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Abbreviations used

CIA	U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
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
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTR	UN International Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	UN International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IG	Inspector General
IDP	Internally displaced person
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ISIS	Islamic State, IS, ISIL
KGB	Soviet secret police 1954-1991
KLA	Kosovo Liberation Army
OAS	Organization of American States
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
SG	United Nations Secretary-General
SR	United Nations Special Rapporteur
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council
WHO	World Health Organization

International and regional intergovernmental news

European Court of Human Rights. Ruled against Croatia, attack on lesbian not addressed by state 2021-01; Romania violated rights when requiring sex-change surgery before issuing new sex on identity card 2021-01; Russia unlawfully annexed Crimea, failed to investigate war crimes in Georgia 2021-01; ruled Serbian man forced to sign document admitting possession of cannabis 2021-01; Armenia and Azerbaijan filed cases against each other 2021-01; ruled U.K.'s mass spy program violated freedom of press and in future must seek permission "from an impartial decision-making body" to access any confidential material collected by journalists 2021-05

European Union. Parliament reported Frontex, EU border agency, failed to protect human rights of asylum seekers 2021-07

European Union/United Nations. Launched International Methane Emissions Observatory, will seek company data 2021-10

European Union Court of Justice. Ruled Germany is exceeding the annual limits of nitrogen oxide in its large cities 2021-06; ruled employer may prohibit "visible form" of beliefs in some circumstances, Germany to decide whether to expunge records of disciplinary action 2021-07

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Legislation signed ending court in 3 years, need to prepare archives for records 2021-11

Inter-American Commission of Human Rights. Yemeni petition against U.S. for deaths in military airstrikes 2021-01; called for protection of migrant caravan persons from Honduras 2021-01; criminalizing LGBTQ people violates international law, Jamaica case 2021-02; Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression to lead working group on freedom of expression on the internet 2021-02; with UNHCR issued guide on protecting family unity and reunification during the COVID-19 pandemic 2021-06; published compendium on transitional justice, included archives section 2021-07; statement on need for data on violence and discrimination affecting bisexual and pan-sexual people 2021-09; open access database of IACHR rulings and decisions launched 2021-12

Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Ruled in Ecuador case, said not getting a disabled person's informed consent for medical treatment was discrimination based on disability 2021-06 comm.; ruled that Honduras responsible for murder of a transgender woman and the state must allow people to alter gender identity on identification documents and public records 2021-06

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Report "unequivocal human activity causing climate change" 2021-08

International Atomic Energy Agency. Has not had data from Iran on its nuclear monitoring devices since February 2021-06

International Court of Justice. Azerbaijan and Armenia filed cases against each other on racial discrimination 2021-09; ruled on Kenya/Somalia boundary, maps in ruling 2021-10

International Criminal Court. Mahmat Said Abdel Kani turned over to ICC for war crimes in Central African Republic 2021-01; Brazilian Indigenous leaders asked investigation of Bolsonaro government for deforestation, assassinations 2021-01; Syria Justice & Accountability Centre filed communique asking for investigation of Greece for handling migrants 2021-01; Dominic Ongwen (Uganda) convicted, first conviction on crime of forced pregnancy 2021-02; ICC said Palestine is a State Party to the Statute and Prosecutor can investigate Israel-Palestine issues 2021-02; Prosecutor said will make a decision on investigating Turkish occupation northern Cyprus, alleged forced population transfer as war crime 2021-02; Bosco Ntaganda (Democratic Republic of Congo) to pay reparations \$30 million, ICC Trust Fund for Victims to devise distribution plan 2021-03; Prosecutor will open investigation of situation in Palestine 2021-03; Prosecutor issued Draft Policy on Cultural Heritage not mentioning archives 2021-03; Prosecutor said filing letter from Marano Muslim Philippine activist on killings of civilians in Afghanistan 2021-03; final Policy on Cultural Heritage issued, includes mention of archives 2021-06; Venezuela delivered dossier to Prosecutor on damage caused by U.S. sanctions, departure of "medicine-producing transnationals" 2021-08; human rights lawyers urge investigation of Yemen war, cite support for war from ICC member states 2021-09; NGOs file complaint against Brazilian President Bolsonaro for depredation of the Amazon and its peoples 2021-10

International Labor Organization. ILO and WHO data from more than 2300 surveys in 154 countries, 1970-2018, showed working long hours damages health and increases death rates 2021-05; additional 108 million workers now in poverty, up from 2019 2021-06; with UNICEF said child laborers increased pre-COVID to 160 million from 152 million in 2016 2021-06; report over half global population lacks social protection, tri-annual "social security inquiry" data 2021-09

International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. Appeals chamber upheld Ratko Mladic conviction, trial chamber convicted Jovica Stanisic and Franko Simatovic for crimes in Bosanski Samac, historian called for release of trial records 2021-06

Interpol. Released app ID-Art, European Pandora operation sized "archives of sound, film and photography" in Spain 2021-05

Kosovo Specialist Chambers. Defense accused prosecution of not "categorizing" evidence provided 2021-02; first trial opened, Salih Mustafa 2021-09; Kosovo Liberation Army veterans' association leaders pleaded not guilty to revealing confidential court documents 2021-10

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. Four National Contact Points to investigate three international mining giants for rights abuse at Cerrejon coal mine in Colombia 2021-01

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Report said Syrian Air Force dropped chlorine bomb on Saraqib, Syria 2021-04

Organization of American States. Nicaragua announced withdrawal 2021-11

UNESCO. New Memory of the World guidelines adopted by Executive Board 2021-06

UNICEF. Issued “manifesto” for better governance of children’s data, said children’s data need to be treated differently from that of adults 2021-05; report on risk to children of climate change and pollution 2021-08

United Nations. Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons came into force 2021-01; not all UN agencies hold open meetings or have freedom of information policies 2021-01; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Global Report on Trafficking in Persons released 2021-02; OCHA said only 51% of relevant, complete crisis data is available across 27 humanitarian operations 2021-02; three SRs called for credible investigation by Lebanon into killing of Lokman Slim 2021-03; Saudi official issued death threat against SR Agnes Callamard 2021-03; Haiti court ordered former UN peacekeeper to pay child support 2021-03; UNEP said 3 billion people at risk of disease from water quality, lack of data 2021-03; UN Statistical Commission adopted Environmental Economic Accounting - Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA) 2021-03; United Nations Population Fund report only half women and girls developing countries can make decisions over their bodies 2021-04; Secretary-General report on conflict-related sexual violence, 18 countries, most committed by non-State actors 2021-04; OCHA warned incomplete datasets can lead to “digital discrimination” 2021-05; OCHA and Rockefeller Foundation developed data model to predict humanitarian crisis, noted “significant” gaps and quality in data around world 2021-05; UNEP and Convention on Biological Diversity warned lack of progress on Sustainable Development Goals, need improved data 2021-05; annual report on children and armed conflict, NGO said list does not reflect violations documented by UN of Israeli security forces, Saudi and Emirati-led coalition, groups in Colombia, Afghan, Congolese, and U.S. forces 2021-06; suggestion UN send peacekeepers to Haiti after assassination of President met with resentment that child support claims from last mission not paid 2021-08 ; UNEP announced use of leaded petrol for cars and trucks ended worldwide, caused premature deaths and lowered IQs 2021-08; OHCHR statement artificial intelligence as urgent human rights question 2021-09; SR cultural rights report called for increased respect for mixed cultural identities and documentation of diversities 2021-10 comm.; Human Rights Council recognized healthy environment is a human right, established new SR on human rights impact of climate change 2021-10; Committee on Rights of the Child said would not rule on complaint by children that state inaction on climate change violating children’s rights 2021-10; UNDP and Oxford University published survey of public opinion on climate change, used mobile gaming networks to collect data 2021-10; UNEP published Emissions Gap Report 2021 2021-10; OCHA released “data responsibility guidelines” for operational data 2021-11; Working Group on Business and Human Rights report 8 action areas for states, international organizations and businesses 2021-11; General Assembly resolution first time consensus text referenced “sexual orientation and gender identity” 2021-12; Security Council rejected draft resolution to document climate as security risk 2021-12

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Report on racism against Africans and people of African descent 2021-06; OHCHR confirmed banks covered by UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights 2021-10;

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Of estimated 1.44 million refugees in urgent need of resettlement only 22,770 were resettled in 2020 2021-01; criticized for sharing Rohingya information with Bangladesh which shared it with Myanmar, said had informed consent 2021-06 comm.; report on global forced displacement said 82.4 million displaced at end 2020, highest on record 2021-06; announced first climate strategy, considering whether refugee law covers climate migrants 2021-08

United Nations Human Rights Council. Established international independent expert mechanism of human rights of Africans and people of African descent 2021-07; instructed OHCHR to report on relationship between human rights and digital technologies and the application of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to technology companies 2021-07; instructed OHCHR to report on internet shutdowns and human rights 2021-07; instructed OHCHR to study harms from accusations of witchcraft and ritual attacks 2021-07; UNHRC recognized healthy environment as a human right, established new SR on human rights impact of climate change 2021-10; global forced displacement exceeded 84 million mid-2021, refugees more than 20.8 million 2021-11

World Health Organization. Research team visited Wuhan, China, to investigate source of COVID-19, disagreement of adequacy of information provided 2021-02; WHO's Director-General urged Tanzania to start reporting COVID-19 cases, has not reported since May 2020 2021-02; study of violence against women said 1 in 3 subjected to it 2021-03; WHO and Swiss government launched BioHub facility for data on viruses and emerging pathogens 2021-05; WHO internal documents show aware of sexual abuse of women by WHO staffers assigned to Congo during 2018-19 Ebola crisis 2021-05; global report on use of artificial intelligence in health care 2021-06 comm.; WHO called for global registry to track any form of human genetic manipulation 2021-07; WHO will create new body to conduct study of emergence of COVID-19, said China has not shared raw data 2021-07; report on sexual abuse in Congo during Ebola epidemic, more than 80 aid workers involved 2021-09; more alleged abuses by aid workers in Congo, names of alleged perpetrators uploaded to UN "ClearCheck" database 2021-10

World Meteorological Organization. "Atlas" of 11,000 climate change disaster 1970-2019, increased 5 times over past 50 years 2021-09; 193 member states adopted report making it mandatory to collect climate and weather data and share it 2021-10; added "highest recorded temperature at or north of 66.5, the Arctic Circle" to WMO Archives of Weather and Climate 2021-12

World/General news

Business records.

