images of summit of Australia’s sacred Uluru 2020-10; bot on Telegram enables images of clothed women to be stripped naked 2020-10

2020-11. GitHub reinstates software tool used by human rights groups to download videos 2020-11

2020-12. Drones programmed to follow person or vehicle, footage stored as evidence like body cam footage 2020-12

Terrorism. Global deaths from terrorism down, far-right attacks increased by 250% since 2014 2020-11

World War II.

2020-01. Russia says will open WWII archives for publication 2020-01; Monaco will open access to official archives 1942-1944 2020-01; Poland lacks property restitution legislation, persons seeking restitution lack documents 2020-01; museums in Poland hold Dutch art from WWII confiscations, Poznan museum says its WWII records either burned in fighting or taken to Russia 2020-01; Louvre investigation found 10 works that may be “ill-gotten” 2020-01; U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum acquired papers of deputy commandant of Sobibor death camp 2020-01; work to link pages of young Jews’ autobiographies in Lithuania and New York YIVO 2020-01; research group launched website on 45 sub-camps of Auschwitz and industries that used prisoners 2020-01

2020-02. Concerns over requirement that all French military classified records from 1940 to the present are closed until reviewed for declassification 2020-02; Russian President Putin said “big risks” in opening NKVD records from the 1930s 2020-02; researcher found court records about attempts to reclaim painting now in New York Metropolitan Museum of Art 2020-02

2020-03. List of Nazis in Argentina during WWII, Wiesenthal Centre asked for access to archives of Credit Suisse to search for names 2020-03; Belgium’s Ministry of Defense transferred to General Archives 120,000 files of armed resistance fighters 2020-03; Polish children kidnapped by Nazis, records of the program destroyed 2020-03; Lidice museum director fired over historian’s work that found a Jewish woman betrayed by the village 2020-03; Auschwitz Museum accessioned documents about the Lados group that made illegal passports 2020-03; U.S. deported Friedrich Karl Berger, SS guard, case used SS cards raised from sea in ship *Thielbek* 2020-03

2020-04. Belarus court records provide names of victims killed in 1940 at time of Katyn massacre 2020-04; Russian Military Historical Society (RMHS) published new declassified “first-hand testimonies” of officers liberating Nazi concentration camps 2020-04; RMHS also exhumed 16 corpses from Sandarmokh forest, see if USSR soldiers killed by Finns, related to Dmitriev case 2020-04; Russia to begin investigation of “crimes by Finns in Karelia,” Finland’s National Archivist said allegations of crimes against humanity “absurd” 2020-04

2020-05. Germany gave Russia digitized archives on Soviet prisoners of war 2020-05; Vatican archives show Pius XII aware of genocide of Jews, warned by Ukrainian church head Andrey Sheptytsky 2020-05

2020-06. Belarus published Belarussian and Russian archives on Operation Cormorant, May-June 1944 2020-6

2020-07. China published World War II document compilation 2020-07; Poland to establish Institute of Truth and Reconciliation and Museum of Volyn Victims 2020-07; former SS guard convicted in Germany, majority of plaintiffs appeared by video link 2020-07; Ukraine digitized German and Soviet materials from the war 2020-07

2020-08. Koreans missing from World War II, UN asked Russia for information 2020-08; Russia gave Japan information and maps mass grave with Japanese burials, Tokyo burials of unknowns may include non-Japanese nationals 2020-08; search for musical instruments confiscated by Nazis difficult, records scattered 2020-08

2020-09. Poland's Institute of National Remembrance recovered documents of German occupation in Lodz 2020-09

2020-10. Difficulty finding names of persons killed at Babyn Yar outside Kiev, Ukraine, lack of documentation 2020-10; Facebook announced will prohibit content denying or distorting the Holocaust 2020-10; French ministries agree to facilitate access to records for search and restitution of looted cultural property 2020-10

2020-12. Sound and video of Nuremberg trials digitized, online 2020-11; Russia declassified archival fonds in 22 regions "for investigating crimes that fascist invaders committed" 2020-11; Blavatnik Archives put on line first tranche of materials on Jews in the Soviet armed forces during WWII 2020-11

Dutch Restitutions Commission urged to revise policies, resume research into wartime history of artworks 2020-12; China announced opening digital archives about the Nanjing Massacre 2020-12

Bilateral and multilateral news

Afghanistan/United States. U.S. transferred land taken for U.S. bases to Afghan government not to original owners, search of land records needed to determine ownerships 2020-12

Algeria/France. Audin Association demands opening of French military archives through the immediate aftermath of Algeria's independence 2020-04; France returned skulls, Algeria asks for reparations from nuclear tests and declassification of archives 2020-07; writing history of Wilaya II "weighed down" by lack of archives access 2020-07; Algeria not ruling out international arbitration over French colonial archives 2020-10

Algeria/Morocco/United States. Morocco said declassified U.S. CIA records show Algeria funding Polisario separatists 2020-11

Argentina/Chile/Italy/Peru/Uruguay. Italian court released reasoning for July 2019 conviction of persons who carried out Operation Condor 2020-01

Argentina/Germany. Argentine naval officer wanted for crimes during dictatorship located by journalists in Berlin 2020-07

Armenia/Azerbaijan. Both released images and videos of conflict 2020-10; Azerbaijan arrests four soldiers who filmed themselves mistreating captured Armenian soldier, attempting to destroy graves, also said had defiled bodies 2020-12

Armenia/Azerbaijan/Russia/Turkey. Ceasefire agreement said Russian peacekeepers to patrol A-A border, Turkey ignored and will send troops 2020-11

Australia/Indonesia/Timor-Leste. Australia tribunal ruled against release of records of maritime border negotiations with Indonesia in 1970s when Australia recognized Indonesia sovereignty over Timor 2020-07; Australian government not releasing records relating to 5 Australian journalists murdered 1975 by Indonesian forces 2020-10

Australia/Ireland/United Kingdom. Diary in Ireland's national library has report of previously-unknown 1827 massacre by British troops in Australia 2020-12

Australia/Timor Leste. Australian Cabinet papers show Australia refusing to admit Timorese refugees at time of Timor independence crisis 2020-01; Australian lawyer Bernard Collaery charged with spying

for his role in exposing Australian bugging of Timor-Leste in 2004, Australia refusing to disclose documents to his lawyers 2020-09

Australia/United Kingdom. Australia High Court said letters from Queen Elizabeth II to Australia's Governor-General in 1975 to dismiss elected government can be released 2020-05; historian's archival research key to High Court decision 2020-07

Australia/United States. Australia arrested man charged with 1988 killing of U.S. gay man 2020-05

Austria/Syria. Austria granted asylum to Syrian Khalid Al-Halabi accused of war crimes, arrived 2015 and disappeared 2018 2020-12

Balkan wars. Serbia and Republica Srpska interpreted U.K. defense archives as showing genocide had not occurred at Srebrenica 2020-01; Serbian journalists association investigating killings and abductions of 15 media workers in Kosovo 1998-2005 2020-02; feature on Andras Riedlmayer documenting cultural heritage destruction 2020-02; 1,871 Croatians still missing from Balkan wars 2020-04; continued search for Kosovo missing 2020-05; massive records on war crimes trials overwhelming Bosnia's state court 2020-06; court in Orasje, Bosnia, to begin enforcing sentences for war crimes decided in 1993 and 1995, records sent to 6 locations 2020-07; Serbia gave evidence on Hashim Thaci to Kosovo Specialist Chambers 2020-07; Netherlands appointed expert commission to determine compensation for deaths of 350 Bosniak men from Srebrenica 2020-07; Open Society Archives published list of sources on Srebrenica 2020-07; Kosovars ask Serbia for access to archives on missing, Serbia asked for KLA archives, organizations say do not exist 2020-08; families of missing persons from Kosovo war demand access to archives 2020-08; Bosnian judiciary not making enough use of ICTY records showing involvement in 1992 attacks on Prijedor 2020-08; Serbia-Kosovo talks said will give access to archives about missing persons 2020-09; exhibit in Belgrade on shelling Tuzla Gate 2020-10; Bosnia using evidence from Novak Djukic trial 2020-10; Serbia refused release information on flight of convicted soldier Rajko Kozlina 2020-10; Humanitarian Law Center issued dossier on Serbian camps for Croats captured during war, named commanders and guards who abused and tortured prisoners 2020-11; Serbia refused to provide information on Kozlina international arrest warrant 2020-11; links between wartime sexual violence and current human trafficking found through analysis ICTY and domestic court records 2020-12; *BIRN* identified in ICTY records names of more than 10 people involved in serious crimes in Prozor-Rama but not charged 2020-12; Serbia information commissioner ordered release of information on Kozlina 2020-12; Netherlands setting up compensation commission for group of families of Srebrenica victims, need to determine people eligible for compensation 2020-12

