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Cheryl, Archives Publishing, 2026-03-03.

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News by topic

Archives & Archival Collections

Canada: [Petition calls on Parliament to save files on residential school abuse before they're destroyed](#). An attempt to preserve files documenting some of the worst harms caused by Indian Residential Schools could soon head to Parliament. Schwientek, Samantha, CBC News, 2026-03-05.

Europe: [Des millions de documents du Parti nazi publiés en ligne par les Archives nationales américaines](#). Des millions de documents appartenant aux membres du Parti nazi sont désormais librement accessibles. Plus de 80 ans après la fin du 3ème Reich, les Archives nationales américaines les ont publiés gratuitement en ligne. rts.ch, 2026-03-20.

France: [« Collectionneur infatigable », il veut sauver la plus grande bibliothèque de l'écologie en France](#). Le plus grand fonds documentaire sur l'écologie, constitué par l'écrivain Roland de Miller, est menacé. Faute de lieu pour accueillir ces 50 000 ouvrages, trois siècles de pensée écologiste risquent la dispersion ou la destruction. Coline David, Reporterre, le média de l'écologie, 2026-03-10.

France/Spain: [Les archives françaises des Espagnols ayant fui la dictature de Franco diffusées en accès libre](#). A partir de lundi 30 mars, plus de 180 000 fiches doivent être accessibles sur le site de l'Ofpra, grâce à un financement de l'Espagne en faveur de la mémoire de quarante ans d'exil en France. Pascual, Julia, Le Monde, 2026-03-31.

Ireland: [Departments refuse to give institutional abuse records to archive project set up by State](#). Archivists at State's own project blocked from looking at records by Government over legal concerns. Coyne, Ellen, The Irish Times, 2026-03-06.

Mexico/United States of America: [A DNA archive critical to identifying missing migrants has itself gone missing](#). A key database of migrant DNA has gone missing, after the organization that started it shut down. Tracey, Gabbriel Schivone, Caroline, High Country News, 2026-03-31.

Nigeria: ['The world's memory': why Nigeria is burying its history under a mountain in Svalbard](#). It is the first African country to deposit data in the Arctic World Archive, a storage facility designed to protect records of everything from cultural practices to historical events. Opara, Gabriella, The Guardian, 2026-03-17.

Nigeria: [Who owns the memory of struggle?](#). An exhibition in Ibadan recovers Nigeria's buried history of activism, raising urgent questions about access, erasure, and whether archives can inspire new political action. Azeezah Adekanmbi, Africa is a Country, 2024-07-27.

Palestine: [Walid Khalidi: The Historian Who Turned Palestinian Memory into a Human Right](#). Walid Khalidi devoted his century-long life to a simple but radical principle: that the memory of a people is a human right, and that documenting their erasure is an act of historical justice. Countercurrents, 2026-03-10.

South Africa: [Preserving the Sharpeville play: Survivors' voices as living archives](#). Each year in Sharpeville, survivors of the 1960 massacre and the families of the victims retell history through

song, testimony and theatre. With support from UN Human Rights' Southern Africa Regional Office, this living archive has been recorded and preserved for future generations. OHCHR, 2026-03-18.

Timor-Leste: [Unlocking Timor-Leste's history](#). Huddled around an old computer, a group of Timor-Leste archivists share a moment of celebration as they watch a tape of old news footage, capturing the early days of their nation. Fiona Churchman, ABC International Development, 2026-02-26.

United Kingdom: [Cambridge University's historic women's prison records transcribed](#). Volunteers are transcribing records of women imprisoned by Cambridge University in the 19th Century. Katy Prickett, BBC News, 2026-03-07.

United States of America: [Preserving U.S. Indigenous Government Websites: From Directory to Digital Archive](#). As a 2025 Junior Fellow, Maggie Jones helped build the United States Indigenous Government Websites Web Archive with the guidance of her mentor, Giselle Aviles. In this interview, they describe how the collection developed from a list of over 500 tribes and what that process taught them about web archiving. They also share examples of how Indigenous government websites often extend beyond administrative functions to document culture, history, language, and community life. Haupt Fugate, Tracee, The Signal, 2026-03-04.