2021-01. Security officer pled guilty of 2009 killing Adolfo Ich at Hudbay Minerals' Fenix mine in Guatemala 2021-01; Dutch court held Royal Dutch Shell responsible for oil pipeline leaks in Niger Delta 2021-01; Marks and Spencer invited Oxfam investigate human rights issues in India to U.K. supply chain 2021-01; JBS and other meatpacking firms bought cattle from ranches using slave labor 2021-01; Toyota pay fine to U.S. for failing to report on tailpipe emissions 2021-01

2021-02. Merck & Co. and U.S. regulators knew suicidal behavior reported after use of anti-baldness treatment 2021-02; mining company Vale to pay \$7 billion to state of Minas Gerais for dam collapse reparations 2021-02; former child laborers on cocoa plantation in Ivory Coast sued 7 major chocolate companies for aiding their enslavement 2021-02; Furukawa Plantaciones sued by 123 ex-laborers on abaca tree plantations in Ecuador, allege slavery 2021-02; U.K. Supreme Court ruled Bille and Ogale people can sue Royal Dutch Shell in U.K. courts 2021-02; South African court said SLAPP suit is "an abuse of the legal process" 2021-02; McDonald's monitoring its U.S. workers for activities in favor of \$15 minimum wage 2021-02; Lloyd's of London seeks an archivist to examine its "artefacts" for links to slavery 2021-02; sides in U.S. Theranos lawsuit traded allegations on destruction or inaccessibility of database 2021-02; McKinsey & Company to pay \$573 million to settle charges on advice given to promote opioids, must retain emails for 5 years and put documents related to opioid work on a publicly available data 2021-02; Peruvian farmer sued RWE German electricity company for contribution to global warming, glacier melting and threatens house 2021-02

2021-03. South African mining companies paying miners with silicosis 2021-03; French Casino supermarket sued for selling beef linked to Amazon deforestation 2021-03; Hertz found receipt for rental in 2011, exonerated man convicted of murder in 2016 2021-03; French court fined Servier pharmaceutical 2.7 million euros for selling medication that patient records showed led to 2000 deaths 2021-03; Syngenta records from 1968 show resisted changing formula for paraquat, in part to protect profits 2021-03

2021-04. French court said mediation agreements before French National Point of Conflict not covered by confidentiality 2021-04; IKEA executives sued in France, espionage against employees, union organizers, customers, information from leaked USB drive 2021-04

2021-05. Members of U.S. Congress and Nobel Prize winners urge U.S. Justice Department review of prosecution of Steven Donziger and harassment by Chevron 2021-05; Williamson Diamond Mine settled Tanzania case, agreed to disclose all documents related to claimants including medical records 2021-05; rhetoric analysis of ExxonMobil public statements showed it downplays seriousness of climate change 2021-05; French court dismissed complaint by French-Vietnamese woman against chemical companies that manufactured Agent Orange, said companies ordered by U.S. 2021-05; Huawei director told employees reduce email and destroy more documents 2021-05; Netherlands court ordered Royal Dutch Shell to cut global carbon emissions by 45% by end of 2030 2021-05

2021-06. Rio Tinto said to have destroyed archaeological materials salvaged during mining at 18,999 year old rock shelter and 20 of 28 sites 2021-06; Business and Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) report said 355 cases of SLAPPs 2015-2021 2021-06; French war crimes unit charged executives at Nexa and Amesys with selling tech equipment to Egypt and the Libya regime of Muammar Gaddafi 2021-06; leaked documents Myanmar buying forensic and surveillance equipment from U.S., Chinese, Russian and European companies 2021-06; U.S. Supreme Court said case of children trafficked to Cote d'Ivoire to harvest cocoa did not meet test of "touch and concern" U.S. 2021-06; mining company Vale must pay compensation for workers killed in mine collapse 2021-06; IKEA ordered to pay fine in France for spying on employees 2021-06; U.S. Supreme Court let stand judgment against Johnson & Johnson for cancers caused by baby powder ingredient, powder still sold outside U.S. and Canada 2021-06

2021-07. French intelligence document said Lafarge made deal with ISIS to maintain commercial operations in Syria 2021-07; London court reopened lawsuit 200,000 claimants against mining company BHP over 2015 dam collapse in Brazil 2021-07; Rio Tinto to "predominantly fund" assessment of impact of copper and gold mine in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea 2021-07

2021-08. 33% TikTok accounts with one or more references to hate or extremism 2021-08; BHRRC recorded 679 human rights abuse allegations against Chinese business conduct abroad 2021-08; BHRRC reported allegations of human rights abuses by renewable energy companies in Latin America 2021-08; Australia's Gumala Aboriginal Corporation underpaid by Rio Tinto for work on Yandicoogina mine, lack of resources to help native title group establish and protect native title 2021-08; Google fired "dozens" of employees 2018-2020 for abusing access to company data 2021-08 ; Royal Dutch Shell to pay ca. 95 million euros to communities in southern Nigeria for 1970 crude oil spills 2021-08

2021-09. Purdue Pharma settlement, documents will be part of Opioid Industry Documents Archives 2021-09; Amnesty International report lack of transparency around operations of Covid-19 vaccine developers 2021-09; social audits and certifications of businesses should not be used to demonstrate human rights due diligence, should not be confidential 2021-09; Accenture handles 1/3 of all content monitoring for Facebook, workers warned about mental health risks 2021-09; French court sent Lafarge case back to investigating magistrates to reconsider charges 2021-09; Vale mining company gave up rights to prospecting on indigenous lands in Brazil 2021-09; palm oil companies sued West Papua, licenses revoked because lacked permit and did not obtain Indigenous consent 2021-09

2021-10. Olam International said could trace cocoa from farm to processing but could not if bought from middleman 2021-10; attorney Steven Donziger sentenced to 6 months in jail for failing to turn over computer in Chevron lawsuit 2021-10; Lyft had 4,000 sexual assault reports 2021-10; Greenpeace mapped illegal palm-oil plantations in Indonesia 2021-10; Global Witness report on 17 palm oil companies in Papua New Guinea, deforestation and human rights abuses, recordings of managers detailing corruption and labor abuses 2021-10; Global Witness on links between major banks and agribusiness companies linked to deforestation and human rights abuses in Southeast Asia, Central and West Africa, and Brazil 2021-10; Pfizer bullying governments in COVID-19 negotiations, NGO researchers saw Pfizer contracts with countries 2021-10; HeLa cells family lawsuit against Thermo Fisher Scientific to disclose its profits 2021-10; Pandora Papers show tax avoidance costing poorest countries 2021-10; Ecuador court said Furukawa Plantaciones subjected workers to serfdom 2021-10; historians'

archival research in U.S. , French and Dutch show big oil companies knew as early as 1959 the fossil fuels caused greenhouse effect 2021-10; former Facebook manager released internal documents showing company let misinformation spread to keep people logging in 2021-10

2021-11. Hershey and Rainforest Alliance sued by NGO Corporate Accountability Lab, said documented instances of hazardous child labor on Rainforest Alliance certified farms in Cote d'Ivoire 2021-11; Brazil sugarcane workers abused, Bonsucro certification failed to detect 2021-11; Brazil leather trade monitors not detecting hides from cattle on illegally deforested Amazon land 2021-11; intimidation campaign against Brazil's Capao de Modesto community to evict, global grain companies ADM, Bunge, Cargill purchasers of crops from lands with contested titles 2021-11; Swedish Lundin Energy indicted for deals with Sudan's military to secure oil operations in Sudan 2021-11; Vietnamese workers in Chinese-owned Serbian car tire plant working in inhumane conditions, passports and IDs taken by Chinese employers 2021-11; Amnesty International said J.C. Bamford Excavators Limited sold diggers and excavators to Israel that military used to demolish buildings belonging to Palestinians 2021-11; U.S. House of Representatives investigating McKinsey & Company for advising opioid makers 2021-11; Apple Inc. sued Israeli NSO Group for creating fake user credentials used to attack and surveil customers 2021-11

2021-12. Rohingya refugees suing Meta/Facebook in U.S. for hate speech that contributed to violence 2021-12; Russian court fined Meta and Google for failure to remove banned content 2021-12; minority of tea brands willing to disclose supply chain details 2021-12; Myanmar's military and "other armed actors" profit from marketing gemstones 2021-12; court ruled Danish company Dan-Bunkering guilty of breaching EU sanctions on Syrian government by providing fuel to Russian intermediaries, one of first EU sanctions-violations verdicts 2021-12; Total sued for inadequate statement of human rights in its vigilance plan, omitted mine in Uganda 2021-12; Vale mining public sustainability reports do not discuss important environmental conflicts and violence 2021-12; France said Clearview AI violated Europe's GDPR and must delete user data 2021-12; U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said JPMorgan bank will pay fine for failure to keep an archives of employee communications 2021-12

Civil society. NGO CIVICUS documented restrictions by governments on pretext protecting health and lives in pandemic 2021-05 comm.

Climate change. U.S. Mojave Desert project used 1904 and 1940 field surveys to determine adaptation of birds and small mammals to climate change 2021-02; Golden Veroleum Liberia deforested land, violated land and cultural community rights 2021-02; small Pacific island countries mapping 200 mile economic zones to protect if land submerged 2021-03; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said 12.6 million internally displaced mainly due to climate and weather disasters 2021-03; study showed babies born after extreme rainfall events in Amazonas linked to low birth weights 2021-03; data 1991-2018 showed more than a third of all deaths in which heat played a role attributable to "human-induced" global warming 2021-05; volume of rain in China "exceeded anything on record" for 5000 years 2021-07; study used data from 1911 forward to put in context severe flooding northern Europe July 2021, lost measuring gauges 2021-08; long-term records necessary to monitor climate change 2021-08; government submissions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Changes were leaked to Greenpeace, showed countries wanted play down rapid move from fossil fuels and some questioning paying more to poorer states to move to green technologies 2021-10; team of scientists report in *The Lancet* said climate change bad for health 2021-10; U.S. 18th and 19th century whaling logbooks data used to establish baseline weather patterns Indian and Southern Oceans 2021-11

Data breaches. Epik hacked, hosted far right platforms 2021-09

Education. Scholars at Risk annual report documented 332 attacks on higher education in 65 countries and territories 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021_2021-12

Enforced disappearance. NGOs complained to UN Human Rights Committee that migrant pushbacks are cases of enforced disappearance 2021-02