Belgium/Burundi/DRC/Rwanda. Belgian parliament set up investigating commission on colonial past, King expressed "deepest regrets" over colonial acts, five DRC mixed-race women sued Belgium over child separations 2020-06; special commission to review colonial history, propose reconciliation measures and "protect archives" 2020-07; archivists urge automatic declassification of records relevant to commission's work 2020-10

Belgium/Liberia/United States. Belgium investigating Martina Johnson for crimes in Liberian civil war, prosecutors used Liberian truth and reconciliation records in U.S. 2020-04

Belgium/Rwanda. Belgium arrested 3 men for involvement in 1994 Rwanda genocide 2020-10

Belgium/Slovakia. Video of Belgian police sitting on arrested Slovak man who died 2020-10

Belgium/United Kingdom. Britain's 1666 charter gives Flemish fishing boats perpetual access to British waters 2020-10

Burkina Faso/France. France urged to complete delivery of records relating to 1987 death of Burkina president Thomas Sankara 2020-10

Canada/Eritrea. Canada's Supreme Court ruled mining company Nevsum can be sued in Canada for human rights abuses at its mine in Eritrea 2020-02

Caricom//United Kingdom. Windrush task force still to handle 3,720 cases but 12,000 people now have been declared having right to live in U.K. 2020-04; Lloyds of London and Greene King apologized for

role in slavery, CARICOM said not enough 2020-06; few Windrush claimants paid, asked for more documents 2020-07

CAR/DRC/South Sudan. Data on Lord's Resistance Army attacks and abductions 2020-08

Central America. Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project added Latin American and Caribbean countries, over 40,000 records, 3 LAC countries in top 12 worldwide for deaths of civilians 2020-03

Central and Southeast Europe. Digital rights in region increasing concern during pandemic, sensitive health data badly handled, surveillance technologies without proper oversight 2020-11

China/Ethiopia. Mursi tribe says Ethiopian government is taking land, disarming, beating, for Chinese sugar companies 2020-03

China/Japan. China digital museum "proof" Senkaku/Diaoyu islands belong to China 2020-10

China/United States. U.S.-based Zoom worked with China's government to censor information about 1989 Tiananmen Square, employee gave Chinese government information on users outside China 2020-12

Colombia/United States. U.S. decided to deport Salvatore Mancuso to Colombia, U.S. interviewed for 200 hours, Mancuso had more than 300 video conferences with Colombian officials 2020-08; U.S. declassified records provide details about former President Uribe links to narcotraffickers and paramilitaries 2020-08

Colombia/Venezuela. Colombia will give work permits to Venezuelan migrants 2020-01

Croatia/Hungary. Hungary President Urban posted a Facebook message with borders of Greater Hungary, Croatia's president told Croatian students not to post maps of greater Croatia 2020-05

Egypt/Europe/Israel/United States. Delegation of European, U.S., Israel Jews want access to Jewish community records dating from 1830 now closed in Egypt's national archives 2020-02

Egypt/Israel/Syria. Israel released archives on commission review of Israel's unpreparedness for 1973 Yom Kippur War 2020-09

Egypt/Italy. Italy charged four officials of Egypt's National Security Agency with murder of Italian student, Egypt not producing documents for case 2020-12

El Salvador/Guatemala/Honduras. Report on armed violence and firearm possession 2020-07

El Salvador/Spain/United States. U.S. barred 13 former Salvadoran military officials and families for involvement in killing of the Jesuit priests and 2 others in 1989 2020-01; U.S. declassified documents introduced in trial in Spain of El Salvador's Inocente Orlando Montano for 5 Spanish Jesuits murdered in El Salvador in 1989 2020-07; Spain convicted Orlando Montano 2020-09

El Salvador/United States. Judge in El Mozote massacre case wants U.S. records on the case 2020-0

Estonia/Russia. KGB camera negatives 1987-1991 given to national archives Estonia 2020-05

Ethiopia/Saudi Arabia/Yemen. Yemen Houthi forces pushed Ethiopian migrants into Saudi Arabia, killed, mistreated, HRW urged stronger mandate for UN to collect evidence of crimes and prepare files 2020-08

Finland/Liberia/Sierra Leone. Finland arrested Sierra Leonean Gibril Massaquoi, charged him with war crimes in Liberia 2020-03; 2-part article on Massaquoi case 2020-04

France/Burkina Faso. France authorized extradition to Burkina Faso of Francois Compaore, charged with murdering journalist 1998 2020-03

France/Rwanda. France's State Council ruled researcher can see records of Francois Mitterrand concerning the 1994 genocide in Rwanda 2020-06; Aloys Ntiwiragabo, alleged to be one of the architects of 1994 genocide, found living in Orleans, France 2020-07; French appeals court will not reopen case of 1994 plane crash that killed presidents of Burundi and Rwanda 2020-07

France/Senegal. French court asked to exhume mass grave at site Thiaroye massacre 1944, change cause of death in records of West African soldiers who died in WWII and pay money due them when they died 2020-09

France/Spain. Archivists and historians rebutted Spanish newspaper allegation that France was destroying important records of Spanish civil war exiles 2020-02; Aude and Pyrenees-Orientales

Departmental Archives providing online access to personal data of Spanish Republicans interned in French camps at end of Spanish civil war 2020-11

Gambia/Switzerland. Former Gambian minister Ousman Sonko detained in Switzerland for human rights violations, Swiss getting information from Gambia's Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission 2020-05

Gambia/United States. U.S. court indicted Gambian Michael Sang Correa for torture of six people in Gambia in 2006 2020-06

Georgia/Germany/Russia. Bellingcat confirmed killing of Georgian refugee in Berlin in 2019 was an act of Russian FSB 2020-02

Germany/ISIS/Syria. Germany charged Omaima Abdi, ISIS member, for crimes against humanity, her cell phone found by journalists in Syria had photos of ISIS activities 2020-03

Germany/Syria. Two Syrian military officers, Anwar Raslan and Eyad Al-Gharib, on trial in Germany for crimes against humanity, Caesar photos evidence 2020-04 and 2020-05; biographical documents on Al-Gharib at trial 2020-06; witness at Raslan-Al-Gharib trial said kept list of number of corpses and names and numbers of secret service branches that brought bodies for mass grave burials 2020-09; 3 Syrian NGOs filed criminal complaints in Germany on two chemical gas attacks perpetrated by Syrian regime 2020-10; confidential documents of Syrian regime and Caesar photographs introduced in trial and authenticated 2020-11; trial monitor reports on September witness on burial records 2020-12

Greece/Turkey. Turkish police report shows intelligence agency infiltrated Greek refugee camps, monitored members of Gulen group 2020-04

Guatemala/United States. Group of Guatemalans adopted in U.S. as children seeking birth parents, Guatemalan records said falsified for foreign adoptions 2020-02; U.S. deported Gilberto Jordan for lying about participation in Dos Erres massacre, arrested on arrival in Guatemala 2020-03; U.S. role in the 2019 ending of International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) 2020-09

Haiti/United States. U.S. deported Emmanuel "Toto" Constant, convicted for role in Raboteau massacre, Haiti could not find records of trial, NGOs provided 2020-07

India/Nepal. Both countries published national maps including territories claimed by the other 2020-05

India/United States. American Bar Association said sandstone imports from India from a supply chain with human rights violations 2020-08

Indonesia/Malaysia/Singapore. International Court of Justice use of records to determine ownership of islands claimed by Indonesia and Malaysia and by Singapore and Malaysia 2020-09

Indonesia/Netherlands. Netherlands court ordered compensation to victims of colonial massacres in Indonesia in 1946-47 2020-03.