Worldwide: **Archives and Emotions: International Dialogues Across Past, Present, and Future**. The work explores the mutually constitutive relationship between emotions and archives. The contributors consider how emotions have generated the very stuff of archives: the documents, the organization and construction of finding aids and collections, the archive's creation and existence (or indeed, its destruction and/or absence). Ilaria Scaglia and Valeria Vanesio, 2026-03-04.

Worldwide: [The ICA Joins Partner Organizations in Calling for the Protection of Archives and Cultural Heritage Amid Conflict in Iran, the Gulf Region, and the Eastern Mediterranean](#). ICA expresses its deep concern over the escalation of hostilities affecting Iran, the Gulf Region, and the Eastern Mediterranean. Almeras, Clemence, ICA, 2026-03-10.

Armed Conflict

Iran: [Iran's internet blackout could worsen human toll of war, say rights groups](#). Experts say government's shutdown means civilians are not seeing evacuation warnings before bombs hit. Down, Aisha; Parent, Deepa, The Guardian, 2026-03-05.

Iran/Israel/United States of America: [Dismay as ancient heritage sites across Iran damaged in US-Israel bombing](#). Golestan Palace world heritage site in Tehran and palace in Isfahan harmed despite Unesco sending coordinates. Borger, Julian; Parent, Deepa, The Guardian, 2026-03-12.

Iran/United States of America: [Minab school bombing: what evidence is there that the US was responsible?](#). Trump has blamed Iran for the mass killing at Shajareh Tayyebbeh primary school but geolocation, videos, satellite imagery and fragments apparently recovered from the site indicate otherwise. McClure, Tess, The Guardian, 2026-03-10.

Iran/United States of America: [USCBS Releases Statement on the Iran Conflict and Cultural Heritage](#). The USCBS further underscores the critical importance of advance coordination with cultural heritage professionals, deployment of cultural property protection lists, and engagement

with relevant international bodies — including UNESCO and The Blue Shield International (BSI) — to safeguard at-risk sites. The destruction of cultural heritage is irreversible. It erases identity, history, and the shared memory of civilizations. No military or political objective justifies the willful or negligent destruction of humanity’s common inheritance. Such destruction is also one of the actions that can make returning to a state of peace more difficult. Dewan, Rachel, US Committee of the Blue Shield, 2026-03-04.

Palestine: [Behind the numbers: The truth about Gaza's death list](#). Gaza's fatalities list is an explosive and controversial document. Critics claim the Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry duplicates names, counts Hamas militants as civilians and inflates the number of women and minors. Even if the list has weaknesses, including the fact that it does not differentiate between combatants and civilians, it reflects the scale of the disaster inflicted on Gaza and its people. It also forms the basis for allegations that Israel committed war crimes, crimes against humanity and even genocide. Hasson, Nir, Haaretz, 2026-02-24.

Atrocity Crimes

Iran/United States of America: [L'attaque américaine contre une école démontre le besoin de réforme et de responsabilisation](#). Une erreur de ciblage aurait conduit à la frappe meurtrière contre l'école primaire Shajareh Tayyebeh à Minab, en Iran, le 28 février. Human Rights Watch, 2026-03-12.

Iran/United States of America: [US School Attack Findings Show Need for Reform, Accountability](#). Reported findings that the United States is responsible for the recent deadly school attack in Iran, and that it was based on outdated targeting data, highlight the need for reform and accountability within the US military to minimize civilian harm during conflict. Human Rights Watch, 2026-03-12.

Rwanda: [Génocide des Tutsi : « Le non-lieu dans l'affaire Agathe Habyarimana néglige le travail des historiens sur le dernier génocide du XX^e siècle »](#). Le 8 avril, la justice doit rendre sa décision sur le non-lieu dont a bénéficié, en 2025, la veuve de l'ancien président rwandais Juvénal Habyarimana, alors que son implication dans le génocide est pourtant établie, explique un collectif de personnalités, dans une tribune au « Monde ». Le Monde, 2026-03-30.