Environment. Satellite data showed nations with fastest economic growth with most severe pollution 2021-01; 25% of bee species reported in 1990s no longer found 2021-01; emission and meteorology data show more than 8 million people died 2018 from fossil fuel pollution 2021-02; Ecuador court ruled flaring of natural gas must stop 2021-03; records show oil industry knew danger to health caused by burning of fossil fuels since 1960s 2021-03; satellite imagery showed Amazon deforestation rose by 17% 2020 2021-04; data showed last 30 years countries “more prone to conflict” when droughts frequent and agricultural land and water “scarce or degraded” 2021-05; dozen companies told Brazil that if its laws reduce protections for Amazon would “reconsider” use of country’s commodities, satellite images and enforcement records compared to show soya illegally planted on land embargoed from planting 2021-05

Forced labor. Review of 100,000 social audits of businesses in 158 countries showed 36% with indicators of forced labor 2021-10

Gender discrimination. Gender discrimination cases in 6 countries using human rights and tort legislation instead of employment law 2021-03

Human rights defenders/aid workers. NGO Front Line Defenders said at least 331 defenders in 25 countries murdered in 2020, 177 in Colombia 2021-02; few countries report attacks on defenders in voluntary national reviews of implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goals 2021-07 comm.; most land and environmental defenders killed in 2020 since Global Witness monitoring began in 2012, 4 per week, Columbia most 2021-09

Hunger. Data using definition of famine do not convey real situation 2021-02; Global Hunger Index said violent conflicts leading cause of food crises 2021-10

Indigenous rights. Worldwide, DNA of Roma used without adequate consent 2021-11; isolated Indigenous people living in Yavari-Tapiche forest in Peru and Brazil threatened by dozens of timber license and evictions 2021-12

Internally displaced persons. NGO said 2020 largest number of people displaced in a decade: 40.5 million worldwide 2021-05

International adoption. Netherlands suspended international adoption citing falsification of documents, “inadequate archiving” 2021-02

Justice. Inter-Parliamentary Union data violations of rights of members of parliaments, more attacks on women than men 2021-01

Labor. “Union avoidance” consultants gathering detailed personal information on employees 2 U.S. hospitals 2021-01

Medical records.

2021-01. Dementia risk in U.S. women increased if living in areas with high levels of air pollution 2021-01; corporate Vaccination Credential initiative to help people store encrypted digital copies of immunization records 2021-01

2021-02. Worldwide English-language data 1900-2019 show only 11% mass murderers and 8% of mass shooters had serious mental illness 2021-02; emotional impact of paper Covid-19 vaccination card, “holding that card is like holding hope” 2021-02; research whether to use electronic medical records to locate co-residents of persons with Covid-19 2021-02; NGO urges international registry of sperm donors 2021-02

2021-03. U.S. digital health records until 2015 only identified sex as male, female, other, problems with trans and other treatment without further information 2021-03; cancer trials outside U.S. used few Black participants 2021-03; Covid-19 experience showed must have better sharing of data across all health

agencies and institutions 2021-03; U.S. stillbirths and maternal deaths rose by ca. 1/3 during Covid-19 pandemic 2021-03; online archives of documents from U.S. opioid lawsuits 2021-03

2021-04. U.S. court ordered U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take action to force chlopyrifos off market, studies showed risk to babies in utero 2021-04

2021-05. Ransomware attacks against health records 2021-05; high risk of mental illness among coal miners, especially high in U.S. Appalachia 2021-05; Epic company sells “clinical prediction tool” for triage, concern about data on which algorithms based 2021-05; research said worldwide COVID-19 deaths actually more than 2 times higher than reported number of deaths 2021-05

2021-06. Chinese company YHRD’s database said to include V-chromosome profiles from men, including Uyghurs and Roma, who have not given informed consent for use 2021-06 comm.; health records compared with air particle data, showed mothers who were exposed to ultra-fine particle pollution while pregnant had children with increased risk of asthma 2021-06; “rapid antigen test” manufactured by Inova Medical Group recalled in U.S., said falsified data 2021-06; report on challenges of giving U.S. patients access to medical notes 2021-06; Apple said new phone update will allow users to send data directly from Health app to electronic medical records systems 2021-06

2021-07. China collecting data from results of prenatal test NIFTY 2021-07; study showed language physicians used in medical records influenced subsequent treatment 2021-07

2021-08. People with psychotic and mood disorders badly affected by higher levels of pollution, electronic health records used in study 2021-08

2021-09. U.S. said China not giving information on Wuhan lab and Covid-19 2021-09 comm.; bat data from Laos on Covid-19 2021-09 comm.; getting Covid vaccines from factory to U.S. pharmacies 2021-09 comm.; vaccine inequality 2021-09 comm.; vaccine access blocked for undocumented migrants Europe 2021-09 comm.; Bulgaria black market fake Covid-19 certificates 2021-09 comm.; U.S. warning on falsified digital Covid-19 vaccine verification systems 2021-09 comm.; shortcomings of India Covid-19 death data 2021-09 comm.; UN General Assembly speeches on Covid-19 2021-09 comm.

2021-10. Researcher tested third-party programs linking health records, found are insecure 2021-10; doctors letters helped people get landlords to remedy poor housing conditions 2021-10

2021-11. Chlorine in drinking water in Kenya villages cut death rates in children under 5 2021-11; Genomics England research pilot sequencing genomes of 100,000 or more babies, privacy concerns 2021-11

Migration.

2021-01. Records of talks by 2 U.S. NGOs with migrants detained in U.S. about their legal rights found medical issues of most concern 2021-01; new U.S. law requires annual reports on the migrant lives lost on the border and efforts to identify and resolve cases of missing and dead 2021-01; Democratic staff of U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee report on sending people for asylum in Guatemala, no one given asylum 2021-01

2021-02. NGO Last Rights Project survey of migrants on negative consequences of COVID-19 2021-02; U.S. and Mexican NGOs report on U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, used data on emergency calls and audio recordings of 911 calls to estimate deaths and disappearances on U.S.-Mexico border 2021-02; 105 children separated from parents at U.S.-Mexico border reunited, 506 to go, U.S. will allow parents into country for reunification 2021-02

2021-03. U.S. granted only 641 asylum applications January 2019 to January 2021 2021-03

2021-04. Map of how long can survive walking in Sonoran Desert used mortality data 2021-04; ICRC pilot project South Africa, Zimbabwe, missing migrant data and standardizing forms and process for unidentified bodies 2021-04; HRW said at least 492 attacks and kidnappings on asylum seekers stranded in Mexico since January 20, Al Otro Lado survey said 81% of LGBTQ asylum seekers in Baja California subjected to attack, attempted attack, assault by Mexican law enforcement and human trafficking 2021-04; Italy’s anti-mafia tactics used by Italy and EU against Mediterranean migrants 2021-04; U.S.-Mexico border kidnapping ransom payments handled by U.S. companies making profit 2021-04

2021-06. review of 266,000 records of local and U.S. federal law enforcement showed 84 children from migrant shelters turned over to U.S. police custody 2021-06

2021-07. IOM said at least 1,146 people died attempting to reach Europe by sea first 6 months 2021, double 2020 number 2021-07

2021-08. U.S. Border Patrol June reported 180,000 “encounters with migrants,” 383 found dead since January highest toll in nearly a decade 2021-08; pre-trial hearings of 12 Mexican police charged with killing 19 migrants, evidence by geolocating and cellphone tools, officer said investigator changed her written testimony 2021-08; NGO Human Rights First said 6,356 kidnappings, sexual assaults, violent attacks against people blocked or expelled to Mexico at U.S. border since 20 January 2021-08

2021-10. Highest number of illegal crossings U.S.-Mexico border since 1960 2021-10; HRW report abuse asylum seekers experienced at U.S. border 2021-10; UNICEF report 19,000 children crossed Dairen Gap on foot, reports of sexual assaults on women and girls 2021-10

2021-11. Pushbacks documented in Croatia, Greece and Romania, EU documents said equipment used by officers paid by EU funds 2021-11; Abu Dhabi deported without papers African migrants 2021-11; Mexico gave over 1500 foreign nationals migration cards to work in Mexico 2021-11

2021-12. Transnational labor trafficking network indicted U.S. state Georgia, filed false petitions using fake signatures and fraudulent documents to import agricultural workers 2021-12; U.S. shelter system received 122,000 migrant children 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021, over 80% have family in U.S. who are undocumented 2021-12; European NGOs report on pushbacks of migrants and asylum seekers at EU borders, said police destroying evidence 2021-12

Missing persons. Number missing in Africa rising, most from armed conflict, also missing migrants 2021-09

Privacy. Apps reminding Muslims of prayer times insecure, selling locations 2021-01; data provided to get personal loans can be sold if loan not repaid 2021-01; principles for ethical uses of location (mapping) data urged 2021-03; Amazon delivery drivers in U.S. required to sign “biometric consent” form monitoring them while driving 2021-03; Privacy International said diet programs capture unneeded information 2021-08; T-Mobile telecommunications company said data breach of information, nearly 80% on people not doing business with company 2021-08; ProtonMail provided IP logs to Swiss authorities 2021-09; Australia and U.K. ordered facial recognition software company Clearview to cease collecting images and biometric data in country 2021-11; Facebook/Meta shut down Face Recognition system 2021-11

Refugees. Pakistan with UNHCR issued smart identity cards to 1.4 million “registered Afghan refugees,” about half of those in Pakistan 2021-04; Amnesty International documented “suspected illegal pushback” at Poland/Belarus border 2021-09

Reparation. Centre International de Recherches sur la Esclavages et Post-Esclavages announced database “REPAIRS” built from archives showing indemnities and reparations for slavery 2021-06

Sex abuse. Sexual abuse of fisheries monitors on commercial fishing boats 2021-02

Slavery. U.K. launched public registry of corporate modern slavery statements 2021-01; Project AMS to produce data base of “modern slavery statements” by business, link rot of statements stored in Modern Slavery Registry 2021-05; raid in Italy identified 87 slavery victims, traffickers used victims’ documents for fraud 2021-09

Technology. Facebook Oversight Board first rulings, only 1 of 5 bans upheld 2021-01; Parler social network content preserved before shut down, “deplatformed” 2021-01; DDSecrets posted data from dark web sites that was originally leaked by ransomware hackers 2021-01; 430 Facebook pages raising money while spreading conspiracy theories about COVID-19 2021-01 supp.; Global AI Action Alliance will develop best practices to use AI 2021-01 supp.; 155 internet shutdowns during pandemic, cut off health information 2021-03; 10 African countries closing civic space online 2021-03; YouTube deleted videos

by Syrian activists, ¼ of Syrian Archive’s videos no longer on YouTube 2021-03; Twitter closed Saudi-based accounts of fake news on killing of Jamal Khashoggi 2021-03; Facebook internal guidelines for content reviewers leaked 2021-03; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency contract with LexisNexis to use its “283 million distinct individual dossiers” 2021-04; European Union installing and testing digital barriers to migration, NGO warned of “techno-isolationism” 2021-05; list of more than 50,000 phone numbers obtained by Pegasus surveillance software used by organizations and governments 2021-07; method to trace DNA in cocoa 2021-07; software to match child sexual images to rules and laws in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the U.S. and the U.K. 2021-07; 90 policy groups urged Apple to drop plan to have Apple devices scan photos for child sexual abuse material 2021-08; Lithuania tested Chinese manufactured 5G phones, advised people to throw them away as risks, censor detecting terms used 2021-09; Emirati human rights activist Alaa Al-Siddiq’s phone was hacked before she died in U.K., probably by Pegasus spyware 2021-09; African governments using technology for increase surveillance opposition figures 2021-10; European police increasing use of artificial intelligence, reinforces prejudice in policing 2021-10; part of Facebook Dangerous Individuals and Organizations policy leaked 2021-10; Clearview AI collected 10 billion images of people by scraping social media sites, Facebook and Twitter demanded it quit scraping their sites 2021-10; investigation showed Facebook and Google paying “clickbait actors,” impact severe in Myanmar and Philippines 2021-11; data leaks from far-right extremist groups’ websites 2021-11; researcher warned cyber threat can lead to “trust decay” in electoral processes 2021-11

Women. Index of status of women in 170 countries 2021-10

World War II.