Iran/Israel. Israel captured Iranian nuclear program records, why Iran maintained archives 2020-09

Iran/Ukraine. Ukraine TV obtained audio recording of pilot observing January 2020 shooting down of Ukrainian airliner over Iran 2020-02

Iraq/ISIS/United States. Website launched of ISIS documents taken by *New York Times* reporter in Iraq in 2015 2020-07

Iraq/United States. "Advocacy documentary" against return to Iraq of Jewish archives, several posts on Iraq records in U.S. 2020-07; U.S. President Trump pardoned four Blackwater corporation security guards who killed 14 Iraqi civilians, pardon widely condemned 2020-12

Islamic State (ISIS). Syrian Justice and Accountability Center obtained 277 ISIS records, issued report on ISIS Bureau of Justice and Grievances 2020-01

ISIS/United Kingdom/United States. British men joined ISIS, U.S. wants them extradited, U.K. holds information 2020-08; U.K. court ruled U.K. can give evidence to U.S. 2020-09

Israel/Palestine. Israeli agri-tech companies complicit in occupation of Palestinian and Syrian land 2020-01; Israel used bulldozer to "extract" body of Palestinian man shot by Israeli forces, video of event,

outrage 2020-02; Palestine said will issue personal ID documents without validation by Israel 2020-06; book on looting of Arab property by Israelis during war of independence 2020-10

Israel/Palestine/Turkey. Ottoman files from Turkey assisting Palestinian land cases, Ottoman land registry archives for Turkey are closed, hindered research into properties transferred from Christian minorities to Muslims prior to 1923 2020-01

Israel/Palestine/United States. Palestine said U.S. plan to authorize Israel annexation of part of West Bank violated UN map 2020-02; Palestinian president said will not be committed to signed agreements with Israel or U.S. 2020-05

Japan/South Korea. Group of Korean victims of WWII forced labor sued Japan for compensation, Japan refused to accept judicial documents of previous similar suit 2020-01

Japan/United States. Group of plaintiffs declared to be within area of 1945 “Black rain” from U.S. nuclear bomb, eligible for benefits 2020-07

Latvia/Russia. Latvian TV report on KGB records 2020-05; KGB records from department of ideological counterintelligence found in house, given to archives 2020-07

Lebanon/Syria. Difficulties in burying Syrian refugees in Lebanon without death certificates 2020-07

Liberia/United States. Records of Liberian truth commission held at U.S. university Georgia Tech under expired agreement 2020-06

Mexico/United States. U.S. documents on aid to fight organized crimes in Mexico, aid included paper shredders 2020-12

Mideast wars.

2020-01. Archives of Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security leaked, 6 articles published from them 2020-01; Syrian Network for Human Rights said 3,364 civilians killed in Syria in 2019 and 4,671 arbitrary arrests 2020-01; individuals and organizations protested U.S. president’s threat to bomb Iranian cultural sites 2020-01

2020-02. HRW said need central control point to register cases of those who went missing under ISIS rule 2020-02; NGOs providing technical training in mass grave exhumation to team opening mass graves in Northeast Syria, will include methods of collecting documentation and preserving it in SJAC’s missing persons database 2020-02; audio recordings of Syrian soldiers shooting non-combatant women 2020-02; 276 civilians killed in Syria in February 2020-02; since 26 April 2019 Syrian-Russian forces attacked 67 medical facilities in Northwest Syria 2020-02

2020-03. HRW urged Australia reopen investigations with new evidence that its forces carried out crimes in Afghanistan 2020-03; Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic issued report, said Russian Air Force hit civilian areas indiscriminately, a war crime, and Turkish attacks also killed civilians 2020-03; Syrian Network for Human Rights report on widespread looting in Idlib by Syrian and Iranian forces 2020-03; SJAC said becoming dangerous to obtain documentation in Syria, removals of social media from Facebook and You Tube destroy evidence; HRW said Saudi forces and Yemeni allies torture, disappear people 2020-03; Physicians for Human Rights report on 120 attacks on medical facilities and personnel 2020-03

2020-04. UN Headquarters Board of Inquiry said government of Syria “and/or its allies” carried out airstrikes against 4 medical sites, a school and a children’s center, satellite images “critical” to work 2020-04; OPCW report Syrian Arab Air Force in 2017 dropped 2 sarin bombs and one chlorine “cylinder” on Ltamenah 2020-04

2020-05. Destruction of Ma’aret al Numan city, rebuilding problem with current law 2020-05; ISIS slave trade of Yazidi women and girls, evidence includes 2 million call records 2020-05; U.S. report of civilians killed in 2019 in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Somalia during ground and air operations, portion on Somalia contested by Amnesty International 2020-05

2020-06. Bureau of Investigative Journalists said 115 civilians killed by U.S. and Afghan air strikes 2018-19 2020-06; Netherlands trial of Syrian army officer began with documents from German police

and article by journalist 2020-06; U.K. investigations of possible war crimes in Iraq committed by U.K. soldiers may be dropped 2020-06

2020-07. Syrian regime's attacks on medical facilities and personnel lead to COVID-19 deaths 2020-07; Syrian Democratic Forces still recruiting children, backdating deaths 2020-07; Syrian detainees transferred to Turkey 2020-07

2020-09. U.S. report on respiratory health effects of airborne hazards exposures during Mideast wars 2020-09; IICI said human rights violations continued in Syria during first six months 2020 2020-09; 28 mass graves discovered in northeast Syria in last 3 years, 3 near former prison sites 2020-09; SNHR said 102 civilians killed in Syria in September, landmine locations needed 2020-09;

2020-10. HRW report documenting air and ground attacks killing civilians in Syria, explanation of methodology 2020-10; SNHR said Syrian regime killed medical personnel and destroyed medical facilities, increasing COVID-19 deaths 2020-10; OPCW mission report said could not determine whether chemicals were used as weapons in two attacks in Syria 2020-10

2020-11. Australia's Brereton Report on war crimes committed by Australian Defence Force in Afghanistan 2005-2016, records freeze issued 2020-11; SNHR two reports on violations against children and women in Syria 2020-11

2020-12. Interviewees described 10 previously undocumented night raids in Afghan's Wardak province killed at least 51 civilians 2020-12; SNHR report on deaths from landmines and extrajudicial killings in 2020 2020-12; SJAC released open source software Bayanat 2020-12

Netherlands/former colonies. Dutch Advisory Committee for a National Policy on Colonial Collections issued report, 12-step plan, includes return of records seized by others before acquired by Netherlands 2020-10

Peru/United States. Records of Confederacion Campesina del Peru to be digitized, made available with no restrictions 2020-09

Poland/ United States. Polish customs seized Interior Ministry and regional militia documents and recording from 1967-68 before sent to U.S. 2020-11

Republic of the Marshall Islands/United States. Adoption racket, RMI women fleeing climate change gave up babies to U.S. persons 2020-01

Russia/United States. Twitter archives showed Russian social media accounts "nurtured the QAnon conspiracy theory" in U.S. 2020-11

Saudi Arabia/Turkey/United States. Turkey indicted 20 Saudi nationals for killing U.S. journalist Jamal Khashoggi, indictment included photo and video evidence 2020-04; Khashoggi trial began 2020-07; Saudi Arabia sentenced 8 people for role in 2018 killing Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul, U.S. examination Twitter records by Saudi influence operation showed "scores" of accounts involved in attacks against Khashoggi 2020-09; Turkish intelligence service bugged Saudi consulate in Istanbul, tapes to be used in trial 2020-11

Saudi Arabia/United States. U.S. FBI revealed identity of Saudi Embassy official suspected of supporting 9/11 hijackers 2020-05

Somalia/United States. Amnesty International said U.S. air strikes killed 2 civilians and injured 3, U.S. said under investigation 2020-04

South Korea/Thailand. Documents obtained FOI request to Thailand show 522 Thais died in South Korea since 2015, 84% undocumented 2020-12

Sri Lanka/United Kingdom. U.K. refused to release files on its support for British mercenaries in Sri Lanka 1980s 2020-11

United States/Venezuela. Former U.S. military man led "incursion" into Venezuela, had written contract with opposition 2020-05

United States/Vietnam. Disagreement on number of victims of herbicide Agent Orange during war, birth defects in 3rd generation 2020-08

Saudi Arabia/United Arab Emirates/United States/Yemen. U.S. manufacturers' arms sale to Yemen prolonging conflict 2020-05; U.S. State Department IG said failure to reduce Yemeni civilian deaths by U.S. bombs used by Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, information withheld from Congress 2020-08

National news

Afghanistan. Proposal to put mothers' names on birth certificates 2020-09 supp. (supplement); 90% women have experienced violence, 80% of suicides are women 2020-12

Algeria. Student sentenced to 18 months in prison for social media post of videos of police repression of protests 2020-01

Argentina. Appeals court upheld finding of genocide in Pilaga massacre on 10 October 1947, archives central to case 2020-03; femicides reached 10 year high 2020-05; Macri regime spied on journalists, Excel spreadsheet showed 2020-06; Federal Intelligence Agency spied on families of crew members of 2017 submarine disaster 2020-09 supp.; government publishing on line personal data of children with open arrest warrants 2020-10

Australia. Police obtaining medical records from government without need for warrant or court order 2020-01; portion of Royal Commission report on Cardinal George Pell released 2020-05; Victoria State to set up truth commission on treatment of Aboriginal people 2020-07; government website on business slavery statements 2020-08

