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[Archives for Accountability: Rule of Law, Truth, and Transitional Justice](#): how archives and records contribute to accountability, truth-seeking, and transitional justice in contexts of conflict and human rights violations.

- [Archives for Memory: Recognition, Human Dignity, and Lived Experience](#): how archives preserve lived experience, support recognition, and contribute to human dignity through memory work and trauma-informed practice.
- [Safe Havens for Archives at Risk: Documentation, Memory and Future Justice](#): the importance of protecting human rights documentation and archives at risk as essential resources for future dealing with the past processes worldwide.
- [Self-Determination and the Recognition of Non-Sovereign Peoples' Archives](#): the relationship between archival practices and the political, cultural, and epistemic claims of non-sovereign peoples.
- [Colonial Legacies, and Non-Sovereign Contexts / Archives for Future Justice](#): how archives are shaped by colonial histories, displacement, non-sovereign conditions, and community-led efforts to reimagine archival practice for justice, accountability, and future possibility.
- [Raising Our Voice: The ICA Declaration for LGBTQI+ Archives and Archivists](#): sets out a vision for a more inclusive archival profession, calling for the recognition, preservation and visibility of LGBTQI+ histories, and encouraging stronger collaboration between institutional and community archives.

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News by topic

Archives & Archival Collections

China: ['Every year I get new pictures': the fight to preserve the memory of Tiananmen](#). Amid growing censorship at home under the rule of Xi Jinping, efforts to document the massacre of 4 June, 1989, are intensifying abroad. Hawkins, Amy; Li, Yu-chen, The Guardian, 2026-06-03.

France: [Entendre l'avertissement de Marc Bloch contre les « étranges défaites »](#). Le résistant courageux jusqu'au sacrifice de sa vie, qui a fait son entrée au Panthéon mardi 23 juin, personnifie nombre des vertus que la République entend célébrer. A l'heure du retour des nationalismes, de la xénophobie, du racisme et de l'antisémitisme, ses messages sont plus que jamais d'actualité. Le Monde, 2026-06-24.

France: [Marc Bloch, un historiador y resistente entra en el Panteón](#). Este profesor y medievalista representa un compromiso ético con la verdad y la justicia. Hoy entra en el lugar de la memoria de los hombres justos. Rodríguez, Ana, El Pais, 2026-06-23.

France/Rwanda: [Un monument pérenne en mémoire des victimes du génocide des Tutsi, à Paris](#). Une double stèle de l'artiste Grada Kilomba, élevée sur l'esplanade Habib-Bourguiba surplombant la Seine dans la capitale, doit être inaugurée mardi 2 juin par Emmanuel Macron et le président rwandais, Paul Kagame. Azimi, Roxana, Le Monde, 2026-06-02.

Georgia/Russian Federation: [EU Parliament urges Georgia to open Soviet archives to counter Russian propaganda](#). If information about Soviet repression and mass killings becomes widely accessible in society, it will be harder for Russia to use its propaganda to weaken Georgia's Euro-Atlantic aspirations. Jamnews in English, 2026-06-20.

Germany: [Quand les archives du nazisme bouleversent les mémoires familiales](#). Pour Corinna, son père avait toujours été social-démocrate. Jusqu'à ce que la mise en ligne par les Américains des registres du NSDAP en mars révèle qu'il avait adhéré en 1935 au parti nazi. France 24, 2026-06-05.

Germany/Ukraine: [Letters That Keep Memories Alive](#). They have been hidden away in archives for over 80 years – letters written by Ukrainian forced laborers who were deported to Germany during the Second World War. Many of them never reached their families. The initiative "NeprOSTi lysty" – "Difficult Letters" – is bringing these documents back to light. Arolsen Archives, 2026-06-09.

Iraq: [Half a million names: A Kurdish researcher's archive against erasure](#). The dictatorships that ruled Iraq did not always work in the dark, Omar stated. Many of the crimes were set down in decisions, minutes, and administrative orders, which, in a harsh irony, turn the archive into both a witness to the crime and an instrument for pursuing its truth. "This is a historical trust," she explained, gesturing to the documents in front of her. "They documented the crimes with precision, and today we are trying to reveal them to the world.". Shafaq News, 2026-06-08.