2021-01. South Korea court ordered Japan pay Korean comfort women 2021-01; Arolsen Archives establishing digital memorial to all people persecuted by Nazis 2021-01; Netherlands Red Cross gave personal cards of Dutch Jews to Jewish Cultural Quarter of Amsterdam, rest of wartime records to national archives 2021-01

2021-02. Polish court ruled historians must apologize for information in their study, oral history source 2021-02; U.S. Supreme Court said heirs seeking property sold under pressure to Germany in WWII cannot sue in U.S. courts 2021-02; U.S. auction house offered 19th century Jewish memorial registers from two Romanian towns, withdrew items after protest 2021-02; Germany charged a 94-year-old and a 100-year-old for roles in Nazi crimes 2021-02; U.S. deported 95-year-old, evidence of Nazi past from index card rescued from sunken ship 2021-02

2021-03. France to return Gustav Klimt painting to family of WWII era owner 2021-03; anatomical drawings from publication by Nazis given to Medical University Vienna 2021-03; Aushchwitz-Birkenau State Museum and Arolsen Archives searched records to identify fate of unidentified prisoners 2021-03

2021-04. Franz Joseph Huber, Nazi secret police commander, shielded by U.S. and German authorities, worked for German intelligence after war 2021-04; Poland erected monument to Ringelbaum Archive 2021-04; Spanish government issued list of Spaniards who died in Nazi concentration camps, added 695 names from French death certificates withheld from public during Franco regime 2021-04

2021-05. Arolsen Archive trying to trace relatives of 20 prisoners at Neuengamme camp, have personal items taken from them by Nazis 2021-05

2021-06. U.S. National Archives declassified documents show created remains of 7 Japanese war criminals including Hideki Tojo were scattered at sea 2021-06

2021-07. Historian at Louvre tracing provenance of art work, using records of Drouot auction house 2021-07

Bilateral and multilateral news

Afghanistan/Pakistan. Pakistan gave Afghan Taliban list of wanted terrorists affiliated with Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP), Afghanistan reportedly set up commission to investigate if TTP in Afghanistan plotting attacks on Pakistan 2021-08

Afghanistan/United Kingdom. Saifullah Yar suing U.K. for no proper investigation of U.K. raid in Afghanistan's Helmand province that killed 4 relatives, Ministry of Defense said "not a duty to provide any document that might look embarrassing" 2021-11

Afghanistan/United States. 1,450 unaccompanied Afghan children evacuated to U.S. since August, 250 remain in custody, children's names and birth dates wrong on official documents 2021-12

Africa. Enforced disappearance widespread, "dramatic" underreporting of statistics 2021-10

Algeria/France. Benjamin Stora report on colonization and war in Algeria given to French President Macron 2021-02; France to declassify Algerian war era records by box but with further check for sensitive military information 2021-03; Pierre Hazan urged creation Truth and Memory Commission on Algerian war and French colonization of Africa 2021-10; articles written for the anniversary of the 17 October 1961 massacre of Algerians in Paris 2021-10; judicial records relating to Algerian war released 15 years early, with exceptions 2021-12

Argentina/Chile. Chilean man convicted of murders during Pinochet dictatorship, arrested in Argentina but released as no warrant for arrest, corrected 2021-06

Argentina/Iran. Court dismissed suit against former President Cristina Kirchner for signing 2013 agreement with Iran to conduct investigation into the 1994 terrorist attack at the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association 2021-10

Argentina/Myanmar. Argentina universal jurisdiction lawsuit against senior Myanmar officials for crimes against Rohingya 2021-11

Argentina/United States. Cost of review and declassification of U.S. documents on Argentina's dirty war period 1975-1984 2021-09

Armenia/Azerbaijan. HRW said 3 unlawful attacks by Azerbaijani forces on medical facilities that Armenia located too close to civilian facilities 2021-03; Soviet-era maps in contradiction on border between the two 2021-05; Azerbaijan asked Council of Europe to get Armenia's minefield maps 2021-05; Azerbaijan and Turkey established joint commission to examine Armenian "war crimes" in Karabakh 2021-05; NGOs report both sides violated humanitarian and human rights law during 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh war 2021-06; Armenia exchanged maps of mines for 15 Azerbaijan prisoners of war 2021-06; Armenia identified Azeri troops allegedly committing war crimes, used facial recognition on photographs 2021-09

Australia/Chile/United States. Australian spy station in Chile 1971-1973 to support U.S. intervention, all records destroyed 2021-09

Australia/Timor Leste. Australian intelligence officer pleaded guilty for revealing classified information, evidence from Timor's suit against Australia in Permanent Court of Arbitration 2021-06; court ruled trial of Australian Bernard Collaery concerning Timor Leste should be open 2021-10

Balkan wars. Two Bosnian NGOs published description of more than 600 detention camps, prisons or other jail facilities that operated 1992-1995 2021-02; European Parliament urged efficient investigations into missing persons, Kosovo should open archives, establish RECOM 2021-03; Bosnia's Republika Srpska Commission for Investigating the Sufferings of Serbs in Sarajevo report, alleged ethnic cleansing, Serbs still missing 2021-04; NGOs called for Serbia and Kosovo to be more proactive to finding missing, open "all possible archives" 2021-04; Bosnia prosecutor opened case on sniper attacks in Sarajevo 2021-05; Humanitarian Law Center published dossier on brigade that attacked Prijedor 1992 2021-05; *BIRN* "Bitter Land" database of mass graves 2021-06; Office of High Representative in Bosnia amended Bosnian criminal code to make a criminal offenses of denial of genocide of 1995 Srebrenica massacre and glorification war criminals 2021-07; Bosnia's Republika Srpska commission denied Srebrenica genocide, rebuttal by *BIRN* 2021-07; Humanitarian Law Center released digital archives collection on "Crimes in Foca in 1992" using court records 2021-08

Bangladesh/France. French court stopped man's deportation to Bangladesh because of health risks due to pollution levels there 2021-01

Belgium/Democratic Republic of Congo. Women suing Belgium for reparations for segregation of mixed-race children, said archives finding aids for colonial records "ineffective" 2021-10

Belgium/former colonies. Belgium report on history of Belgian colonization Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, said “moral dimension” to restitution of museum objects, human remains, archives 2021-11

Burkina Faso/European Union/Mali/Niger/Serbia. European nations selling military equipment to African countries 2021-08

Canada/United States. British Columbia court ruled members of U.S. Sinixt Indigenous people have right to hunt traditional lands in Canada 2021-04

Canada/Vatican. Records of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate about residential schools sent to Rome 2021-11; Oblates agree to open records to Canada’s National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, promised not to redact, records from residential schools to be returned to Canada 2021-12

Central African Republic/Chad. UN, African Union and Economic Community of Central African States setting up independent international commission of inquiry with on May border clashes 2021-06

Chile/Italy. Italy supreme court upheld life sentences for 3 Chilean military for killings during Operation Condor, sent arrest warrants to Chile 2021-07

Chile/Spain. National court of Spain reopened investigation into possible money laundering by Banco de Chile for General Augusto Pinochet and associates 2021-07

Chile/Sweden. 7 UN SRs said Swedish firm dumping of toxic materials in Arica, Chile, 1984-85, harmed residents 2021-06

China/United Kingdom. World Uyghur Congress suing U.K. for permitting import of cotton produced by forced labor in China 2021-12

Colombia/United States. Report on U.S. government records used to convict Carlos Mario Jimenez, former Colombia paramilitary leader 2021-10

Colombia/Venezuela. Colombia gave temporary legal status to Venezuelan refugees in country before 31 January 2021-02

Czech Republic/France/Morocco. Czechoslovak StB secret police archives show Moroccan activist killed in France 1965 was working with StB, France and U.S. have not opened documents on case 2021-12

Democratic Republic of Congo/France. France opened investigations of former Congolese warlord Roger Lumbala, much documentation available 2021-01

Dominican Republic/Haiti. DR refusing to give COVID-19 vaccinations to “irregular immigrants” (Haitians) 2021-03; Fairtrade International roadmap to get work permits for Haitians in Dominican Republic 2021-06; Dominican Interior Ministry to “audit” immigration status of foreigners, “vast majority” Haitians 2021-11

Dominican Republic/Venezuela. Dominican Republic registering Venezuelans who “reside irregularly” in the DR 2021-04

Egypt/France. France Armed Forces minister called for investigation into misuse of intelligence provided to Egypt to track jihadi militant but used to target smugglers and kill civilians 2021-11

Egypt/ISIS. ISIS posted photos of execution of tribal militia member in Egypt’s Sinai and video showing killing Coptic Christian man and two tribesmen 2021-04

El Salvador/United States. El Mozote trial testimony said U.S. military advisor was in region at the time of the massacre with El Salvador commander of battalion responsible for killing 2021-04

Eritrea/Ethiopia. Amnesty International report massacre by Eritrean troops in Ethiopia’s Axum, collecting names of victims 2021-02; Ethiopian Human Rights Commission said over 100 killed in Axum, OHCHR and Commission to conduct joint investigations in Tigray 2021-03; OCHA head said 150 people died of hunger in Tigray, no proof of Eritrean withdrawal, at least 829 cases of sexual assault in Tigray 2021-04