Bangladesh. International Crimes Tribunal handled 125 cases, Parliament sub-committee preparing list of collaborators, digital services for veterans of independence war 2020-11; asked Interpol to help locate human traffickers 2020-11; HRW report on long-term barriers to legal protection for women and girls 2020-11

Belarus. Woman destroyed passport to prevent Belarus pushing her into Ukraine 2020-09 supp.; personnel data of police officers leaked 2020-09 supp.; OSCE rapporteur said "massive" human rights abuses during presidential election August 2020 2020-11

Belgium. Director of security for State Security said no more state secrets in archives of State Security through end of WWII 2020-02

Bolivia. Over 71% human trafficking victims not given government attention or protection over last 2 years 2020-02; legislative commission to investigate November 2019 massacre of protesters in Senkata 2020-03; Organization of American States denied researcher reports that it miscalculated votes in Bolivia's election 2020-06; government asked ICC prosecutor to investigate crimes against humanity by political opposition 2020-09 supp.; HRW said government abusing the justice system to persecute associates of former president Evo Morales 2020-09 supp.; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights team investigating massacre in Sacaba and Sentaka area of El Alto city to have access to all files of Bolivian police, armed forces and Interior Ministry 2020-11

Bosnia. Remains of 62 war victims exhumed in 2020, 51 identified 2020-12

Botswana. Wife can now own land even if husband owns land 2020-09 supp.

Brazil. Young men arrested, professionally examined for medical marks of torture by army, charges against them dropped 2020-01; journalist Glenn Greenwald arrested for publishing leaked information about justice minister, later released 2020-01; Labor Inspection Secretariat said fewer workers discovered in "slave-like conditions" in 2019 but complaints increased 2020-01; over 80% of people killed by police in Rio de Janeiro in first half of 2019 were "Black or Brown" 2020-02; visas to be issued to immigrants subject to trafficking if present documents and cooperate with police investigation 2020-03; Rio de Janeiro state unpaid labor scheme for prisoners 2020-04; declaration of land ownership boundaries to be issued even if in process of being registered as Indigenous 2020-05; satellite images show most Amazon

deforestation from land self-registration system 2020-05; Indigenous population density 50 times higher where vegetation cover reduced to 30% of territory 2020-05; Attorney General released study of 390 cases of violence against rural and Indigenous communities 2020-05; police in Rio de Janeiro killed a record 1,814 people in 2019, most by officers already charged with a crime 2020-05; health data shows violent deaths grew during reign of military 1965-1985 2020-06; state hired firm on “dirty list,” companies using court injunctions to stay off list 2020-06; court ordered government to publish COVID-19 statistics 2020-06; court said Google must provide data of people who searched for information about a human rights defender killed 2020-08; Indigenous territories with full property rights have 66% reduction in annual deforestation 2020-08; deaths due to COVID-19 among Indigenous 247% higher than general population 2020-08; Supreme Court ruled “dirty list” legal 2020-09 supp.; court cases show companies and international corporations collaborate in deforestation, threats to Indigenous peoples 2020-10; first collection of data on dangerous forms of child labor and found almost half of 1.8 million children work in dangerous conditions 2020-12

Burundi. Truth commission said found more than 4,000 graves (1962-present) and identified 142,505 victims 2020-01; UN Commission of Inquiry said serious human rights violations since May 2019, near total impunity 2020-09 supp.

Cambodia. Child labor at brick kilns 2020-02; families claim land taken by forging documents and bribing cadastral officials to register land 2020-08

Cameroon. Human rights abuses before 9 February elections, including by state security forces, UN investigations impeded, soldiers photographed those being interviewed by UN 2020-02; UN suspicious that reports of “almost all incidents” in northeast record deaths not injuries, suggests execution-style attacks 2020-03; military court sentenced 4 soldiers to prison, video evidence of killing 2 women and 2 children 2020-09 supp.

Canada. University of Guelph archives used for exhibit on involvement of universities in teaching eugenics 2020-01; residential school survivors seek files on St. Anne’s school to see if compensation cases should be reopened; Assembly of First Nations filed suit against government for harms caused by underfunding child welfare 2020-02; Sixties Scoop records in Saskatchewan destroyed, called “insulting” to individuals affected by Scoop 2020-02; Security Intelligence Service asked public safety minister for access to “classes of datasets” 2020-03; National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation appealed court ruling blocking the creation of detailed statistical reports of Independent Assessment Process, IAP administration records to go to national archives 2020-05; 1876 journal of boundaries of native reserves digitized, was in private hands 2020-06; dashcam video of Royal Canadian Mounted Police “jump-tackling” the Chief of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation 2020-06; e-dossier on Six Nations appeals to League of Nations for autonomy from Canada 2020-06; historians and archivists deplore lack of access to all government records on 1970 October Crisis 2020-11

Central African Republic. Five militia chiefs sentenced to life in prison, “films contained in the defendants’ cameras” key to the conviction 2020-02

Chile. Archivist-historian Araya prosecuted for mediating sit-in 2020-10 comm.; 3 retired military officers being prosecuted for destruction of 1980-1982 records from the National Information Center 2020-02; 17 convicted Pinochet era crimes released 2020-04 comm.; government to issue “immunity cards” to people who have recovered from COVID-19 2020-04; three retired Army officers must be tried for 2000-2001 destruction of files from the Intelligence school 2020-09; video of police pushing teenager off bridge led to mass protests 2020-10; prosecutors opened more than 42,600 investigations into the actions of the police against protesters 2020-10; human rights commission complaint against military police for use of chemicals in November and December 2020 protests 2020-12

China. Karakax List of 311 persons interned for re-education in Xinjiang leaked 2020-02; bilingual education policy suppressing language in Tibet 2020-03; fear kept officials from reporting first cases of COVID-9, government learned from 2 documents leaked online by whistleblowers 2020-03; 3 activists who posted COVID-19 articles arrested, 2 families received “official notices” of arrest 2020-05; DNA in police Y-STR database creating “national genetic panopticon” 2020-06; birth rates falling in Muslim

areas, government forced birth limits 2020-06; government hacked into Uighur phones 2020-07; 2,000 keywords related to COVID-19 suppressed on WeChat 2020-08; Australian Strategic Policy Institute documented destruction of mosques and cultural sites in Xinjiang, released database on locations 2020-09; video by store surveillance camera led to court reversing judgement and granting woman a divorce 2020-09 supp.; government controlling research into origins of COVID-19 virus 2020-12; evidence of ethnic minority labor in Xinjiang forced to pick cotton 2020-12

China/Hong Kong. Police lax records management 2020-04; Police Complaints Council said no wrongdoing in police response to 2019 mass protests 2020-05; tech companies suspended processing requests for user data from HK law enforcement 2020-07; pro-democracy group headquarters raided, charged with “dishonest use of a computer” 2020-07; June 4 museum commemorating 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre digitizing archives because fearful of seizure 2020-07; June 4 Museum acquiring materials, fear of shutdown 2020-10

Colombia. International Coalition of Sites of Conscience suspended membership of National Center for Historical Memory 2020-01; Constitutional Court said woman who endured sexual violence and forced to have an abortion when with the FARC is a victim of armed conflict and should be registered as a victim for reparations 2020-02; deaths from political violence down 33% in 2019 but deaths in January 2020 second highest for a single month since 2017 2020-02; HRW said National Police abused demonstrators in late 2019, Attorney General and Defense Ministry said investigating 2020-03; Truth and Reconciliation Commission heard 5,243 victims, Center for Historical Memory will work with association of cattle breeders on violence in the countryside, president laid foundation stone for future National Museum of Historical Memory 2020-03; 6-part series on drug dealer, allegations he was able to make judicial files disappear 2020-04; Army intelligence units developed “detailed dossiers” on 130 persons 2020-05; 710 social leaders killed since peace accords in November 2016, political party successor to FARC asked Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for “precautionary measure” for its members 2020-05; retired officer said one “false positives” technique was to “lose” the identity documents of the victims, prosecutor’s office documented 2,248 “false positives” 1988-2014, investigations against 29 generals 2020-05; deaths due to political violence increased 55% first half of year 2020-07; armed group imposing COVID-19 rules, people killed if not following 2020-07; UN verified massacres and murders, killings since peace agreement signed 2020-08; 8 former FARC commanders signed statement of apology and asked forgiveness for kidnappings 2020-09 supp.; Special Court for Peace said investigating magistrates can choose to make preliminary hearing public, hearing on child forced recruitment opened 2020-10; three former FARC commanders sent letter to Special Court saying responsible for 6 murders 2020-10; HRW said autopsy reports show intentional killing of detainees during prison riot March 2020 2020-11; former FARC commander Timochenko said FARC made two assassination attempts on former vice-president 2020-11; UN records of deaths in massacres and killing of human rights defenders, more victims recorded by Indepaz which also documented 78 killed by security forces 2020-12