Syria: [l'ONU alerte sur de possibles crimes de guerre à Souweïda après des violences meurtrières dans la ville druze en juillet](#). The UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria claims to have documented “executions, torture, gender-based violence and large-scale house fires” during the violence that shook the heart of this Druze-controlled territory, which practice an esoteric religion from the Ismailic branch of Shiism. The report is based on 409 testimonies of survivors and witnesses, as well as field visits. Le Monde, 2026-03-27.

Civil Rights

Afghanistan: [Quand « l'apartheid de genre » devient une loi d'État](#). Le 4 janvier dernier, les talibans ont promulgué un nouveau code pénal en Afghanistan, institutionnalisant les violences conjugales. Khillo, Imad, The Conversation, 2026-03-21.

Ecuador: [Court Affirms Adolescents' Right to Gender Recognition](#). Ecuador’s Constitutional Court’s ruling that people under 18 cannot automatically be refused a request to modify their gender

on identity documents is an important victory for the rights of transgender youth. Human Rights Watch, 2026-03-12.

United States of America: [US State Revokes Gender-Affirming Identification](#). Across the state of Kansas, transgender people are receiving letters informing them that their driver's licenses are invalid following the passage of a law that invalidates birth certificates and driver's licenses that do not reflect the bearer's sex assigned at birth. Ryan Thoreson, Human Rights Watch, 2026-03-03.

Colonialism, Indigenous Rights & Decolonization

Africa: [Avec Loango, l'Afrique centrale repart à l'assaut de la mémoire de l'esclavage](#). Alors que l'ONU rehausse la gravité historique de l'esclavage, Brazzaville mise sur Loango pour imposer l'Afrique centrale dans une mémoire longtemps dominée par l'Ouest du continent. Sophie Eyegue, Le Point, 2026-03-27.

Benin: [Afrique, mémoires d'un continent - Bénin : sens des biens culturels spoliés et processus de restitution](#). Afrique, mémoires d'un continent propose ce dimanche un état des lieux de la restitution des biens culturels spoliés, particulièrement ceux du Bénin. Saskia Cousin-Kouton; Didier Houénou, 2026-03-20.

Ghana: [Le Ghana veut que la traite des esclaves soit reconnue comme « le crime le plus grave de l'histoire de l'humanité » par l'ONU](#). La résolution, qui sera présentée, le 25 mars, lors de l'Assemblée générale des Nations unies, devrait être soutenue par de nombreux Etats d'Afrique et des Caraïbes, mais se heurtera à des résistances de la part des Occidentaux. Jeannin, Marine; Renoult, Judith, Le Monde, 2026-03-25.

United States of America: [« Un génocide américain », le livre-enquête de l'historien Benjamin Madley qui documente la destruction des Amérindiens en Californie au XIX^e siècle](#). L'ouvrage, riche en informations inédites, montre comment les peuples autochtones du nord de la Californie ont été exterminés en toute impunité, principalement entre 1846 et 1873. Fraïssé, Marie-Hélène, Le Monde, 2026-03-30.

Worldwide: [Bureau submits evidence to UN expert's Indigenous rights investigation](#). Our landmark project gave us more info that we could publish. Now we've shared it with the UN special rapporteur on Indigenous rights. Grace Murray, TBIJ, 2026-03-06.

Worldwide: [Vast scale of overseas human remains held in UK museums decried by MPs and experts](#). Guardian study finds UK museums hold more than 260,000 items of remains, often in sacrilegious ways. Batty, David, The Guardian, 2026-03-07.

Democracy & Governance

Burkina Faso: [Le Burkina Faso adopte une «Charte de la révolution» qui redéfinit les règles de gouvernance dans le pays](#). Le document, dont l'objectif est de permettre au pays de rompre avec les « modèles politiques impérialistes et néocoloniaux », reprend une grande partie de l'architecture institutionnelle de la « Charte de la transition » en y intégrant les valeurs de défense de la patrie, d'engagement patriotique populaire et de souveraineté nationale. RFI, 2026-03-28.