Finland/Liberia. Trial began in Finland of Liberian Gibril Massaquoi for war crimes in Liberian civil war, his manuscript autobiography on his computer used in evidence 2021-02; court trying Massaquoi to return to Liberia and possibly Sierra Leone for new hearings due to conflicts in testimonies 2021-07

France/Liberia. France announced will try Kunti K, former Liberian commander of ULIMO rebel group for war crimes 1989-1996 2021-04

France/Mali. UN report French forces struck Mali wedding party killing 22 2021-04; news reports at least 23 more civilians killed in Mali by French forces since 2013 than France admits 2021-06

France/Rwanda. Researcher said French archives declassified last June show officials ignored warnings of Rwanda genocide, panel of experts appointed to investigate France's role in the 1994 genocide 2021-02; France ordered opening of records 1990-1994 from offices of president and prime minister, Rwanda issued report saying France did nothing to stop genocide and subsequently covered up actions 2021-04; French President recognized French "responsibilities" for Rwanda's 1994 genocide 2021-05 comm.; French prosecutor said no grounds to pursue legal claims of French responsibility for enabling 1994 genocide 2021-05

France/Syria. 3 NGOs filed complaint in France asking for criminal investigation against Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad and others for use of chemical weapons 2021-03

Gambia/Germany. Germany arrested Bai Lowe of Gambia's Junglers death squad, Lowe described his participation in crimes in 2016 radio interview 2021-03

Germany/Islamic State (ISIS, ISIL). German court sentenced former IS member to life in prison for genocide against Yazidi community 2021-11

Germany/Namibia. Formally recognized as 1904-1908 genocide the crimes against Herero and Nama peoples of Namibia 2021-05 comm.

Germany/Saudi Arabia. Reporters without Borders filed complaint in German court asking investigation of Saudi officials' involvement in detaining and targeting reporters and killing Jamal Khashoggi 2021-03

Germany/Syria. Court in Germany sentenced Syrian Eyad Al-Gharib for aiding and abetting crimes against humanity in Syria 2021-02; NGOs filed motion asking German court to make audio record closing proceedings in Anwar Raslan trial, said important Syrian history 2021-07; German prosecutor filed indictment against Alan M. for his role as a military medical professional in the Syrian torture system 2021-07; court denied request to record Anwar Raslan trial proceedings 2021-09

Greece/Russia. Russia to return to Greece archives of pre-WWII Jewish communities, had been seized by Nazis 2021-12

Guatemala/Israel. Israel sold weapons to Guatemala and trained troops during Guatemala civil war, Israel investigation stalled because Israel's defense ministry will not disclose documents 2021-02

Guyana/Venezuela. Agreement, Venezuela government and opposition, said Guyana's Essequibo Region belong to Venezuela, Guyana sharp reaction, case before ICJ with 1899 Arbitral Award evidence 2021-09

Haiti/United States. U.S. deporting Haitians although internal U.S. documents show may face harm 2021-03

Honduras/United States. Evidence in U.S. drug trafficking trial of Honduran Daniel Fuentes Ramirez, prosecutors have test and voice messages and a ledger of cocaine shipments and bribe payments 2021-01 supp.

Iran/Sweden. Hamid Noury trial began Stockholm over 1988 summary executions by ISIS 2021-08

Iran/Switzerland. Switzerland reopened case of Iranian dissident assassinated in Switzerland in 1990 2021-10

Iraq/ISIS/Turkey/United States. U.S. refused Iraq extradition request for Omar Ameen, cellphone records showed him in Turkey at time of murder he is charged with, U.S. arrested him for lying on refugee application 2021-04

Iraq/Kuwait. Iraq returned Kuwait archives seized in 1990 invasion 2021-04

Israel/Palestine. Israel's Lod court ordered maker of Jenin documentary to pay damages to Israeli army officer in film, seized all copies of film and banned from screening in Israel 2021-01; OCHA said documented 771 incidents of Israeli settler violence 2020, violence increasing 2021 2021-04; HRW said Israel committing apartheid against Palestinian population of Israel, West Bank and Gaza 2021-04; UN Human Rights Council established international commission of inquiry on events "leading up to and since 13 April 2021" to collect evidence for possible legal use 2021-05

Israel/Palestine (Gaza)/Syria. Airwars report documenting May 2021 civilian toll of recent Israeli actions in Gaza and Syria and Palestinian rocket fire into Israel 2021-12

Israel/Thailand. Survey 654 Thai foreign workers in Israel all said exposed to sexual assault 2021-10

Japan/South Korea. South Korean court which dismissed comfort women lawsuit against Japan for compensation said agreements between countries settled matter 2021-04; Seoul Central District Court ruled forced laborers of Japan in colonial period not entitled to claim damages from Japan 2021-06

Japan/United States. Records of investigations of U.S. military personnel for sexual offenses against women in Okinawa 2021-10; over two-thirds monitoring systems to detect fuel leaks in U.S. military pipelines in Okinawa inoperable 2021-12

Kenya/United Kingdom. 6 UN SRs wrote U.K. concerned over failure to provide "remedies and reparation" to Kipsigis and Talai people of Kenya evicted 1895-1963 to create tea plantations for white settlers 2021-08

Kosovo/Serbia. Kosovo said Belgrade not handing over evidence on 2018 Oliver Ivanovic assassination 2021-01

Laos/United States. Laos has not received compensation from U.S. for the effects of Agent Orange during war in southeast Asia 2021-03

Latin America. Homicide rates in 14 countries in 2020 at UN-defined epidemic levels 2021-01; Capacity to Combat Corruption Index published 2021-06

Lebanon/Syria. Amnesty International said Lebanese security forces abusing Syrian refugees, used legal files refugees kept 2021-03; bribes offered to Syrians living in Lebanon to hand over ID that would allow voting in Syrian election 2021-05; 85% Syrian refugees no residency permit, fear deportation if get treated for COVID 2021-08

Lithuania/Russia. 1984 Lithuanian KGB document said trainee will be assessed for ability "fill out and file" reports 2021-11

Liberia/Switzerland. Swiss court convicted Liberian Alieu Kosiah of war crimes in Liberia, including for sexual violence committed during civil war 2021-06

Liberia/United States. U.S. court convicted Moses Thomas for 1990 massacre of over 600 people at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Monrovia 2021-09

Libya/United States. UN report used documents abandoned by U.S.-based Blackwater mercenaries, show aid to militia commander fighting UN-backed government 2021-02

Mexico/United States. NGO found end-user certificates for U.S. arms sold to Mexico show end user as military but actually police 2021-04; U.S. announced will support Mexico's missing persons registries 2021-06; blog essay used 1975 U.S. grand jury transcript and Mexican secret service documents, concluded U.S. "war on drugs" still corrupting Mexican military and police 2021-09; 1 million pages of documents plus audio recording for U.S. trial of Genaro Garcia Luna, former head public security Mexico 2021-10; database on U.S. military training of Mexican security forces which are tied to crimes 2021-11

Mideast wars. Number civilians killed and wounded dropped 21% in 2020 from 2019, Taliban caused more than half deaths and injuries 2021-01; NGO National Security Archive published U.S. Secretary of Defense “internal communications” 2001-2003 obtained through FOI 2021-01; killing surge at al-Hol camp in Syria’s Kurdish region 2021-02; UN Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic said nearly all major parties that have controlled territory in Syria since 2011 committed war crimes, based on over 2,600 interviews 2021-03; UNICEF reported 12,000 children killed or wounded in 10 years Syria war, one in four has psychosocial distress 2021-03; Syrian Network for Human Rights database over 16,000 adult women died during conflict, all parties guilty 2021-03; SNHR report on targeting medical facilities and personnel in Syria, most by Syrian regime 2021-03; UN team investigating ISIS crimes said genocide was committed against Yazidi, cadets of personnel from Tikrit Air Academy were tortured and executed, and “toxic lethal compounds” were tested on live prisoners which killed them 2021-05; analysis of 2017-2020 conflict events on Turkish-Syrian border showed 3,319 attacks from Turkey into Syria and 12 “credible” attacks from Syria into Turkey 2021-05; U.S. Defense Department report 23 civilians killed in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia during 2020, NGO Airwars said 102 if include Syria and Yemen 2021-06; SNHR reported 723 extrajudicial killings of civilians in Syria during first half 2021, urged international community to create maps locating landmines and cluster munitions in Syria 2021-07; OHCHR said over 350,000 individuals killed Syria March 2011-March 2021; Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said over 606,000 2021-09; families of persons kidnapped by ISIS asked U.S. administration to search data U.S. collected from ISIS for information on loved ones 2021-09; Syrian Network for Human Rights report said Russian military intervention in Syria resulted in the deaths of 6,910 civilians, data cross-checked with information and statements published by Russian officials with “first-hand accounts” mostly from “central signal operators” 2021-09 2021-09; after *New York Times* published research on 2019 U.S. drone strike killing 64 people near Baghuz, Syria, U.S. military acknowledged strike for first time 2021-11; NGO Syria Justice and Accountability Centre urged U.S. “amends program” for Northeast Syria including sharing information from ISIS “physical documents, computers and hard drives” collected by U.S. and Kurdish forces 2021-11; NGOs created interactive data portal on 349 instances of chemical attacks in Syria since 2012 2021-12; 2 NGOs produced map of 2011-2016 violations in Syria 2021-12; UN Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by the Islamic State in Iraq (UNITAD) said internal ISIL document led to identification ISIL members responsible for 2014 executions at Badush Central Prison 2021-12; *New York Times* said U.S. “confidential assessments” of civilian casualties in air war in Iraq and Syria seriously inaccurate, casualties undercounted 2021-12

Moldova/Russia. Records of three 1941-1953 deportations from Moldova to Russia 2021-06

Mozambique/Tanzania. UNHCR said refugees from Mozambique being pushed back by Tanzania 2021-06

Netherlands/Syria. Dutch prosecutors asked 27-year prison term for Syrian Ahmad Al Khedr for participation in terrorist group Deir ez-Zor and execution that was video recorded, case file 8000 pages included Tweets and Facebook posts 2021-07

Russia/Ukraine. OHCHR released report on human rights violations in armed conflict in Ukraine 2014-2021 and on situation of human rights in Crimea and Sevastopol including pressure against Orthodox Church of Ukraine 2021-07; remains found in 29 mass graves in Odessa, probably killed by secret police late 1930s, can’t identify because any records in Russia 2021-08