Cote d’Ivoire. The government withdrew from the African Human Rights and Peoples Court 2020-04

Croatia. Historical guide to 1949-1956 Goli Otok political prisoner internment camp released 2020-07

Cuba. Former judge released court documents, show “antisocial” sentences, 92% of accused found guilty 2020-01

Cyprus. Commission on Missing Persons does not publish findings or tell families what found 2020-10

Democratic Republic of Congo. United Nations Joint Human Rights Office investigation of killings between Hema and Lendu communities 2020-01

Ecuador. Ministry of Culture building housing collections at risk collapse 2020-01 comm.; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights report on violations during October unrest, Ecuadoran authorities hindered work 2020-01; HRW said excessive police violence during October protests, official records of injured likely too low 2020-04; bodies getting lost during COVID-19 pandemic 2020-05; truth commission investigating violence against October 2019 demonstrators, 519 testimonies 2020-11

Egypt. New law gives automatic anonymity to reports of sexual violence 2020-08; men arrested for rapes, women charged for “inciting debauchery” by songs and dances on TikTok 2020-08; witnesses of 2014 gang rape arrested, forced virginity tests, videos from their phones leaked 2020-09 supp.; judicial files show law enforcement violating rights of LGBTQ people 2020-10

El Salvador. Former Air Force commander admitted Atlacatl Battalion carried out 1981 El Mozote massacre 2020-01; shocking prison photos released by president 2020-04; during mandatory home quarantine 778 complaints of illegal arrests for quarantine violations and inhuman treatment of arrested 2020-04; 90% of persons accused of child rape not held accountable 2020-05; judge ordered government let researchers into military archives 2020-06; Armed Forces refused to open archives 2020-08; Ministry of Defense blocked judge and researchers from entering archives 2020-09; government secret quid pro quo negotiations with MS-13 2020-09 supp.; survivors of El Mozote asked prosecutor to charge president and defense minister with failure to comply with judicial order allowing access to military archives 2020-10; prosecutor said did not have data on closure of cases of teenage girls captured by gangs 2020-10; judge denied access to military archives asked prosecutor to investigate whether president and defense minister order blockage and to investigate “possible theft, destruction, concealment or displacement” of the archives 2020-11; prosecutor dealing with corruption barred from Ministry of Health, planned to seize documents 2020-11

Ethiopia. Summer riots “supercharged” by hate speech and incitement from diaspora over Facebook 2020-09 supp.; Amnesty International said satellite images and videos show hundreds of death in Mai-Kadra, state-issued ID cards showed victims were Amhara 2020-11

France. No progress on reparations for children taken from Reunion 1962-1984, private archives assembled 2020-04; building in Papeete, Tahiti, to be archives for history of nuclear tests 2020-05; historian urges transfer of police records to national archives 2020-07; archivists and others asked Conseil d’Etat to repeal Defense guideline requiring review of all records 1940-1970 before release for research 2020-10; videos of violent arrest of Michel Zecler online, preliminary charge against police officers, draft bill to restrict some media reporting on police withdrawn 2020-11

Gambia. Truth commission told Jammeh regime records at Mile 2 prison poor, misleading 2020-06

Georgia. Family of Temirlan Machalikashvili filed suit in the European Court of Human Rights against the State Security Service, case records previously classified but now available to lawyers 2020-01; land dispute between Orthodox Church and villagers, land not registered in new blockchain registry 2020-01

Germany. Council of Europe said “strong evidence for extensive racial profiling by German police” 2020-03; Constitutional Court ruled German constitutional rights apply to non-German residents 2020-05; lawsuit against ministry for migration and refugees for accessing data on mobile phones 2020-05; court ruled unconstitutional for police to access personal data from internet and phone uses 2020-07; security services records more than 1,400 cases of right-wing extremism in military, police and intelligence services in past 3 years 2020-10; researchers interviewed more than 3,000 people, said people from ethnic minorities “structurally disadvantaged” by police 2020-11; former army officer posed as Syrian refugee, raid on house found notes and diary 2020-12

Greece. Satellite imagery showed secret detention center holding migrants incommunicado and expelling to Turkey, Greek Coast Guard fired on boat, one man shot on border 2020-03; Greece denied secret camp, source of story held Syrian-Turkish citizenship 2020-04

Guatemala. Former national archivist Ericastilla asking compensation, hearing held on criminal complaint 2020-01 comm; danger to CIG staff members called “criminals” 2020-01 comm.; judge dismissed war crime charges against Samayoa Cabrera, he denied being commissioner in El Quiche but had admitted in immigration proceedings in U.S. 2020-01; court decision on protection of police archives 2020-02 comm.; Maya Achi sexual violence case reopened, documentary evidence to be brought 2020-02; new law requires NGOs to register, report donations, allow inspection of accounts 2020-02; court admitted case opposing government’s decision to close Peace Secretariat (SEPAZ) 2020-06; video of Maya spiritual leader killed 2020-06; work of forensic architecture in Sepur Zarco case 2020-06; hospital

creating archives of unidentified COVID dead 2020-07; articles on 15 years since discovery police archives 2020-07; court ruled three indigenous communities rights to traditional communal lands, court recognized the official existence of the Ch'orti' people 2020-08; article on closed police archives 2020-09 supp.; minister of culture named Historical Archives of the National Police as part of the cultural heritage of the nation 2020-10; judge said Francisco Cuxum Alvarado trial to proceed, charged sexual violence against Maya Achi women, read parts of evidence in decision 2020-10; 1400 recognized active land conflicts, indigenous communities work to obtain land titles 2020-11; Open Society Justice Initiative ended monitoring of grave crimes trials 2020-12

Guinea. Legislature adopted bill on right of access to public information 2020-11

Honduras. Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH) ended, disposition of records unknown 2020-01 comm.; report shows in 2018 money from corruption exceeded central government budget, NGOs ask government to protect the reporters 2020-02; Institute for Access to Public Information to create a model information management system 2020-04

Hungary. Law passed to ban transgender people from changing gender on identity documents 2020-05

India. Launched Smashboard app to allow women to anonymously report sexual abuse, seek help, store evidence 2020-01; study shows almost no victims of trafficking are compensated 2020-01; Telangana state used facial recognition software to identify voters 2020-01; police in Telegana use facial recognition to reunite missing children with families, uses phonetics for names to get around misspellings 2020-02; fear of new citizenship law propels Muslims to get documents that will prove citizenship 2020-02; online land registry raises privacy issues, makes poor vulnerable to eviction 2020-03; Delhi police on video beating Muslim protesters 2020-03; efforts to get names and contact information for migrant workers for COVID-19 benefits 2020-04; Ownership Scheme announced to map rural residential land, not clear if titles to women and Indigenous customary holders included 2020-04; Manipur province land dispute, deeds from British colonial period 2020-04; COVID-19 tracing app required for public sector workers, privacy concerns 2020-06; government creating Health IDs to hold digital medical records, privacy concerns 2020-09 supp.; barriers to accessing justice faced by Dalit survivors of sexual violence in Haryana, 4 Dalit women raped every day in the state, 80% perpetrators from dominant castes 2020-11

Indonesia. Report on human rights issues in West Papua, calls for statistics disaggregated by ethnic origin 2020-02; court ruled unlawful to shut down internet in Papua and West Papua 2020-06; still unresolved case of 2004 poisoning of Munir Said Thaib, UN Human Rights Committee asked government for response 2020-09 supp.

Iran. Data hidden on COVID-19 cases 2020-05; report state-owned media broadcast forced confessions and defamatory content, state broadcaster alleged to be involved in theft of private data 2020-06; UN officials wrote to government on its continual refusal to disclose information on political dissidents who disappeared between July and early September 1988 2020-12

Iraq. Model using video showed Iraqi security forces deliberately targeted protesters by firing grenades at heads 2020-03; UN verified death and injuries during protests since 1 October 2019, said 29 people still missing 2020-05; survey of displaced said women face barriers to regain property, laws on land registration and civil documentation need to accommodate women 2020-05; media urged government to make returned Hussein-era files available for research and preserve archives 2020-11

Ireland. Data Protection Commissioner concerned that details of individuals' searches on health websites will be shared by Google and Facebook 2020-04; private team creating register for wills 2020-07; debate over disposition of and access to records of Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes 2020-10; suggest using Stasi archives as model for handling records of investigation of Mother and Baby Homes 2020-11; debate continued over disposition of archives of the Mother and Baby Home Commission, Tusla (Child and Family Agency) said it was unable to process the records it already has 2020-12

Israel. Former state archivist said government hiding records that could help before International Criminal Court 2020-01; codicil to 1956 government committee report shows task of military government

to control formerly Arab areas for future Jewish settlement 2020-02; researchers can manually copy records in archives of Defense 2020-05; private archives to collect materials of social and political movements 2020-07; 1,300,000 historical files in Israel State Archives closed but confidentiality expired, include Israeli defense exports to dictatorships 2020-08

Japan. Ainu people suing for fishing rights in rivers 2020-08; using private manuscripts and diaries to compile historical data on earthquakes and volcanoes 2020-09 supp.