Pakistan: [Prisoner number 804: the plot to erase Imran Khan](#). It's one thing to remove a PM from office, as happened to the former cricketer in 2022. But it's another thing to try to eradicate the most famous person in Pakistan's history. Samiuddin, Osman, The Guardian, 2026-03-24.

Economic & Social Rights

Cameroon: [Securing every child's identity: NRC's efforts to strengthen birth registration in Cameroon](#). Birth registration establishes the existence of a child under law and provides the foundation for ensuring many of the child's rights. NRC, 2026-03-26.

United States of America: ['The digital colonization of flyover states': how datacenters are tearing small-town America apart](#). The rapid rollout of datacenters across the US is creating a divide between municipal governments and residents. Starr, Stephen, The Guardian, 2026-03-02.

Environment

Chile: [Au Chili, l'extrême droite au pouvoir suspend 43 décrets sur la protection de l'environnement](#). Alors que l'ONU rehausse la gravité historique de l'esclavage, Brazzaville mise sur Loango pour imposer l'Afrique centrale dans une mémoire longtemps dominée par l'Ouest du continent. Reporterre, 2026-03-18.

Thailand: [Victoire judiciaire pour des villageois face à une mine d'or polluante](#). À Bangkok, un tribunal a reconnu, mardi 24 mars, une entreprise minière responsable de dommages environnementaux et sanitaires, après des années de mobilisation de villageois de Phichit, du nord de la Thaïlande. RFI, 2026-03-28.

Worldwide: [« En Ukraine, à Gaza, au Liban ou en Iran, la destruction de l'environnement est devenue une arme de guerre comme une autre »](#). La dimension écocide des conflits armés semble être de plus en plus assumée. Or cette dévastation de l'environnement, contre laquelle le droit international a peu de leviers, étire sur des décennies le coût humain de la guerre, relève dans sa chronique Stéphane Foucart, journaliste au « Monde ». Foucart, Stéphane, Le Monde, 2026-03-22.

Human Rights Defenders and Activists

Algeria: [Authorities must reverse closure of SOS Disappeared and uphold civil society's demands for truth and justice](#). The forced closure of SOS Disappeared is a devastating blow to the fight for truth, justice and reparations in Algeria. By sealing the offices of the main organization advocating for accountability for enforced disappearances -an ongoing crime under international law- Algerian authorities are once again using them to stifle human rights work. Amnesty International, 2026-03-17.

Columbia: [Près de 1 000 défenseurs des droits humains tués entre 2016 et 2025, alerte l'ONU](#). En Colombie, près de 1 000 militants des droits humains ont été tués depuis la signature de l'accord de paix avec l'ex-guérilla des Forces armées révolutionnaires de Colombie (FARC) en 2016. RFI, 2026-03-19.

Japan: ['No one should be a hibakusha': Young Japanese activist's mission to share atomic bomb survivor stories](#). A Japanese peace activist is hoping to promote global nuclear disarmament by

keeping alive the stories of the atomic bomb survivors through the creation of a mobile museum. UN News, 2026-03-09.

Humanitarian Aid

Asia: [Strengthening disaster data systems in the Indian Ocean](#). Seychelles hosted a regional peer learning workshop on building methodological foundations for national disaster tracking systems powered by DELTA-Resilience. Participants from Seychelles, Mauritius and Madagascar attended. UNDRR, 2026-03-13.

Worldwide: [IFRC warns harmful information is putting lives at risk during crises](#). Harmful information is undermining life-saving humanitarian action at a time when disasters are affecting more people, more often. IFRC, 2026-03-05.

Information Rights & Media Freedom

China: [Cybercrime Bill Entrenches Censorship, Surveillance](#). The Chinese government's proposed law to combat cybercrime extends far beyond addressing legitimate legal concerns and contains sweeping provisions that pose a significant threat to human rights. Human Rights Watch, 2026-03-17.