Rwanda/United States. Beatrice Munyonyezi deported from U.S. to Rwanda, lied on citizenship application, Rwanda accused her of genocide 2021-04; Fidele Twizere deported from U.S. for participation in Rwanda genocide, had used name Peiree Kelimu when applying for U.S. citizenship 2021-11

Saudi Arabia/Turkey/United States. U.S. declassified intelligence report on 2018 murder in Istanbul of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents, said operation approved by Saudi crown prince 2021-02

Saudi Arabia/United Arab Emirates/Yemen. *Bellingcat* and NGOs released mapping showing dozens of Saudi/UAE-led airstrikes in Yemen since March 2015 2021-06; NGO reported warring parties deliberately starving civilians 2021-09; NGO filed complaint with U.K. prosecutor accusing Saudi and UAE complicity in war crimes in Yemen 2021-10

Spain/Uruguay. Spain arrested Uruguayan Eduardo Ferro accused of crimes against humanity during Uruguay's 1973-1985 dictatorship, case files from 1985 relevant 2021-01

South China Sea. U.K. researcher found 1899 document in which China said Paracel Islands were not Chinese territory 2021-09

South Korea/United States/Vietnam. Vietnamese lawsuit against South Korea for 1968 massacres by Korean troops in Vietnam villages, documented in U.S. records, South Korea says has no evidence 2021-08

Sweden/Syria. Sweden's public prosecutor undertaking "structural investigation" into Syria war crimes 2021-02; 4 NGOs filed criminal complaint accusing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and other officials of chemical attacks using sarin gas at Kahn Sheikhoun in Idlib province and Ghouta 2021-04

Syria/Turkey. Turkey military violating property rights, forcibly displaced persons in "safe zone" in northeast Syria 2021-04

United States/Vietnam. 50th anniversary of release of U.S. Pentagon Papers on war in Vietnam, professor complained Vietnam has not opened records of war 2021-06

National news

Afghanistan. UN report on mistreatment in government detention, 656 interviews 2021-02; UN report on civilians in armed conflict, more than 3,000 civilians killed in 2020 2021-02; attacks on health teams, 10 killed between 1 April and 20 June 2021-06; UNAMA midyear report said civilian casualties 47% higher than 2020, all by domestic forces 2021-07; Afghan embassy in Australia released videos on violations committed by the Taliban 2021-07; use of records in wake of Taliban takeover of government 2021-08 comm.; UN reported child casualties first half 2021 highest ever recorded for the period 2021-08; OHCHR condemned violations, appointed SR to monitor situation and gather information 2021-10; UN said ISILKP (Islamic State in Iraq and in Levant Khorasan Province) targeting Shia communities 2021-11; UN said "credible allegations" of Taliban killing former Afghan security forces and government employees, 59 detentions and threats to civil society activists, journalists and staff of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission 2021-12

Albania. International Commission on Missing Persons said not locating and identifying missing persons and political prisoners from Communist era 2021-03; judge ordered seizure of equipment from online publication *Lapsi.al* 2021-04; lack of progress on missing persons cases 2021-10; over 8,000 pages from Directorate of State Security (Sigurimi) from Hoxha regime declassified 2021-11; list of salaries and ID numbers 630,000 Albanians believe leaked from tax service or Social Insurance Institute 2021-12

Algeria. NGO recorded 261 prisoners of conscience as of 21 June 2021-06; NGO said 197 prisoners of conscience in the country 2021-07

Argentina. Law passed allowing abortion, government dropping criminal charges by most women charged with other crimes like homicide, search of court records necessary 2021-01; 44 women killed since 1 January, by police officer ex-boyfriend 2021-02; government to compensate relatives of crew of submarine that sank 2017 2021-02; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights sent case of Argentine woman to Inter-American Court of Human Rights, said Argentina's revocation of her citizenship "arbitrary" 2021-02; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights referred to Inter-American Court the case of victims and families of persons from 1994 attack on Asociacion Mutual Israelita Argentina 2021-03; Buenos Aires province created provincial Archives of Memory, ordered transfer of archives from other institutions, archival association objected 2021-04; DNA bank of samples from relatives of disappeared will be preserved in National Archive of Memory 2021-04; first 3 months 2021 a woman was

killed every 35 hours 2021-04; government sent DNA testing kits to consulates around world, pledge to name everyone killed by junta 2021-05; human rights advocates demand opening 1974-1983 archives 2021-05; court sentenced 5 former members of army intelligence to acts during military dictatorship, archives important in case 2021-06; Presidential decree added X to options M and F on identity documents and passports 2021-07; Indigenous organizations call for census of Indigenous peoples and obtain land titles 2021-10; hacker broke into National Registry of Persons, offered data for sale 2021-10; former President Macri indicted for ordering illegal surveillance of families of submarine tragedy 2021-12; femicide by police and security officers, complaints of gender violence 2013-2020, 80% police officers with complaint against remain on force 2021-12

Australia. Yoo-rook Justice Commission established on “impact of colonization on First Peoples in Victoria” 2021-06; Healing Foundation and Australian Society of Archivists education package on access to stolen generations records 2021-06; Juukan Gorge report released, recommended new mapping of cultural heritage sites 2021-10; official military history unit denied access to unredacted final report of Bereton war crimes inquiry on alleged Australian special forces soldiers executing up to 39 Afghan prisoners and civilians 2021-12

Azerbaijan. President signed decree changing economic regions, included territories not under Azerbaijani control 2021-07

Bangladesh. Military purchased mobile phone surveillance equipment from Israel, can be used to collect information on people taking part in demonstrations 2021-02; HRW documented enforced disappearances by security forces over past decade, urged UN not use these troops for peacekeeping forces 2021-08

Belarus. Office of independent news site *Tut.by* raided, said posted prohibited information from organizations that have not registered with the state “in the prescribed manner” 2021-05 comm.; ordered Ryanair flight to land because bomb threat by Hamas, timestamp on email showed sent after plane told to land 2021-05; *Tut.by* and *Zerkalo.io* put on Republican List of Extremist Materials 2021-08; government computer systems hacked 2021-09; increase in cases filed under Digital Security Act against politicians and journalists 2021-11

Belgium. UN SRs said some 150,000 migrants in country need temporary residence permits 2021-07

Bolivia. Retired general charged with responsibility for November 2019 Senkata massacre 2021-02; parliament passed an amnesty and pardon law for persons prosecuted by former Anez government 2021-02; prosecutor said excessive use of force by police in Sacaba 2019 2021-05; OAS panel report said systematic torture and summary executions in aftermath of 2019 Presidential vote 2021-08

Brazil. More than 42,000 politicians changed self-declared race from White to Black, get special campaign financing 2021-01; nearly 224 million person had data leaked to the dark web 2021-02; half of 2020 requests for mining permits were for territories protected for Indigenous tribes 2021-03; Supreme court ordered Senate establish investigation of national and state government actions and omissions in managing COVID-19 pandemic, includes whether actions with Indigenous communities were genocide 2021-04; Karipuna Indigenous People lawsuit against Brazil and Rondonia for allowing registration of land inside protected Indigenous areas 2021-05; Association of Indigenous Peoples from Brazil asked ICC prosecutor examine crimes of Bolsonaro administration, especially during COVID-19 period 2021-08; Mapbiomas said illegal mining expanded nearly 500% in protected Indigenous reservations in a decade, area covered by mines 6 times bigger than in 1985 2021-09; whistleblower sent 10,000 page dossier to investigators, claimed unproven COVID remedies tested on elderly patients without full consent 2021-09; testing new law strict controls on private sector handling information about individuals 2021-08; 2021-09; green land grabbing in protected lands, government not checking land registrations 2021-09; judge ruled government responsible for crimes against Krenak people 1964-1985 2021-10; 182 Indigenous killed in 2020, 61% increase from 2019, land invasion up 137% 2021-10; scholar deciphered and translated letters in Tupi language showing attempts to save people during 1645 Dutch-Portuguese war 2021-11; Amazon rainforest deforestation went up 22% in a year 2021-11; Army elite troop training exercise was against fictitious armed dissident faction of the Workers’ Party 2021-12; Para state prosecutor inquiry into the causes of mercury poisoning among the Mundurucu people in north Amazon

2021-12; federal environmental enforcement agency agents shut down illegal logging 220 companies and 21 logging concessions, permits sold via paper shell companies 2021-12

Burkina Faso. Military court indicted former President Compaore for complicity 1987 assassination Thomas Sankara 2021-04; Sankara trial opened, have some records from France but not from office of President Mitterrand 2021-10

Burundi. Intermediary report of truth commission on 1972 killings, criticized as not using archives of local administrations 2021-01; truth commission report on 1972 massacres targeting Hutus use archives lists including lists created by schoolchildren 2021-03; UN Commission of Inquiry 5th report, many human rights violations, conducted 1,770 interviews in 5 years, only independent international mechanism to document violations in country 2021-09

Cameroon. Military attacked village of Elam, committed rights violations 2021-02; 8 soldiers detained after video showed them torturing victim 2021-02; *Bellingcat* verified videos of 11 attacks on schools and children in Anglophone regions since 2018 2021-07

Canada. Privacy commissioner announced facial recognition app Clearview AI is illegal mass surveillance, told company to cease operations in country 2021-02; National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation project to hyperlink information on Residential Schools 2021-03; President apologized for internment of Canadians of Italian descent during WWII 2021-05 comm.; remains of 215 children found at former Kamloops Indian Residential School, archives to be searched to help identify 2021-05; more unmarked graves at former Residential Schools 2021-06; homicides at highest number since 1991 2021-11; Federal government to release to National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation reports on the history of 8 Indigenous residential schools in British Columbia and Alberta and review other records to determine whether “legal principles of privilege applied too broadly” 2021-12

Central African Republic. Amnesty International said testimony and a-v material show many civilians killed in center of country 2021-03; after UN report, government established Special Commission of Inquiry on serious crimes committed by “national security forces and their allies” December 2020-April 2021 2021-05; truth commissioners sworn in 2021-07; MINUSCA report human rights violations July 2020-June 2021 2021-08; National Commission of Enquiry report said most violations of human rights by rebel fighters 2021-10; cycles of violence against children 2021-11