Kazakhstan. Journalist who posted criticism of government's handling of pandemic on Facebook sent to psychiatric clinic for a month of evaluation 2020-11

Kenya. Court awarded money to four survivors of sexual violence December 2007 to February 2008 2020-12

Kosovo. Parliament failed to elect commissioner for Information and Privacy, without commissioner no means for citizen complaints 2020-09 supp.; chief of Kosovo Intelligence Agency fired, inspector found trying to get into safe in President's office, said did not want EULEX to get certain documents 2020-12

Kyrgyzstan. Video of man torturing wife 2020-06

Lebanon. NGO UMAM attacked 2020-01 comm.; Beirut port explosion of ammonium, government 6 times asked how to dispose 2020-08; police used lead bullets on crowds in protests, lawyers and doctors collecting evidence to file complaint 2020-08; forensic reconstruction of explosion at Beirut port 2020-11; prime minister and three former ministers charged with negligence in port explosion, documents show all warned about the danger 2020-12

Mali. UN Commission of Inquiry said 140 cases of violence by both Malian defense and security forces and extremist armed groups, 2012-2018, recommended special court to handle charges 2020-12

Malta. Audio recording of Maltese Navy sabotaging migrant boat 2020-04

Mexico. Official number of missing persons over 61,000, homicide count highest in recent history 2020-01; Nahua community protesting dumping in river, harassed 2020-01; need for better data on femicides 2020-02; 83 land and environment defenders killed 2012-2019 2020-03; arrest warrant issued for 6 people on the September 2014 disappearances of Iguala students, Washington Office on Latin America report on 60,053 disappeared persons 2020-03; torture complaints not documented, few convictions on 27,342 investigations 2006-2018 2020-04; Extraordinary Forensic Identification Mechanism created to deal with 37,000 unidentified bodies 2020-04; at least 720 women murdered in first 3 months 2020, of which 244 were femicides 2020-04; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights agreement with Mexico and Ayotzinapa families to "reinstate" the expert group to assist in investigation 2020-05; using data from "narcoblogs" estimated 463 criminal groups operating between mid-2009 and 2019 2020-05; remains of second Ayotzinapa student identified 2020-07; number of trafficking victims unknown, data lacking 2020-07; Interior Ministry said more than 73,000 people missing 2020-07; number of women and children seeking shelter up more than 80% since COVID-19 lockdown began 2020-07; government to provide reparations to survivors of 1997 Acteal massacre in Chiapas, set up Justice Commission for the Yaqui People with water and land claims 2020-08; video footage appears to show army killing 12 people in Nuevo Laredo 2020-08; nearly 350,000 said to be internally displaced 2020-08; nearly 39,00 unidentified bodies in morgues, 73,000 missing persons 2020-09 supp.; arrests in Ayotzinapa student cases, families want videos showing police taking students 2020-09 supp.; Guanajuato registered over 100 murders in 7 days 2020-10; system to keep workplaces safe "beset by corruption, bogus inspections, lack of data" and some data falsified 2020-11; "Cartel Project" investigations of Mexican crime groups, documents show firearms sales from Europe and others 2020-12; National Search Commission still lacks missing persons data from a third of Mexico's states, records "a mess" 2020-12; government statistics show an average of 10 women murdered each day, femicides jumped 137% over past 5 years, 2015-2018 only 7% of crimes against women investigated 2020-12

Montenegro. Government to publish names of people ordered to self-isolate because of COVID-19 infection 2020-04; parliament established a documentation centre to hold material on 1990s war and make permanently accessible “to all interested parties” 2020-05; lawsuits against state for publishing names of people ordered to self-quarantine, ombudsperson office said video of couple being moved to quarantine violated privacy rights 2020-09 supp.

Mozambique. Land titles reduce conflict between neighbors and reduce “runaway fires” 2020-02; Amnesty International said grave violations committed by government security forces in Cabo Delgado 2020-09 supp.

Myanmar. Satellite imagery shows destruction of Let Kar village by fire 2020-05; ethnic group list for civil rights based on last British colonial census, should remove ethnic and religious identifiers from ID cards and government documents 2020-08; two Myanmar soldiers video confession of violence against Rohingya 2020-09; HRW report more than 130,000 Muslims in camps in Rakhine State 2020-10; Rohingya widow filed complaint with national human rights committee for compensation of killing of her husband, part of massacre investigated by *Reuters* journalists 2020-12

Nepal. One year extension of terms of truth commission and commission on enforced disappearance (CED), offices to re-establish maps and registrars damaged during 1996-2006 conflict, will investigate cases where army implicated, DNA testing committee formed 2020-02; 2021 census will allow identity as male, female or “other (sexual/gender community)” 2020-02; CED released list of 2,506 disappeared person based on complaints it received 2020-03

Netherlands. Court ordered halt to automated surveillance system for detecting welfare fraud that used government data and analyzed it with an algorithm 2020-02; court said grandmother violated GDPR by posting photos of grandchildren without mother’s permission 2020-05; government to pay transgender people who had to be sterilized to legally change gender between July 1985 and 1 July 2014 2020-12

New Zealand. Maori children “uplifting” (taken from families), Maori independent inquiry recommends access to information for those affected, better recordkeeping systems by government 2020-04

Nicaragua. 61 persons listed as prisoners of conscience 2020-03; land rights conflict, Indigenous communities have titles issued by Spanish colonial officials 2020-04; cases of torture said to be “aimed at fabricating testimonial evidence” 2020-07

Nigeria. Air pollution in Lagos harming health, need better data 2020-09 supp.; video showing police shooting unarmed man, 69 people killed in protests against police, judicial panels set up to investigate police abuses 2020-10; video footage show shooting of protesters at Lekki toll gate in Lagos 20-21 October, government established judicial panel to investigate claims, received 110 petitions 2020-11

North Macedonia. Former foreign minister and 10 members of Lustration Commission to be tried for misuse of office, leaked tape recordings of wiretaps as evidence 2020-10; lack of preservation of digital media deplored 2020-11

Pakistan. Girl kidnapped, married to Muslim, parents sue as child marriage illegal 2020-03; Islamabad digitizing all land records 2020-03; Hakkpaan Baloch NGO said 568 persons disappeared and 241 killed by Pakistan security forces in 2019, Pakistan banned Hakkpaan website and banned *Balochistan Post* network 2020-05; Ahmadis killed, denied access to education, stigmatized 2020-08; International Commission of Jurists said Pakistan’s Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances is enabling impunity, mandate should not be renewed 2020-09; lawyer for parents of 13-year-old girl apparently forced to marry 44-year-old man and convert to Islam hopes school and government records will prove age 2020-11; Commission for Inquiry of Enforced Disappearances said received 6831 cases, “disposed of” 4748, 2083 yet to be located 2020-11

Peru. UN Special Rapporteur on situation of human rights defenders “shocked” by two videos from business sector depicting environmental human rights defenders as “criminals and terrorists,” urged registration of land titles 2020-02; Inter-American Court of Human Rights said Peru responsible for detention and rape of transgender woman by police and must compensate, first time court ruled on complaint of torture against a members of the LGBT+ community 2020-04; 915 women and girls missing

since COVID-19 lockdown began 2020-07; two NGOs complaint to UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women demanding reparation for forced sterilizations during Fujimori regime 2020-09 supp.; increase in women and girls reported missing in 2020, femicides, but 60% population say okay to abuse women in “certain circumstances” 2020-12; HRW investigated killings and injuries during mid-November 2020 demonstrations, urged police wear body cameras, establish rules for use of the images 2020-12; drug-squad raid filmed with police dressed as Santa Claus and an elf 2020-12

Philippines. OHCHR issued report saying widespread and systematic extra-judicial killings, should publish data on them 2020-06; members of Philippine army posing next to body of woman suspected of being “communist rebel fighter” 2020-12

Qatar. Both citizens and resident must install contact-tracing app, privacy concerns 2020-06; UN Special Rapporteur said government should collect data and compile statistics on socioeconomic conditions of migrant workers 2020-07