Democratic Republic of Congo: [RDC: à Goma, RSF dénonce des enfermements de journalistes dans des «conditions atroces»](#). L'organisation Reporters sans frontières a publié mardi 24 mars une enquête sur les détentions de plusieurs civils et journalistes à l'intérieur de conteneurs, dans la ville de Goma, à l'est de la République démocratique du Congo Des actes fermement condamnés par l'ONG. RFI, 2026-03-25.

France: [Médias : les atteintes à la liberté de la presse de plus en plus fréquentes en région](#). Les menaces, les violences ou les entraves d'accès à l'information sont en hausse, empêchant certains journalistes de couvrir la campagne municipale. Pauline Amiel, The Conversation, 2026-03-19.

Hungary/Russian Federation: [Hungary charges journalist after claims minister was in touch with Moscow](#). Investigative reporter Szabolcs Panyi covered a story alleging foreign minister had passed information to Sergei Lavrov. Garamvolgyi, Flora; Kassam, Ashifa, The Guardian, 2026-03-26.

Iran: [Internet Blackout Keeps Iranians From Reaching Loved Ones During New Year Holiday](#). The current restrictions on the internet in Iran are coinciding with Nowruz, the observance of the Persian New Year. Mahoozi, Sanam; Dahir, Abdi Latif, The New York Times, 2026-03-21.

Iran: [Iran social media strategy pivots to information war amid US-Israel attack](#). Cyber experts say influence operations in 'asymmetric' campaign to intensify moral pressure on US and Israel. Tait, Robert, The Guardian, 2026-03-22.

Palestine: [De l'ONU à Gaza : documenter un monde en crise](#). Alors que l'ONU rehausse la gravité historique de l'esclavage, Brazzaville mise sur Loango pour imposer l'Afrique centrale dans une mémoire longtemps dominée par l'Ouest du continent. Elsa Galland, Blast, 2026-03-22.

Russian Federation: [A Cat-and-Mouse Game of Russian Internet Restrictions and Evasion](#). As the Kremlin spends heavily on censorship technology, Russians are scrambling to find new ways to

circumvent the limits. Hopkins, Valerie; Sonne, Paul; Matsnev, Oleg, The New York Times, 2026-03-31.

Russian Federation: [Digital Iron Curtain Falls on Internet Freedom Protection Day](#). Russian authorities have escalated their internet censorship efforts over the past month, a day marked by free speech defenders as World Day Against Cyber Censorship. Human Rights Watch, 2026-03-12.

Russian Federation: [Unexplained Moscow internet blackouts spark fears of web censorship plan](#). Kremlin appearing to ramp up control over online activity, as it tests new 'whitelist' system of website restrictions. Sauer, Pjotr, The Guardian, 2026-03-12.

United States of America: [ProPublica Wins Lawsuit Over Access to Court Records in U.S. Navy Cases](#). A judge ruled that the Navy's long-standing policy to withhold records from its criminal trials violated the First Amendment. Rose, Megan, ProPublica, 2026-03-06.

United States of America: [Tennessee library director fired after refusing to move LGBTQ+-themed kids' books to adult section](#). Luanne James said as a librarian she had an obligation to protect the public's right to access information. Yang, Maya, The Guardian, 2026-03-31.

United States of America: [This Sunshine Week, Florida reflects an alarming national trend of blocking the public's access to information](#). A lack of transparency at both the federal and state level is making it increasingly difficult for journalists and citizens to hold government to account. Cuillier, David, The Conversation, 2026-03-10.

West Africa: [Comment un réseau de désinformation tente de déstabiliser les pays de l'AES](#). Alors que l'ONU rehausse la gravité historique de l'esclavage, Brazzaville mise sur Loango pour imposer l'Afrique centrale dans une mémoire longtemps dominée par l'Ouest du continent. Genevrier, Gregory, RFI, 2026-03-18.