Chile. Valparaiso court rejected police lawsuit against feminist group Las Tesis for performing protest song outside police station 2021-01; police officer who shot Camilo Catrillanca sentenced to prison, only 31 of 2,520 legal complaints against armed forces investigated since October 2019 2021-01; court asked to protect 17-year-old Mapuche girl, audio tape of threats against her by police officer 2021-01; NGO said 73% of cases of femicide 2010-2019 not “punished” 2021-03; convictions upheld of military officers for killing Mapuche man Camilo Catrillanca 2021-05; friendly settlement of case of 2002 forced sterilization in public hospital 2021-08; 19 agents of DINA (secret police) sentenced for kidnapping and killing Carlos and Aldo Perez during Pinochet dictatorship 2021-10; forced adoptions wide-spread during Pinochet rule, document forged, Sweden investigating adoptions from Chile 2021-12

China. Police database obtained by *The Intercept* show police surveillance of citizens in Xinjiang, principally Urumqi 2021-01; Fair Labor Association statement prohibiting sourcing from factories in Xinjiang because of “high risk of forced labor” and evidence of human rights abuses 2021-01; companies providing polysilicon used for solar panels probably using forced labor 2021-01 supp.; NGO review said China has State responsibility for “genocide against the Uyghurs” 2021-03; government instructed officials to force Uyghurs to praise Party on video, man who leaked information arrested 2021-05; new law strict controls on private sector handling information about individuals 2021-08; video showed more than 18 detention facilities in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, followed map created by satellite data analysis 2021-11

China/Hong Kong. Chinese University moving archives from Centre for China Studies to main library, digitizing, concern will be less accessible 2021-01 supp.; police raided offices of Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, group decided to disband 2021-09; Strand News raided, materials, computers, cellphones seized, closed 2021-12

Colombia. Eight FARC rebel group ex-commanders accused of war crimes by Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP) 2021-01; new protocol for police conduct while controlling protests 2021-01 supp.; HRW report on killings of human rights defenders by armed groups, government said will create a unified register of social leader violence 2021-02; SJP said at least 6,402 people killed in “false positives” extrajudicial executions 2002-2008 2021-02; NGO Temblores documented 86 people killed by police 2020, police assault and cases of sexual violence 2021-02; International Committee of the Red Cross said since 2016 an average of one person goes missing every three days 2021-03; SJP said 14-21 April a former FARC fighter killed roughly every 24 hours, Comunes NGO said 271 former fighters killed since 2016 peace deal 2021-04; headquarters Medellin Human Rights Ombudsman vandalized, targeted cases human rights violations Antioquia 2021-05; UN Verification Mission to verify implementations sentences issued by SJP to persons who acknowledge crimes committed 2021-05; 8 former FARC commanders statement accepting SJP accusations 2021-05; UN Committee on Enforced Disappearance said 94,000 missing people, data unreliable, over 24,000 buried unidentified, human rights organization said 548 people missing between 28 April and 11 May 2021 2021-05; videos documenting protests, police indicted, power of “viral images” 2021-05; former President Santos apologized before truth commission for “false positives” scandal 2021-06; HRW said Colombia’s National Police abused demonstrators in protests that began April 2021, Attorney General’s office said 84 people missing, human rights groups said documented 700 missing 2021-06; SJP accused 11 people of “false positives” forcible disappearances and murders 2021-07; Amnesty International documented human rights violations during mass demonstrations in Cali since 28 April 2021-07; SJP said at least 18,667 boys and girls recruited by FARC during 20-year conflict, data from victims group, state databases and testimonies 2021-08; ombudsman report 78 human rights and community activists killed during first half of 2021, 182 killed in 2020 2021-08; family of protester who died after police beating obtained surveillance camera video and images from cellphone, records and witness testimony seen by *VICE*, no progress in investigation 2021-08; deforestation accelerated since FARC demobilization in 2016, UN data 2/3 alluvial gold mining illegal 2021-09; Inter-American Court of Human Rights said government violated rights of journalist Jineth Bedoya Lima, must create state center for memory of women and create documentation system for cases of violence against journalists 2021-10; ICC signed agreement ending 17-year investigation of government’s alleged war crimes 2021-10; eye trauma caused by violent actions of security forces during protests 2021-11; SJP announced 21 soldiers and 1 civilian admitted guilt in 2,247 “false positives” cases 2021-12; “scathing” report on police response to 9-10 September 2020 protests 2021-12; UN Human Rights Office in Colombia said has verified 46 deaths during protests that began 28 April 2021, police officers responsible for “at least” 28, verified 60 cases of sexual violence by police “so far” 2021-12; *Bellingcat* report on Lucas Villa killing during 5 May protest in Pereira, created timeline and 3D model of event 2021-12; Indepaz said as of 24 December 168 social leaders killed during 2021, 1,283 killed since 2016 peace agreement signed 2021-12

Croatia. Law granting benefits to certain civilian victims of 1991-95 war, can claim even if no death certificate issued 2021-07; Council of Europe said migrants ill-treated by Croatian police, police obstructed access to needed documentation 2021-12

Cuba. HRW documented abuses in prisons after anti-government protests July 2021 2021-10

Democratic Republic of Congo. UN Group of Experts said violations of economic, human rights, humanitarian law, documentation lacking 2021-06; 4 people, including 2 journalists, arrested for possessing video of 2017 killing of 2 UN experts 2021-09; military court in Kasai province in 4 days convicted and sentenced man to death for 2017 war crimes in Mayi Munene village 2021-11

Ecuador. Study said 1,095 children orphaned as a result of 840 femicides 2014-2020 2021-06; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights condemned violence in penitentiaries 2021-08; constitutional court said mining permits in protected forest illegal, upheld “rights of nature” 2021-12

Egypt. Man filmed hospital running out of oxygen, four deaths, government now requires hospital visitors to leave phones at door 2021-01; two women jailed for online postings, court overturned

convictions but still in jail, one accused of human trafficking and the other until large fine paid 2021-01 supp.; HRW said army destroying buildings and farmland in Sinai 2021-03; armed forces video showed extrajudicial killing, Amnesty International urged U.S. and EU to stop sales of arms or military equipment 2021-08; online platform Qawem to fight sextortion, 250,000 appeals for help in one year, requires perpetrators to make video apologizing and promising to erase images 2021-08; Interior Ministry said 755 people died in alleged shootout with security between January 2015 and December 2020, 141 identified, HRW said “copy-paste language” on shooting, alleged extrajudicial executions 2021-09

El Salvador. Archbishop first denied, then agreed judge can use Tutela Legal files to investigate El Mozote massacre 2021-01; police and attorney general data for 2012 “truce” with 3 gangs, after truce disappearances increased 2021-04; expert witness El Mozote trial introduced military document showing operation ordered by high-level officials 2021-05; Supreme Court ordered attorney general to launch investigation of forced disappearance of 3 people during 1980-1992 civil war 2021-06; El Salvador terminated agreement with OAS to support International Commission against Impunity in El Salvador (CICIES) 2021-06; attorney general said on average more than 3 persons disappeared each day first 4 months 2021 2021-06; struggle for land rights, real estate developers refusing to record titles with National Center of Registry 2021-06; government took computer hard drives and logbooks out of prison before prosecutors arrived September 2020, said logbooks in Bureau of Prisons archives 2021-08; new law requires senior judges to retire, forces out judge hearing El Mozote case 2021-08; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights report recommended government guarantee access to archives containing relevant information on the 1979-92 armed conflict 2021-11; prosecutors raided offices of 7 charities and groups, computers seized 2021-11

Eritrea. A third of refugees UNHCR gave food rations in Hitsats and Shimelba refugee camps in October 2020 are now unaccounted for 2021-09

Ethiopia. Ghent University created Tigray conflict maps 2021-03; *Bellingcat* and others identified location shown 5 videos of soldiers executing 25-30 people in Tigray by either Ethiopian military or allies 2021-04; satellite images show plowing delayed, food crisis in Tigray 2021-05; photographs of emaciated children in Tigray hospital 2021-06; Commission of Inquiry on Tigray of African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights began work 17 June 2021-06; Amnesty International report on rape and sexual violent in Tigray conflict, used hospital records and health facilities records 2021-08; HRW reviewed court and police documents, said ethnic Tigrayans disappeared in the capital Addis Ababa 2021-08; field data and satellite imagery showed only 20-50% Tigray farmland will produce, well below need of local population 2021-09; UN and Ethiopian Human Rights Commission report on human rights violations in Tigray region 3 November 2020 to 28 June 2021 2021-11; Tigrayan man in Stockholm has list of 3,080 Tigrayan victims of the current conflict 2021-11; HRW report on war crimes by all parties in Tigray region, UN HRC established commission to investigate violations in Ethiopia since 3 November 2020 2021-12

Finland. Members appointed to Truth and Reconciliation Commission on historical injustices against Sami people 2021-11

France. Commission on sexual abuse in Catholic Church issued preliminary report, has more than 6,500 testimonies 2021-03; Council of State revoked instruction that blocked access to public archives more than 50 years old 2021-07; 6 NGOs filed complaint with Council of State on racial profiling by police 2021-07; commission on sexual abuse in Catholic Church report, said some 330,000 people alive who had been victims 2021-10; records of nuclear tests closed, cannot see archives related to health consequences 2021-11; digitized copies of 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen and the Declaration of the Rights of Woman and of the Female Citizen “fixed” on DNA and deposited in Archives Nationales, first archival use of DNA for permanent storage 2021-11

Gambia. Truth commission said prison detention records show 571 “detentions registered” 1994-2017, 295 illegal and “no adequate information on rest,” missing records for 2004 2021-01; intelligence officer kept private list of 59 migrants killed in 2005; final report of truth commission given to President but not

made public 2021-11; truth commission report public, 1,009 people classified as victims from 1,500 statement received, recommended establish special international court outside Gambia to try former President Jammeh and others 2021-12

Georgia. State Security Service files leaked, show eavesdropped on senior clergy men, diplomats, journalists, opposition, government said fabricated, opposition confirmed conversations 2021-09

Germany. Police data hate crimes increased 35% 2020, murders not included in data 2021-05

Guatemala. Malnutrition in children under five rose 80% in 2020 over 2019, in eastern highlands 4-fold jump in food shortages 2021-01; 1004 human rights defenders assaulted January to 15 December 2020, 15 murdered, 22 survived murder attempt 2021-01; Constitutional Court upheld protective order covering the Historical Archives of the National Police (AHPN) 2021-02; office of indigenous Peoples' Law Firm broken into, all computers and security camera recordings stolen, legal files damaged, office sign destroyed 2021-04; constitutional court upheld law on NGOs requiring registration, government audits, allow forced dissolution 2021-05; 12 people arrested for crimes documented in Military Diary (Diario Militar) 2021-05; court ordered 6 ex-military officers to stand trial for disappearances and deaths of 183 people recorded in Military Diary 2021-06; two ex-generals to stand trial on 1978-1982 genocide of Mayas in Quiche 2021-08