Romania. Mayor of Targu Mures said Roma should have income and education checked before having child 2020-01; video of Romanian policemen beating a Roma man 2020-04

Russia. Persecution against Jehovah’s Witnesses, personal papers seized 2020-01; judge says any reparations for USSR crimes an act of “mercy,” law professor said real regime acts unknown because archives are not open 2020-03; detention of Yuri Dmitriyev extended 2020-05; HRW said new “uniform federal database” infringes on right to privacy 2020-05; Dmitriyev convicted, sentenced, his closing statement published 2020-07; OPCW reported Russian Alexei Navalny’s blood had toxin (Novichok) 2020-10; Bellingcat said Russia has chemical weapons research program developing Novichok 2020-10; major data leak of COVID-19 patients and those infected 2020-12; Bellingcat and others used telecom and travel data to implicate Federal Security Service in poisoning of Alexei Navalney 2020-12

Russia/Chechnya. Elena Milashina attacked in February in Grozny but CCTV recordings from the scene “lost,” death threats against her after published in *Novaya Gazeta* on COVID-19 in Chechnya 2020-05

Rwanda. Street children picked up and detained Gikondo Transit Center, abused 2020-01

Senegal. Archivists condemned destruction of archives of the Organization for the Development of the Senegal river 2020-02

Serbia. Government sought bank data on 20 individuals and 37 NGOs including *BIRN*, Humanitarian Law Center 2020-07; women victims of human trafficking also target of online abuse, cyber-trafficking in recruitment 2020-11

Seychelles. Truth commission told 1977 report on the disappearance of Gilbert Morgan is missing 2020-01; attorney general told truth commission that there was no system in place to record killings the day of the 1977 coup, search for two cases from that day “has been unfruitful” 2020-02; truth commission does not have access to police files 2020-04

Singapore. Residents to use facial verification technology to access government services 2020-09 supp.

Somaliland. Man given scrap of paper, was important court case, assembling private library/archives 2020-03

South Africa. Records of two private companies running prison show beatings, injections, records falsified 2020-03; court ruled researchers can have access to records of South African Reserve Bank during apartheid era 2020-06; human rights organizations launched website allowing people to report police brutality 2020-08; court ruled affected communities have right to see applications for mining licenses 2020-09 supp.

South Korea. Program for alerting people that someone in area tested positive for COVID-19 2020-04; prosecutors investigating Sewol ferry disaster using presidential records, allegations security service conducted illegal surveillance on the families of victims 2020-04; truth commission relaunched, expected to investigate Brothers Home abuses and shipping children out of country for adoption 2020-05; police raided office of man and his brother for leafletting North Korea 2020-06

Spain. Archivists association proposed amendments to draft government “democratic memory” bill, said opposed to separate foundation for records of presidents, bill does not facilitate access to archives with evidence of human rights violations 2020-11; leaked WhatsApp chats of retired military officers talking about shooting political adversaries and praising Franco 2020-12

Sri Lanka. President ordered families of missing to be given death certificates, fate of Office of Missing Persons and records unknown 2020-01 comm.; prime minister announced government withdrew from co-sponsorship 2015 UN Human Rights Council resolution calling for investigation of war crimes during the civil war 2020-02; NGO asked government to open records of the decision to pardon Army soldier convicted for Mirusuvil Massacre 2020-04; Archives of Memory seeking photographs and oral histories 2020-04; police raided home of journalist, seized laptop, previously took phone records 2020-06; 40 cases of suspects in 2019 Easter bombings too incomplete for prosecution 2020-06; president directed officials to implement verbal orders as if were written directives, threatened compliance 2020-09

Sudan. Passed law against female genital mutilation, NGO worried people might not report new cases 2020-04; HRW said authorities used excessive force against October 2020 protesters based on video, photos, forensic reports 2020-12

Sweden. Government will set up second truth commission for Tornedalians, Kvens, and Lantalaaset, in addition to the Sami TRC 2020-03; police closed enormous file on Olov Palme assassination 2020-06; rape convictions risen 75% in two years since law changed 2020-06

Syria. Another mass grave found, Syrians for Truth and Justice asked for testimonies, use satellite photos, get legal files 2020-03; Syrian Democratic Council created working group to collect information about kidnappings and detentions by ISIS 2020-04; The Day After (TDA) survey found victims want accountability first and then finding truth of events, Syrians in Turkey want to return only to original areas of residence 2020-05; TDA opposed decree that property and vehicle sales not officially documents unless buyer deposits money into bank account 2020-05; SNHR said only 96 of 130,000 detainees released since amnesty 2020-05; SNHR said since March 2011 707 citizen journalists killed and at least 422 still detained, government largest perpetrator of violations 2020-05; 4 Syrian NGOS sent open letter to government Committee on Detainees and Kidnapped urging cooperation with civil society organizations if preserve confidentiality of information 2020-05; International Center for Transitional Justice report on Syria’s disappeared, said when prisoner released needs to be given official documentation and IDs 2020-05; report on violations against Palestinian refugees in Syria, destruction in Al Yarmouk camp 2020-07; report on how missing paperwork impacts Syrians 2020-07; risks of retribution for possession of identity document issued by opposition 2020-08; SNHR “shadow” report to UN Human Rights Committee on notable human rights violations by regime 2020-08; SNHR annual report on enforced disappearance said nearly 85,000 missing, 85% by regime 2020-08; problems caused by lack of civil documentation 2020-09; Syria requiring returnees to exchange \$100, at least 37 returnees disappeared since January 2020 2020-09 supp.; Syrian intelligence agencies spy on dissidents’ overseas activities 2020-09 supp.; Counter-Terrorism Court tried at least 10,767 persons since established July 2012, rulings not published 2020-10; SJAC training First Responders Team on best practice of opening graves and processing resulting data 2020-11; TDA report on types of sexual and gender-based violence committed against detainees in Syrian prisons 2020-11; survey of secondary school children found high levels mental health issues, worse in girls 2020-12

Taiwan. Transitional Justice Commission (TJC) launched database of court files of 10,000 victims of political persecution 1949-1987, including names of military officers involved in the trials 2020-02; TJC also announced intelligence/security agencies “were likely involved” in the 1980 killing of the mother and 6-year-old twin daughters of a human rights advocate, key evidence destroyed, telephone surveillance recordings from day of murders “flushed” 2020-02; report issued on 228 Incident using declassified documents 2020-03; TJC extended one year, 6,000 victims exonerated but criminal records remain extant 2020-05; commission on ill-gotten gains during previous regime cannot require access to business archives 2020-06

Tanzania. Drone footage helped on ground data collection, speedy issuance land titles 2020-11

Thailand. Nearly half million “registered” as stateless, especially Indigenous who lack documents 2020-11

Tunisia. Truth commission sent paper records to national archives but audiovisual records of testimony to Presidency 2020-01; interview with Farah Hached, archives of dictatorship crucial for advancing democracy 2020-04; commissions set up to decide how to respond to TRC report, determine compensation from “Dignity Fund” 2020-07; man allowed to remove word from name showing slave descent 2020-10

Turkey. Ratio of Kurdistan militants killed to state security force members killed increased almost 4 times since July 2015 2020-03; government threatening to pull out of European convention on preventing violence against women, does not keep official statistics on femicide 2020-09 supp.; police decoded far-left DHKP-C group’s digital archives 2020-11

Ukraine. Archives of Security Service and Institute of National Memory released volume on Chernobyl KGB files, said prior incidents occurred but were hidden 2020-06

United Kingdom. Police seized records on 1974 Guildford pub bombings from the Surrey History Center, said for use in inquest 2020-01; judges sentencing convicted offenders in crown court trials will be broadcast, Ministry of Justice to retain copyright 2020-01; London police will use live facial recognition to identify faces on a police “watch list” 2020-01; Lord Chancellor announced documents signed electronically “have legal force” 2020-03; Home Office withheld information on almost half requests for information as “undermining immigration controls” 2020-03; Kincora Boys Home, Northern Ireland, 6 files created 1981-1983 destroyed 2020-03; over 10,000 referrals to government as potential victims of modern slavery in 2019 2020-04; NGOs estimated nearly 100,000 potential victims of modern slavery 2020-07; police no longer automatically search phones of rape victims 2020-07; court said South Wales Police use of facial recognition technology breaches privacy, data protection and equality regulations 2020-08; man who filmed woman asleep naked convicted of voyeurism 2020-09 supp.; National Trust said 93 of its properties had historic ties to colonial histories, 29 to slavery 2020-09 supp.; inquiry into sex abuse in Church of England report said 390 convicted 1940s to 2018, in Wales record-keeping “almost non-existent” 2020-10; project manager of Grenfell Tower renovations where fire killed 72 admitted destroying records, another manager finally turned over records to inquiry 2020-10; report on criminalization of women convicted under joint enterprise laws, court records lacking 2020-11; coroner ruled death of girl caused by asthma linked to excessive air pollution from traffic emissions, death certificate will show “air pollution” 2020-12; police recommended sharing less information with immigration officials about abused or trafficked migrant women as it deters them seeking help 2020-12; files on Guildford bombings not opened as scheduled, retained by Home Office, to give National Archives an update July 2021 2020-12

United Kingdom/British Virgin Islands. BVI will have public registers of beneficial ownership 2020-09 supp.