Japan/United States of America: [Lost memoir of Hiroshima survivor found after decades in US archive](#). Written in 1947, Kiyoshi Tanimoto's account of the horrors of the atomic bomb attack will be published in August and is being made into a film. Alberge, Dalya, The Guardian, 2026-06-23.

Latvia/Ukraine: [Latvia returns 19 sets of historical Ukrainian documents found in its archives.](#) Latvia's National Archives has returned 19 sets of historical documents to Ukraine — records of German settler communities dating from 1860 to 1940. Tril, Maria, Euromaidan Press, 2026-06-17.

Lebanon: [A Living Archive Of Lebanon.](#) As Israel continues to bomb and occupy southern Lebanon, researchers and archivists are documenting the country's history—and paving the way for reconstruction. Hefel-James, Paul, Progressive.org, 2026-06-03.

Palestine: [Lutter contre l'effacement.](#) La destruction de Gaza remet en question la possibilité d'un véritable travail historiographique sur la Palestine. Des modèles alternatifs de transmission du récit palestinien ont heureusement vu le jour, qui échappent au contrôle des récits dominants. Écrire l'histoire de la Palestine soulève d'emblée une question historiographique fondamentale : comment produire un récit historique lorsque l'on est confronté à l'exil, à la dispersion et à la destruction de ses traces ? Sfeir, Jihane, Esprit Presse, 2026-05-27.

Phillipines: [How community archiving strengthens the labor movement.](#) Community archiving is unique in that the archivist's ability and capacity to archive is tied to their social realities. It requires social investigation or immersion to figure out the best way to archive for a particular community. Bulatlat, 2026-06-10.

Rwanda: [ICTR archives belong where history happened.](#) Rwanda's renewed appeal to the United Nations Security Council for the relocation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda archives to Kigali is a matter of justice, memory and historical responsibility. The New Times, 2026-06-15.

Rwanda: [Rwanda renews appeal to UN for return of ICTR archives to Kigali.](#) Rwanda has renewed its appeal to the United Nations Security Council, calling for the archives of the now defunct International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) to be relocated to Kigali. It argues that the records of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda should be preserved in the country where that history unfolded. Aurore Teta Ufitwabo, The New Times, 2026-06-13.

Somalia: [Somalia Launches UNESCO Workshop to Preserve Historical Archives.](#) Mahmoud stressed the importance of protecting the country's national memory and media archives, highlighting the archives of Radio Mogadishu as a vital repository of Somalia's political, cultural and social history. "Preserving the records contained in the national archives is not merely a technical task; it is a national responsibility aimed at safeguarding the identity and history of the Somali people," the minister said. He described the Radio Mogadishu archive as a living record of Somali culture, arts and nation-building efforts, calling for urgent measures to protect and modernize the collection. Shabelle Media Network, 2026-06-08.

Venezuela: [Three years of Pride: Santiago Méndez's visual archive of queer Venezuela.](#) An interview with Venezuelan visual artist and photographer Santiago Méndez, who has exhaustively documented queerness and Pride in Caracas for the last three years. Rojo, Gabriela Mesones, Global Voices, 2026-06-24.

Venezuela: [Tres años de Orgullo: Archivo visual de Santiago Méndez sobre la comunidad queer de Venezuela.](#) "Los venezolanos queer ya existían en la esfera pública antes de que el país los reconociera". En los últimos tres años, el fotógrafo y artista visual Santiago Méndez Arvelaez ha estado documentando las celebraciones del Orgullo en la capital de Venezuela, y ha creado un

impactante registro visual de la vida, la visibilidad y la resistencia queer. Rojo, Gabriela Mesones, Global Voices en Español, 2026-06-25.

Worldwide: [A bonanza for fans of the natural world: the digital library sharing 64m pages of scientific knowledge with everyone](#). The Biodiversity Heritage Library is an invaluable online archive of historic texts on species living and lost supplied by the world's leading museums and universities. Now its future is in doubt. Ferguson, Donna, The Guardian, 2026-06-18.