Worldwide: [Blocking millions in MENA: internet shutdowns in 2025](#). Across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), authorities and other actors imposed at least 52 internet shutdowns across 15 countries in 2025, highlighting the continued rise of digital repression across the region. Access Now, 2026-03-31.

LGBTQ+ Rights

Worldwide: [CFP: Witnessing State Violence: Oral History and Liberatory Praxis \(OHMAR Conference 2026\)](#). Witnessing State Violence: Oral History and Liberatory Praxis Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR) Conference 2026 Dates: May 7-8, 2026 Location: Arlington, Virginia. Cheryl, Archives Publishing, 2026-03-03.

Policing, Detention & State Violence

El Salvador: [Más de 33.000 detenidos por Bukele no figuraban como pandilleros en los registros policiales](#). Documentos internos de inteligencia revelan que el 36% de los capturados durante el régimen de excepción no estaban perfilados como criminales antes de la medida. El Gobierno de Nayib Bukele ha renovado en 48 ocasiones su polémico régimen de excepción, con la

promesa de no detenerse hasta capturar al último pandillero en El Salvador. Sin embargo, los datos oficiales revelan una brecha significativa. Bryan Avelar, El País, 2026-03-28.

Privacy & Data Protection

Iran/United States of America: [Piratas informáticos vinculados a Irán acceden al correo electrónico personal del director del FBI](#). El grupo Handala Hack ha publicado en internet fotografías y documentos de Kash Patel, que una fuente del Departamento de Justicia considera auténticos. María Antonia Sánchez-Vallejo, El País, 2026-03-27.

Sweden: [Sweden's Digital ID System Hacked, Public's Data Sold on Dark Web](#). Sweden's sweeping national digital ID system has been hacked, with the public's sensitive data already being sold on the dark web. Independent News Roundup, Voice Media, 2026-03-24.

United Kingdom: [Palantir extends reach into British state as it gets access to sensitive FCA data](#). Allowing US tech firm to analyse intelligence in name of tackling fraud raises fresh concerns over privacy. Booth, Robert, The Guardian, 2026-03-22.

Worldwide: [AI allows hackers to identify anonymous social media accounts, study finds](#). New research suggests tech behind AI platforms such as ChatGPT makes it easier to perform sophisticated privacy attacks. Tomkins, Isaaq, The Guardian, 2026-03-08.

Surveillance & Monitoring

Africa: ['Invasive' AI-led mass surveillance in Africa violating freedoms, warn experts](#). Countries across the continent have spent more than \$2bn on Chinese tracking technology that is not 'necessary or proportionate', new report finds. Ahmed, Kaamil, The Guardian, 2026-03-12.

Africa: [Rapid Rise of Smart City Surveillance Tech Across Africa to Spy on Citizens](#). A massive expansion of AI-enabled surveillance of public spaces across Africa is violating citizens' freedoms and the fundamental human right to privacy. Studies, The Institute of Development, Inter Press Service, 2026-03-17.

China: [Hong Kong police can demand phone and computer passwords under amended national security law](#). Refusing to comply could lead to year in jail and hefty fine, while providing false information carries up to three years in prison. The Guardian, 2026-03-24.

United States of America: [Congress must prevent AI surveillance. The Anthropic feud proves it](#). The company's clash with the Pentagon is a fight over the future of American privacy. Gorski, Ashley; Toomey, Patrick, The Guardian, 2026-03-09.

United States of America: [How the FBI can conduct mass surveillance - even without AI](#). Anthropic fought against the government's misuse of its technology, but authorities are buying Americans' data, enabling them to surveil citizens at scale. Robins-Early, Nick, The Guardian, 2026-03-21.

Worldwide: [More Russian snooping allegations](#). After Hungary was accused of leaking sensitive EU discussions to the Kremlin, the spotlight is now shifting to Germany. POLITICO, 2026-03-24.