United Kingdom/Northern Ireland. Prosecutors will try only 1 of 16 soldiers for their role in killing marchers on 1972 “Bloody Sunday,” lack of evidence 2020-09 supp.

United States.

2020-01. Equal Rights Amendment adopted by required number of states but time expired, Archivist cannot certify 2020-01; 4 Native American tribes filed complaint with 10 UN Special Rapporteurs saying U.S. violates human rights by failing to take action on climate change 2020-01; Department of Homeland Security providing records to Census Bureau to produce data on U.S. citizenship status of every person living in the country 2020-01; daughter of a deceased “redistricting strategist” released his personal papers showing manipulation 2020-01

2020-02. FBI records show surveillance of ethnic Chinese scientists and students living in US from late 1960s to at least 1978 2020-02; ICE and CBP purchased access to database tracking cell phones, using data to located undocumented immigrants 2020-02; CBP designated as “security agency,” eliminates need to disclose employee names under FOIA 2020-02; American Civil Liberties Union and other immigration

justice groups submitted FOIA requests to ICE to prevent destruction of records under approved records schedule 2020-02; articles on failure of government to manage electronic records 2020-02; DoD announced adoption of “ethical principles for the use of Artificial Intelligence” 2020-02; examination of death records found deaths from “unclassified drugs” 1999-2016 were 71.8% from opioids making the total number of opioid deaths rise by 28% 2020-02; 75 manuscripts on land deal in 18th century (Walking Purchase) that defrauded Lenni Lenape tribe purchased by Huntington Library 2020-02; Boy Scouts of America filed for bankruptcy, result of records released on sexual abuse of boys by scoutmasters and other leaders 2020-02

2020-03. Morbidity and mortality associated with childbirth twice as high among indigenous women as white women, higher among rural residents 2020-03; court ordered government re-do environmental review on a segment of Dakota Access Pipeline 2020-03; historian used declassified files on car bomb that killed two black activists 1970, urges reopening case, FBI covered up facts 2020-03

2020-04. Court of Appeals for Michigan said basic minimum education should be recognized as a fundamental right 2020-04; 1 in 3 people who get COVID-19 virus are African-American 2020-04; air quality decreased 2016-2018 2020-04; chemicals in burned firefighting foam still found in soil and water in Cohoes, New York 2020-04; government aid package for COVID cases excludes anyone whose tax return included someone without a Social Security number, blocks an estimated 8 million citizens who live with an undocumented individual 2020-04

2020-05. Police officers killing George Floyd and Breonna Taylor had previous complaints against them, only 1 in 12 complaints against police result in disciplinary action 2020-05; urge viewing cellphone videos of police brutality like lynching photographs with “careful circulation” 2020-05; more than 20,000 migrants at Mexico border “removed” since March 20 and only 58 of 766 unaccompanied migrant children were transferred to refugee service 2020-05; for first time Hispanic unemployment rate highest of all ethnic groups 2020-05; anti-Semitic incidents in 2019 highest since tracking began in 1979 2020-05; professor destroyed archival photos from research projects now considered unethical 2020-05

2020-06. Documentation of 2,000 racial terror lynchings 1865-1876 2020-06; researcher says need “national, standardized and public database of police use of force” 2020-06; “Blueleaks” 269-gigabytes of leaked or hacked police data published 2020-06; 9 of 10 judges sanctioned for judicial misconduct, 2008-2019, stayed on the bench 2020-06; district attorneys in Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco will form truth commissions on racial inequity 2020-06; data on immigration court system (EOIR) “deficient” 2020-06; criminal records that are incorrect or misleading found on Google “guilt-by-Google” 2020-06

2020-07. Supreme Court said 1833 treaty between U.S. and Creek Nation still valid, Creek cannot be tried in state courts 2020-07; Mashpee Tribe fighting Interior’s order to disestablish its reservation, 1934 jurisdiction 2020-07; “Atlas of Surveillance” published 2020-07; private Police Data Accessibility Project aims to aggregate all public police records 2020-07; prisoners released during COVID-19 pandemic difficulties obtaining government IDs, driver’s licenses 2020-07; Dataminr surveilled protests, gave information to law enforcement 2020-07; data management problems in health care system 2020-07; Asheville, North Carolina, apologized to Black residents for slavery and racial discrimination, established reparations commission 2020-07; Providence, Rhode Island, to examine slavery and genocide of Native Americans 2020-07

2020-08. High number of police killings 2020-08; CBP raided humanitarian camp, seized documents and cellphones, filmed operation 2020-08; court said Federal judiciary over-charging for public access to online court records 2020-08; Federal judge said Idaho must allow transgender people to change sex on their birth certificates 2020-08; Black women’s health study said women scoring lowest on cognitive function also reported highest level of racism 2020-08; study Florida hospital births showed newborn mortality gap smaller when Black MDs care for Black newborns than when White MDs do 2020-08; “BlueLeaks” documents show FBI and Homeland Security investigating possible threats to wind farms, using “environmental extremist” label to guide policing 2020-08; U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration ordered to make public “injury logs” companies reported 2020-08; meatpacking plants warned for years of pandemic, U.S. health system “rarely” records industry or occupation when sending lab results for public data collection 2020-08

2020-09. National Registry of Exonerations report on government misconduct, argued for recorded interrogations 2020-09; long wait for naturalization impedes right to vote 2020-09; non-Hispanic Black women fetal mortality rate more than double non-Hispanic White women and Hispanic women 2020-09 supp.; NGO said Environmental Protection Agency illegally destroyed records, IG said Midwest regional office not sure using official record-keeping system 2020-09 supp.; Navy releasing records from official inquiry into 1963 sinking of submarine USS Thresher 2020-09 supp.; variation in kind and quantity of information state and local officials release about shootings by police officers, deaths in custody, other use of force 2020-09 supp.

2020-10. Supreme Court declined to hear case on denial of access to grand jury records of Georgia lynching 2020-10; controversy over proposed revision of CBP records schedule 2020-10; state data on infant deaths shows increased funds to non-health care services lowers mortality 2020-10; state and local officials denying access to records using COVID-19 as a reason 2020-10; excessive force used against medical personnel by Portland, Oregon, police in June-July 2020 unrest 2020-10; law enforcement agencies all states purchased mobile device forensic tools that can extract a full copy of cellphone data without a warrant 2020-10; Justice Department statistics show sexual and gender minorities disproportionately victims across variety of crimes 2020-10

2020-11. Kentucky State Police slide show released under open-records, three quotes from Adolf Hitler and encouragement of violence 2020-11; Forensic Architecture and Bellingcat identified over 1000 incidents of police violence against demonstrators since death George Floyd in May 2020 2020-11; documents released in legal discovery showed security firm TigerSwan hired by energy industry firms to take aggressive action against climate movement activists 2020-11; personal files of anti-union work 1966-2013 digitized and opened at Cornell University 2020-11; Cherokee Nation to launch art and history project to acknowledge former slaves 2020-11; NGO survey said LGBTQ youth who are American Indian or Alaskan Native must more likely to attempt suicide and experienced greater victimization and discrimination than other youth 2020-11

2020-12. Court ruled Federal data that traces guns to source must be released 2020-12; *Reuters* report on deaths of persons in jail, data from 500 jails 2020-12; Federal instruction to states to share personal information of people vaccinated for COVID-19, some states resist on privacy grounds 2020-12

United States/Alabama. State archives department acknowledged past role in perpetuating racism and “lost cause” 2020-09 supp.

United States/California. Data show ready access to firearms, particularly handguns, major risk factor for suicide 2020-06; Pacific Gas and Electric pleaded guilty to death in 2018 fire, records showed failure to maintain transmission line caused fire 2020-06

United States/Georgia. Fulton County prosecutor proposed expunging Martin Luther King Jr.’s trespassing arrest record 2020-04; video of shooting of Ahmaud Arbery leaked, outrage led to arrest of 3 men 2020-05; when employed as a county investigator, one man arrested in Arbery death did not complete required training on use of force 2020-05

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