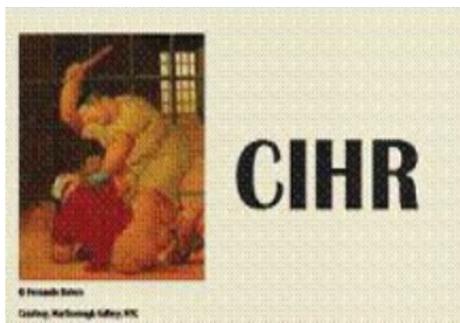


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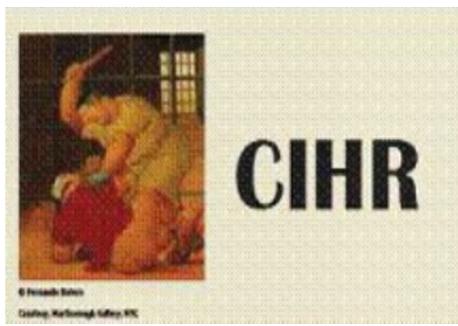
<b>BRIEF STATEMENT</b>	<b>LINKS</b>
<p>“Colombians have long been forced to live in a climate of total unpredictability. Many grew up with experiences of unimaginable brutality – having had to watch public executions in the village square or witness point blank the murder of their own parents. Traumatic events from the past continue to have an effect.”</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Colombia: Life in the Shadow of Violence</u></a></p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Sudan: Children Seriously Injured by Unexploded Ordnances</u></a></p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>THE HAGUE: Charles Taylor’s Tuesday Testimony</u></a></p>
<p>Charles Taylor, the former Liberian president, claimed the war crimes case against him was built on lies and deceit as he took the stand as a witness in his trial at a special court in The Hague yesterday.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Taylor denies murder and cannibalism in Sierra Leone</u></a></p>
<p>DAKAR, SENEGAL // More than 4,800km from the hills and valleys of Sierra Leone, the former Liberian president Charles Taylor is on the witness stand for the second week of his defence case in The Hague...</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Taylor’s trial lacks impact in Africa</u></a></p>
<p>Barack Obama has issued his strongest comments on race since becoming US president, saying it still “haunts” the country, in remarks that overshadowed his push to win support for healthcare reform. Obama tackles racism in NAACP speech Barack Obama, US president, told the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Thursday that Americans must keep fighting to eradicate bigotry, racism and discrimination and acknowledged civil rights pioneers for making his own election possible.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Obama says US still haunted by race</u></a></p>



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<p>July 23 (Bloomberg) – Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen is trying to prevent the United Nations-backed Khmer Rouge genocide tribunal from ...</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Cambodia Pushes to Curb Khmer Rouge Court, Group Says</u></a></p>
<p>PHNOM PENH, July 14 (Reuters) – A former interrogator at the Khmer Rouge’s notorious S-21 prison on Tuesday expressed no remorse for the deaths ...</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Khmer Rouge interrogator says “no regrets” about deaths</u></a>□</p>
<p>□South Africa’s ruling African National Congress condemned the looting of shops and destruction of property, after violent protests against the lack of services spread into several townships this week.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>ANC Condemns Looting After South African Protests</u></a></p>
<p>French journalist says the Khmer Rouge trials represent the first ‘authentic’ judgment of a communist regime led by ‘mass murderers’</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Reassessing the evil of the Khmer Rouge as a politics of genocide</u></a>□</p>
<p>Kosovo’s former culture minister Astrit Haraqija, sentenced to five months in prison by a U.N. court in December for intimidating a war crimes witness, was cleared on appeal Thursday.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Ex-Kosovo Min Acquitted For Intimidating War Crimes Witness</u></a></p>
<p>The Appeals Chamber today reversed Astrit Haraqija’s conviction and affirmed Bajrush Morina’s conviction and sentence for contempt of the Tribunal for intimidating a protected witness in the trial of the former Kosovo Albanian military leader Ramush Haradinaj and others.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>ICTY – Appeals Chamber reverses Haraqija’s, confirms Morina’s Conviction for Contempt</u></a>□</p>
<p>Up to 200 people from an informal settlement in the Harare suburb of Gunhill in Zimbabwe face being forcibly evicted without being given adequate notice or any consultation or due process.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Thousands face mass eviction from homes and market stalls in Zimbabwe</u></a>□</p>
<p>Protests are escalating in Honduras with reports of protestors being beaten. Nineteen-year-old protestor, Isis Obed Murillo, died from gunshot wounds on Sunday.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Honduran authorities must respect the rule of law and human rights</u></a>□</p>



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<p>We were afraid that something bad might have happened to him, that he might have been tortured. We called the prison but they would respond: “Be patient, the investigation is not finished.” I cried: “Let me just hear my husband’s voice”. His disappearance was so sudden...me and my family kept asking ourselves: why is it happening?</p>	<p><u>Saudi Arabia – human rights abuses in the name of fighting terrorism</u> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Monday 20 July marks exactly four years since Ziad Ramadan was arrested by the Syrian authorities, in whose custody he remains detained without charge or trial.</p>	<p><u>Hariri witness held for four years without charge in Syria</u> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Israeli forces killed hundreds of unarmed Palestinian civilians and destroyed thousands of homes in Gaza in attacks which breached the laws of war, Amnesty International concluded in a new report published on Thursday.</p>	<p><u>Impunity for war crimes in Gaza and southern Israel a recipe for further civilian suffering</u></p>