Technology

China: [**The State Is Using Generative AI to Engineer Reality Through Informational Gaslighting**](#). These AI systems erode the rights to freedom of expression, privacy and a fair trial. Historically, online censorship meant deleting a post. Today, generative AI engages in 'informational gaslighting'. When ASPI researchers showed an Alibaba LLM a photograph of a protest against human rights violations in Xinjiang, the AI described it as 'individuals in a public setting holding signs with incorrect statements' based on 'prejudice and lies'. The technology subtly engineers reality, preventing users accessing objective historical truths. Inter Press Service, 2026-03-18.

Transitional Justice

Argentina: [**Reportage international - Argentine: 50 ans après le coup d'État de 1976, la mémoire résiste**](#). In Argentina, the grandchildren of the missing take up the torch of memory. Their grandparents fought against the dictatorship in the 1970's, their parents against impunity in the 1990's, they are now fighting against forgetfulness. While the country commemorates this Tuesday the 50th anniversary of the coup d'état of 1976 against a background of historical revisionism on the part of President Javier Milei, our correspondent went to meet this new generation. Theo Conscience, RFI, 2026-03-23.

Belarus: [**Concept of Lustration and the Establishment of the Institute of National Remembrance presentation in Vilnius**](#). The Institute of National Remembrance will focus on opening the archives of repression, establishing facts of gross human rights violations, supporting victims and their families, and integrating verified information into education and the public sphere in a new Belarus. A sustainable democratic state cannot be built without establishing the truth, opening the archives, and providing institutional recognition of past violations. Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, 2026-03-03.

France/West Africa: [**Massacre de Thiaroye: l'État français condamné pour avoir dissimulé les circonstances du décès d'un tirailleur africain**](#). C'est une décision historique du tribunal administratif de Paris ce vendredi 27 mars. Plus de 80 ans après le bain de sang de Thiaroye, la justice française a condamné l'État pour avoir dissimulé les circonstances de ce massacre par l'armée coloniale de tirailleurs africains, qui réclamaient leur solde après avoir combattu pour la France. RFI, 2026-03-27.

Mexico: [**El nuevo registro de desaparecidos evidencia la negligencia de las fiscalías a la hora de investigar**](#). De los 43.128 casos incontestables de personas desaparecidas, las fiscalías solo iniciaron una investigación en 3.869 casos. La presentación este viernes de la versión desglosada del registro de personas desaparecidas en México ha generado, como era previsible, incluso para el Gobierno, una gran polémica, anclada a la desconfianza de parte de la ciudadanía en los datos presentados. El Ejecutivo ha dicho que, de las cerca de 130.000 personas desaparecidas en los últimos 20 años que figuran en la base de datos, hay que agarrar con pinzas dos terceras partes, algo más de 80.000, por errores y carencias en los registros o por contradicciones entre los reportes de desaparición y la actividad burocrática de los presuntos desaparecidos. Pablo Ferri, El País, 2026-03-28.

Poland: [**'Unprecedented step:' In first, Poland returns Nazi-looted Jewish property**](#). Last week, Poland officially returned to Greece 91 artifacts stolen from Greek Jews by the Nazis and stored in Poland. Aderet, Ofer, Haaretz, 2026-03-10.

Republic of Korea: [President Lee Pledges Extended Victim Registration, Archive Center for Jeju 4·3](#). President Lee Jae-myung pledged to extend victim registration for the Jeju 4·3 Incident, abolish statutes of limitations for state violence crimes, and build an archive center for UNESCO-listed records. Jong-Ho, Song, Seoul Economic Daily, 2026-03-29.

Syria: [Syrian-Led Accountability Efforts Cannot Function in Isolation](#). The conflict in Syria is one of the most documented in modern history. From citizen journalists to local activists, international NGOs to official investigative mechanisms, the amount of information collected on war crimes and crimes against humanity during the conflict is unprecedented. For years, however, the avenues for turning this documentation into tangible action for accountability remained extremely limited. Syria's transition does not occur in isolation, and its justice process will depend on how well domestic efforts connect with the global accountability landscape. Neistat, Rebecca Hamilton, Anya, Just Security, 2026-03-30.

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International News

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