Armed Conflict

Iran/United States of America: [Four months after the horrific Iran school bombing, fears grow that Trump and Hegseth will bury the truth](#). A secretive investigation into the attack that killed at least 175 has concluded, reports suggest. Will its findings ever see the light of day?. Roth, Andrew; McClure, Tess, The Guardian, 2026-06-21.

Russian Federation/Ukraine: [How Ukraine Uses A.I. to Knock Deadly Russian Drones Out of the Skies](#). Interceptors show Ukraine's embrace of autonomous technologies trained on immense troves of wartime data. Varenikova, Maria, The New York Times, 2026-06-15.

Atrocity Crimes

Armenia/Israel/Türkiye: [Israel recognizes Armenian genocide amid tensions with Turkey](#). Israeli-Turkish relations have soured badly over the past few years. "Despite the extensive and unambiguous historical documentation, the Armenian genocide remains to this day the subject of an institutionalized campaign of denial and minimization, including a manipulative rewriting of history, mainly by the Turkish government," Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said at a cabinet meeting. POLITICO, 2026-06-28.

Germany/Namibia: ['They are disturbing the dead': reconstructing the site of the forgotten first genocide of the 20th century](#). At least 3,000 Herero and Nama people died in a German concentration camp at Shark Island, Namibia. A new forensic exhibition in Berlin is using digital technology to unearth how colonisers scarred a landscape, and a community. Hauenstein, Hanno, The Guardian, 2026-06-05.

Israel: [The UN has shamed Israel over sexual violence in conflict. Now there must be accountability](#). Russia is also included on the UN's blacklist – and it faces enormous pressure from sanctions. The same consequences must apply to Israel, says war correspondent Janine di Giovanni. Giovanni, Janine di, The Guardian, 2026-06-12.

Israel/Lebanon: [Lebanon-Israel deal may stop war crime victims seeking justice, experts say](#). Agreement could also end hopes of ICC jurisdiction in Lebanon, which advocates pushed for to prosecute Israel. Christou, William, The Guardian, 2026-06-27.

Israel/Palestine: [The New October 7 Tribunal and the Legitimacy Challenge](#). The tribunal will be judged not only by the verdicts it produces, but by the institutional model of accountability it leaves behind. Mordecai, Ya'ara, Just Security, 2026-06-09.

Worldwide: [Security Council Weighs Future of International Criminal Tribunals Mechanism amid Competing Calls for Its Closure. Continued Support to National Authorities.](#) Amid its review of the entity tasked with concluding the functions of two landmark international criminal courts, speakers in the Security Council today alternately highlighted the need to safeguard the legacy at stake and finalize the work of a mechanism always envisioned as temporary. UN Press Release, 2026-06-12.

Civil Rights

Africa: [“Avoid using the term”: Oxfam in Africa retracts LGBTQ censorship guide.](#) “Avoid using the term”: Oxfam in Africa retracts LGBTQ censorship guide - The New Humanitarian puts quality, independent journalism at the service of the millions of people affected by humanitarian crises around the world. Jacob Goldberg, The New Humanitarian, 2026-06-10.

Africa: [Focus Sahel Plus : l’espace civique sous pression dans l’AES.](#) Disparition de l’imam Kindo, suspension de l’UGEB au Burkina Faso et répression accrue sous les régimes militaires. Analyse des tensions et des atteintes aux libertés dans l’AES. Au Burkina Faso, l’arrestation de l’imam Mohamed Ishaq Kindo et la suspension de la principale centrale syndicale étudiante illustrent un durcissement du régime militaire. Blanchard, Sandrine,, dw.com, 2026-06-02.

China: [Social Media, Films Censored Around Pride Month.](#) The censorship of prominent social media accounts, foreign films, and events with LGBT themes around Pride month illustrates the deteriorating rights situation for LGBT people in China. Human Rights Watch, 2026-06-25.

United Kingdom: [‘Straight out of Trumpland’: LGBTQ+ members fight for Pride after Essex library ban.](#) Rochford LGBTQ+ community say Reform council’s ban on flying pride flags or holding events states they’re not welcome. Abdul, Geneva; Mohdin, Aamna, The Guardian, 2026-06-14.

Colonialism, Indigenous Rights & Decolonization

Africa: [The Africa exception: the slavery reparations debate was once ‘unthinkable’. Now it is unavoidable.](#) The architect of the African Union’s reparations framework for the historic UN resolution explains why demands for historical justice are inseparable from the struggle for Black sovereignty. Chigumadzi, Panashe, The Guardian, 2026-06-06.

Barbados: [Barbados prime minister announces manifesto for slavery reparations.](#) Updated document, which emphasises harm done to African women, is being considered by other Caribbean countries. Duncan, Natricia, The Guardian, 2026-06-18.

Caribbean: [What is in the Caribbean’s new slavery reparations manifesto?](#) Caricom Reparations Commission’s Hilary Beckles explains how it will help address the ‘residual legacy of slavery’. Duncan, Natricia, The Guardian, 2026-06-25.

Caribbean: [France is starting to own its role in the slave trade. Now it needs to repair its Caribbean legacy.](#) The notorious Code Noir is gone. But people in Guadeloupe and Martinique continue to live with the consequences, says academic Marie-Annick Gournet. Gournet, Marie-Annick, The Guardian, 2026-06-08.

Europe: [The choice before Europe: the law of the strongest or reparative justice?](#). European nations are starting to pay attention after a landmark UN resolution, but reparations is about more than symbolic remembrance or returning stolen artefacts. Umubyeyi, Liliane, The Guardian, 2026-06-29.

France: [France is starting to own its role in the slave trade. Now it needs to repair its Caribbean legacy.](#) The notorious Code Noir is gone. But people in Guadeloupe and Martinique continue to live with the consequences, says academic Marie-Annick Gournet. Gournet, Marie-Annick, The Guardian, 2026-06-08.

Jamaica/United Kingdom: [Jamaican delegation to travel to UK to lodge formal slavery reparations petition with King Charles.](#) Visit to monarch planned for 6 September and will take Jamaica's mission for reparatory justice to the 'next level'. Duncan, Natricia, The Guardian, 2026-06-30.

Lebanon: [Villages 700 years old destroyed to 'uproot people' from their history.](#) Non-governmental organisations Biladi and Blue Shield are among the design experts using new technologies to create detailed records of cultural heritage and help rebuild after conflict. Hannah Story, ABC News, 2026-06-12.

Worldwide: [UNPO Secretary-General Speaks at International Archives Week Webinar on Self-Determination and Non-Sovereign Peoples' Archives.](#) In her presentation, the Secretary-General drew on UNPO's 35 years of work with unrepresented nations and peoples to argue that archives, for these communities, are not simply a repository of the past, but also, importantly, they are claims on the future. For UNPO members the question of whether their archives exist, who controls them, and whether they are accessible is directly connected to whether those communities will continue to exist as peoples at all. Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, 2026-06-15.

Democracy & Governance

Armenia/Russian Federation: [Russia Floods Armenia With Disinformation Ahead of Election.](#) Fearing a loss of influence, groups linked to the Kremlin and intelligence agencies have sought to discredit the country's prime minister. Myers, Steven Lee, The New York Times, 2026-06-05.

Chile: [Chilean lawmakers want 'museum of truth' to provide far-right take on Allende era.](#) National Libertarian party wants museum to highlight 'victims' of socialist government ousted by CIA-backed coup in 1973. Bartlett, John, The Guardian, 2026-06-09.

United States of America: [Kalshi and Polymarket prohibit affiliates from spreading election misinformation.](#) Prediction market apps ask paid content creators denying election results to remove posts or lose sponsorship. Nowell, Cecilia, The Guardian, 2026-06-08.

United States of America: [New report shows misinformation is a threat to election security.](#) New rules proposed by the U.S. Postal Service would make states give data on voters who receive mail-in ballots for federal elections. This after President Trump tightened mail-in voting rules with a stated goal of making more secure elections. But a new report says election security threats are more likely something else. Liz Landers, PBS NewsHour, 2026-06-01.

United States of America: [**The Last Check: Magistrate Judges and Federal Seizures of Election Records.**](#) A magistrate judge's review of a search-warrant application may be the last meaningful safeguard against federal interference in an election. Rice, John Keller, Chelsea, Just Security, 2026-06-16.

Environment

United States of America: [**Sauvetage des données sur le climat: les scientifiques américains se rebiffent face à Trump.**](#) Les climatologues américains répondent aux attaques menées par l'administration Trump. Celle-ci avait fait fermer un site internet de référence sur l'étude du climat, climat.gov, le portail de son Agence d'étude de l'océan et de l'atmosphère. C'est donc climat.us qui vient d'ouvrir ses portes, soutenu par 80 scientifiques bénévoles, le site veut garantir la diffusion de données et d'explications validées par la science sur le changement climatique, indépendamment de tout changement politique. RFI, 2026-06-27.

Worldwide: [**Datacentres are growing target of global climate-related legal cases, report finds.**](#) LSE analysis highlights litigation linked to energy sources, water consumption and air pollution. Kaminski, Isabella, The Guardian, 2026-06-25.

Epidemic and Pandemic

Somalia/United States of America: [**'They didn't know or care, or wouldn't say': how we investigated the casualties of a covert US war.**](#) When a large number of children were killed during a US drone strike in Somalia last year, two reporters collaborated to piece together what happened. Malkani, Gautam, The Guardian, 2026-06-21.

Human Rights

Lebanon: [**Lebanon's documentation system collapses under the weight of war.**](#) Lebanon's documentation system collapses under the weight of war - The New Humanitarian puts quality, independent journalism at the service of the millions of people affected by humanitarian crises around the world. Alaa Sarhal, The New Humanitarian, 2026-06-24.

Zambia: [**RightsCon's Cancellation Signals a Growing Threat to Human Rights and Digital Freedoms.**](#) RightsCon, the world's leading summit on human rights in the digital age, has served for over a decade as a vital global gathering, bringing together civil society, academics, technologists, policymakers, and the private sector in cross-border collaboration. The abrupt cancellation of RightsCon 2026, following intervention by Zambia's government just days before the convening was due to commence in Lusaka, should concern us all. Worryingly, this is not an isolated disruption. It reflects a deeply troubling global pattern of shrinking civic space alongside a rapidly growing, well-resourced, and increasingly networked transnational anti-rights movement. S. Mona Sinha and Mrinalini Dayal, Inter Press Service, 2026-06-19.

Information Rights & Media Freedom

Ethiopia: [**Who's counting?: Tigray's hidden mortality data crisis.**](#) Between 2020 and 2022, intense conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia created a perfect storm of political and operational challenges that disrupted the production of mortality evidence – information governments and their

humanitarian partners need to inform crisis responses. Occupation by Eritrean forces, an information blockade, political tensions between the federal and regional authorities and bureaucratic power suppressing critique meant that little robust, timely data was produced. Jennifer Palmer, Elrha, 2026-06-30.

India: [Fake visuals, defamed civilians, and fabricated wars: How Indian mainstream media failed during operation Sindoor](#). As India reflects on the media coverage during Operation Sindoor, questions remain over accountability and whether future crises will again feature recycled visuals, misidentified civilians, and narratives of fake conflicts. Parmaar, Sakcham Singh, Global Voices, 2026-06-24.

Israel: [15 articles a day: The extent of the Israeli army's media interference](#). In 2025, the military censor banned or redacted over 5,000 news reports, with suppression peaking during Israel's war with Iran. Brison, Amos, +972 Magazine, 2026-06-17.

Mexico: [Mexico's Laws Have a New Target: Journalists](#). Politicians and officials in Mexico are using the country's laws to intimidate critics and the media, forcing them into censorship and blunting scrutiny. Mega, Emiliano Rodríguez; Villegas, Paulina, The New York Times, 2026-06-19.

Philippines: ['False Information' Bill Open to Abuse](#). A proposed Philippine law to combat "false information" and so-called troll farms has vague and overly broad language that government officials could readily abuse. Human Rights Watch, 2026-06-02.

Russian Federation: [Tracing Digital Links Between Viory and Ruptly](#). Bellingcat found multiple links between the digital infrastructure of Viory and Ruptly news agency, a branch of Russia Today. Thomas, Elise, bellingcat, 2026-06-04.

United Kingdom: [Attorney general tells department to stop using X amid UK misinformation concerns](#). Richard Hermer's office understood to be first in government to restrict use after recent riots. Walker, Peter, The Guardian, 2026-06-18.

United Kingdom: [Ministers may try to curb spread of misinformation during social unrest](#). Technology secretary says she is 'very concerned' about role of social media but will not be 'bullied off' X. Stewart, Heather, The Guardian, 2026-06-06.

United States of America: [Pennsylvania coroners refuse to release autopsy reports – and that hinders research on deaths in custody](#). When coroners shield their records from public view, they're not just violating the public trust. Often, they're also breaking the law. Walters, Jonah, The Conversation, 2026-06-24.

United States of America: [Pentagon bars journalists from entering its press office, citing re-designation](#). Revocation of access is newest attempt by Trump's defense department to restrict reporting on military affairs. Nowell, Cecilia, The Guardian, 2026-06-02.

Worldwide: [Libertad de expresión: El poder de los oligarcas tecnológicos supera al de los Estados](#). La alianza entre gobiernos y gigantes tecnológicos, especialmente la administración de Estados Unidos y las compañías de ese país, está cerrando el espacio para el debate público, según una experta en libertad de expresión. Su mensaje de cierre es contundente: hay que regular el poder

digital, pero sin ceder a presiones políticas ni intereses comerciales. [...]La libertad de expresión está siendo erosionada por una asimetría de poder sin precedentes entre los Estados y un pequeño grupo de gigantes tecnológicos que controlan los espacios digitales globales sin rendir cuentas democráticas. Esta es la conclusión central del informe final de la relatora especial* de la ONU sobre libertad de opinión y expresión, Irene Khan**, presentado ante el de Derechos Humanos. UN News, 2026-06-17.

Worldwide: [Secretary-General Highlights Information Integrity Principles for Safer, More Ethical Digital Ecosystem, UN Action Plan to Counter Hate Speech, in Observance Message.](#)

Practical solutions can break the dangerous cycle of hate speech, from education to recognize and reject hate speech; to support for those targeted by abuse; to stronger interventions from governments and technology companies. States have clear obligations under international law to combat incitement to hatred, and to promote inclusion, respect for diversity and solidarity. At the same time, freedom of expression must never be an excuse for harmful messages. UN Press Release, 2026-06-10.

Migration, Displacement & Trafficking

Asia: [No Papers. No Future? The long wait facing undocumented Millions.](#) Different countries, different legal systems, different politics, yet the underlying pattern holds legal documentation determines whether protection on paper becomes protection in practice. A refugee policy without a functioning registration system is a promise without a mechanism. A camp without legal status is a holding pattern, not a solution. Hasina Rahman, Relief Web, 2026-06-22.

North Korea/South Korea: [NKDB Launches Visual Atlas Expansion Mapping Forced Repatriation of North Koreans.](#) The Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB) has launched a major expansion of its satellite mapping platform, Visual Atlas, creating an unprecedented online tool for examining decades of documented human rights violations in North Korea. Available in Korean and English at visualatlas.org, the platform allows users worldwide to explore the locations of political prison camps, public execution sites, detention facilities, and forced repatriation routes through survivor testimony, satellite imagery, institutional records, and 3D modeling. Database Center for North Korean Human Rights, 2026-06-01.

South Africa: [Lumumba Chia fled to South Africa 27 years ago. He is not allowed to leave.](#) Refugees and stateless people face a long road to getting documentation. Damons, By Marecia, GroundUp News, 2026-06-19.

Policing, Detention & State Violence

Worldwide: [The Need to Reject Interpol's Privileges and Immunities Agreement.](#) If adopted, the agreement will make it easier for autocratic regimes to persecute those seeking refuge abroad from repression at home. Grossman, Ted R. Bromund, Charlie Magri, Sandra, Just Security, 2026-06-23.

Privacy & Data Protection

Africa: ["Digital Colonialism": U.S. Demands to Access Africans' Data Raise Privacy, Sovereignty Concerns.](#) The United States is requiring access to health data as part of lifesaving aid deals with African countries. The U.S. says the data will be aggregated and anonymized, but privacy experts fear

the information could be misused or exploited. Barry-Jester, Sharon Lerner and Anna Maria, ProPublica, 2026-06-17.

Africa: [Africa Pushes for Data Sovereignty and Digital Independence](#). African leaders are sharpening their focus on digital sovereignty. Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for, Inter Press Service, 2026-06-12.

Palestine: [Data of 600,000 Gaza households exposed in WFP cyber-attack](#). Data of 600,000 Gaza households exposed in WFP cyber-attack - The New Humanitarian puts quality, independent journalism at the service of the millions of people affected by humanitarian crises around the world. Jacob Goldberg, New Humanitarian, 2026-06-02.

Palestine: [Surveilled, targeted, and now hacked: WFP must protect Palestinians in Gaza after massive data breach](#). The undersigned civil society organizations and experts, condemn in the strongest possible terms the cyberattack on the World Food Programme. Access Now, 2026-06-18.

United Kingdom: [ICO watchdog opens inquiry into cameras in mental health patients' bedrooms](#). Oxevision system used by 40% of NHS mental health trusts being scrutinised by information commissioner over privacy concerns. Weaver, Matthew, The Guardian, 2026-06-19.

United Kingdom: [London Hospital Worker Tried to Sell Princess Catherine's Medical Records, Reports Say](#). Britain's data regulator said it had reprimanded a health worker for misusing sensitive information. The hospital said the person no longer worked there. Wolfe, Jonathan, The New York Times, 2026-06-18.

United States of America: ["Digital Colonialism": U.S. Demands to Access Africans' Data Raise Privacy, Sovereignty Concerns](#). The United States is requiring access to health data as part of lifesaving aid deals with African countries. The U.S. says the data will be aggregated and anonymized, but privacy experts fear the information could be misused or exploited. Barry-Jester, Sharon Lerner and Anna Maria, ProPublica, 2026-06-17.

United States of America: [Supreme Court rules your cellphone location data is protected by the Fourth Amendment](#). Geofencing warrants, which round up the location data of everyone in a specific place at a specific time, are now legally subject to Fourth Amendment protections. McKenna, Anne Toomey, The Conversation, 2026-06-30.

Worldwide: [Tu rostro no es un dato cualquiera: los riesgos del reconocimiento facial](#). Lo hemos visto en las películas distópicas, desde la vigilancia 24/7 hasta la imputación de un delito no cometido: Nuestro rostro digitalizado en malas manos se puede volver en contra de nuestra persona física. Imagina que caminas por una manifestación pacífica. No llevas cartel, no gritas consignas. Solo estás allí, ejerciendo tu derecho a expresar una opinión. Pero una cámara con reconocimiento facial te identifica, etiqueta tu rostro y lo guarda en una base de datos policial. Sin que lo sepas. Sin que hayas dado tu consentimiento. O aún peor, que no seas tú, pero te identifiquen a ti. {...] Y hoy, un experto en derechos humanos lanza una advertencia contundente: si no se regula con urgencia, el uso del reconocimiento facial por parte de fuerzas de seguridad y servicios de inteligencia puede erosionar derechos fundamentales como la privacidad, la libertad de expresión y la no discriminación. UN News, 2026-06-19.

Worldwide: [Who owns my AI twin? Data ownership in a new world of simulated identities](#). The advent of AI twins (digital replicas encapsulating individuals' knowledge, psychological traits, memories, beliefs, preferences, values, and behaviors) raises distinctive legal and ethical challenges. These entities, derived from personal data, compel a re-evaluation of what it means to have dominion over one's data, and what it is to be a person or to have a personal identity in an AI-mediated age. Jurcys, Paulius; Fenwick, Mark; Greenwald, Ashley; Kozuka, Souichirou; Loikkanen, Valto; Mann, Sebastian Porsdam; Earp, Brian D., Computer Law & Security Review, 2026-06-05.

Surveillance & Monitoring

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