Guinea. Fire in government building destroyed all civil status archives (including birth certificates) from 1898 to present 2021-02

Guyana. National Assembly adopted 2016 report on 1980 killing of activist Walter Rodney, family wants death certificate changed to read 'assassination' 2021-11

Haiti. UN report on human rights violations and abuses during 2018-2019 protests, 66% by non-state actors 2021-01; wave of kidnappings and gang violence 2021-04; government asked UN help set up international commission of investigation on killing of President Moise and create special tribunal to try culprits 2021-08; judge and two court clerks allege pressured to falsify records relating to Moise killing 2021-08; kidnappings rising, policemen said to be active with gangs 2021-10; theft of safe in clerks' vault at Court of First Instance, included documents on current cases including death of Moise, said files frequently disappear 2021-11; Moise had list of persons involved in drug trade, focus of search by killers 2021-12

Honduras. Roberto David Castilla of dam company Desarrollos Energeticos found guilty of collaborating in ordering 2016 murder of environmental defender Berta Caceres 2021-07; conflict over land in Aguan Valley, land title not verified 2021-12

India. National database of all terrorists, Jammu and Kashmir more than 1000 names 2021-01; Lucknow to set up 5 AI-based cameras to monitor "expressions of a woman in distress" 2021-01; photographer documenting farmer protests to create a record 2021-02; 16 men charged with plotting to overthrow government, incriminating documents on laptop, law firm said attacker used malware to place documents 2021-02; use of Aadhaar to get COVID-19 vaccine is excluding people without the app, facial recognition function in Aadhaar "riddled with inaccuracies" 2021-04; girls married before 18 years old not surveyed for domestic violence because conflict of laws (child protection law requires reporting violence to police but survey requires confidentiality) 2021-04; concern over planned destruction National Archives annexes 2021-05; pilot project to give farmers digital identification based on digital Aadhaar, problem of people excluded from Aadhaar 2021-06; National Archives annex will not be razed until new structure completed and materials moved 2021-07; researchers said cutoffs of internet and cellular services undercut the nation's "obligation to record history as it is" 2021-07; 3 Indian states denying passports and government jobs based on social media posts and participation in protests 2021-08; outlawed Liberation Front of Assam-Independent said native Assamese speakers denied permanent resident certificates, fear expatriation 2021-08; poor and Muslim Assam residents being evicted although Indian nationals, fires burned individual's land documents 2021-10; Supreme Court ordered ration and voter cards issued to sex workers on official list and registered in Aadhar system, advocates say half not on official list 2021-12

Indonesia. Transgender women difficulties in getting ID 2021-05

Iran. UN SR called for independent inquiry of allegations of state-ordered executions of political prisoners in 1988 and role of President-elect Ebrahim Raisi in them, said his office has testimonies and evidence 2021-06; residents of Sistan and Baluchestan province without government identity documents denied COVID-19 vaccination 2021-08; hackers published footage from Tehran's Evian Prison security cameras showing maltreatment of prisoners 2021-08; government statistics show 10.5% increase in marriage of girls 10 to 16 years old in 2020 compared 2019, families not seeking to marry off girls under 13 2021-08

Ireland. Report of Commission on Mother and Baby Home released, showed infant mortality in homes 15%, adoptions without full consent of mothers 2021-01; parliamentarian urged that the terms of Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Home be extended, controversy over destruction of audio recordings of 550 witnesses 2021-02; examination of sample of adoption records showed suspicious registration on nearly 18%, call for consolidation of all adoption records 2021-03

Israel. Author said Israeli soldier shooting unarmed Palestinian has roots from period of military rule as shown in recently declassified documents 2021-01; Rifting report released on pre-State extrajudicial killings 2021-02; Clinton Bailey audio recordings of Bedouin oral culture being transcribed and digitized at national library 2021-02; Shin Bet denying access to records of Rudolf Kastzner 1957 assassination 2021-03; allegation government acting to "delegitimize" human rights NGOs in Israel; parts of David Ben-Gurion's diary released, lists of targets surveilled by intelligence agencies 1949 2021-05; Israel's military planning to curb night raids that documented the dimensions and inhabitants of houses in the occupied Palestinian territories ("intelligence mapping") 2021-06; archives show Israel built 2 detention camps in Sinai in 1971 where Palestinians were sent for a year 2021-07; Akevot Institute got lists of records remaining closed from 1948 war, most relate to policy regarding Palestinians 2021-10; government approved "registration as West Bank residents for some 4,000 Palestinians 2021-10; cabinet mines November-December 1948 released, show leaders knew of bloody "conquest of the Arab villages" 2021-12

Italy. Bologna court said food delivery company Deliveroo discriminated in delivery assignments against workers who had participated in a strike 2021-01; ECHR said language and arguments used by Florence Court of Appeal violated woman's privacy and "revictimized" her 2021-05 comm.; spyware Pegasus from NSO company found on phones 6 Palestinian human rights activists 2021-11; Israeli army using Blue Wolf technology to match phone images to data on whether a person "should be arrested or allowed to pass" 2021-11; no Shin Bet interrogator has been indicted after 1,300 torture complaints in past 2 decades 2021-11

Japan. District court ruled that not allowing same-sex couples to marry is unconstitutional, previously had "partnership certificates" 2021-03; industry ministry survey found 21% firms have done nothing to safeguard human rights, overall corporate efforts "remain insufficient" 2021-12

Kenya. Survey showed a fifth of Kenyan companies shared customers' financial and personal information with the client's consent 2021-07

Kosovo. Pristina court acquitted 12 persons charged with adding people to the list of war veterans to allow them to claim benefits, question why audio recording of commission of verification not played in court 2021-01; election panel barred Emin Neziraj from running as candidate for ethnic Bosniak party, said he was Albanian, civil registry database and civil status documents do not record ethnicity 2021-01; EU Rule of Law mission help police develop database to investigate war crimes, police have "all" EULEX files on crimes 2021-09

Lebanon. HRW evidence implicating government officials in the August 2020 explosion at Beirut's port 2021-08; Shia militant group Hezbollah giving out ration cards for families in "Hezbollah bastions" 2021-08; study of nearly 200,000 tweets showed disinformation operation before and after Lokman Slim killing 2021-10

Libya. Amnesty International said military courts convicted hundreds of civilians in eastern Libya in secret unfair military trials, not granted access to case files or evidence 2021-04; ICC Prosecutor said mass graves at Tarhuna, torture and arbitrary detention by Libya National Army and “associated forces” 2021-05; government failed to keep records but knew of crimes at Tarhuna 2021-05; UN Independent Fact-Finding Mission said all parties to the conflicts violated international humanitarian law 2021-10

Mali. Two Malian women’s rights NGOs filed case at ECOWAS court because Mali has not adopted law criminalizing female genital mutilation 2021-04; UN Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) instructed to document human rights abuses 2021-06; Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission registered 20,541 depositions, half by women 2021-06

Malaysia. Court ruled news site is legally responsible for reader comments insulting to the judiciary, fined 2021-02; government planning biometric National Digital Identification (NDI) system 2021-09

Malta. Politician said “deficient documentation” allowed former prime minister “to get away with murder” 2021-01; report on 2017 assassination of investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, linked to Panama Papers disclosures 2021-08

Mauritania. Slavery persists, government not allowing census of slaves, slaves unable register as citizens, gain access to rights 2021-08

Mexico. Witness testimony said Army soldiers had “held and interrogated” some of the 43 Iguala students who disappeared 2014 2021-01; 189 people victims of human rights violations 2012-2020 by Navy Secretariat 2021-01; mapping 14 extractive and infrastructure projects that impacted at least 105 communities, right to control territory and right to healthy environment violated in 64.3%, violation of cultural and sacred sites 85.7% of projects 2021-01; President plans to eliminate National Institute of Access to Public Information and Personal Data (INAI) 2021-01 supp.; release of 4,000 page dossier on 2011 killings of 300 people in town of Allende 2021-03; video showed police officer kneeling on back of a woman killing her 2021-03; mine waste spills in 2018 and 2020 in Oaxaca, case files show knew toxic but failed to release findings 2021-03; government said 85,006 persons disappeared 2021-04; new law requires cellphone companies to gather customers’ identification and biometric data and make available to government 2021-04; President apologized to Mayan people and for 1911 massacre of Chinese in city of Torreon 2021-05 comm.; court said compliance with an Urgent Action from the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearance is mandatory 2021-06; NGO Centro Prodh said documented 30 cases in which public security agents used sexual torture to arrest women and coerce them into participating in criminal investigations 2021-06; NGO Washington Office on Latin America said National Registry of the disappeared inadequate, lists over 23,000 disappeared 2018-2020 2021-08; NGO said more than 52,000 unidentified cadavers, state ID ca. 20%, inadequate underused databases 2021-08; Supreme Court said penalizing abortion unconstitutional 2021-09; President established a truth commission for the “dirty war” period, said will have access to all records with the General Archives of the Nation, designated Benemerita Autonomous University of Puebla to hold at the “most important information” about the “dirty war” 2021-10; ministry of Interior published statistics on offenses against human rights defenders and journalists 2021-10

Montenegro. New head National Security Agency accused some officers destroying confidential documents on illegal wiretapping and surveillance 2021-01; Special Prosecutor opened an investigation into claims that former government destroyed files relating to illegal wiretapping and surveillance 2021-02

Mozambique. Amnesty International used interviews, a-v to show residents killed and displaced from Cabo Delgado, fighting between al-Shabaab, government, Dyck Advisory Group mercenaries 2021-03; 51 confirmed cases of child abductions 2020, ICRC said registered more than 2,600 appeals September 2020 – April 2021 of missing persons 2021-06

Myanmar. Global network of businesses support crimes of major military conglomerate Viettel 2021-01; UN special envoy said since February 1 military coup crimes against humanity, cited video evidence

2021-03; Amnesty International said videos show extrajudicial executions 2021-03; Assistance Association for Political Prisoners said 18 April security forces killed 737 people since 1 February coup and arrested 3,229 2021-04; 109 documented incidents of violence against health care 11 February-12 April 2021, some records erased, military said private clinics and hospital must notify military of treatment of injured civilians 2021-05; UN SR said human rights conditions worse, gave statistics 2021-09; Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar said has over 1.3 million “information items” held in secure electronic information management system 2021-09; *AP* report on torture in detention system 2021-10; Myanmar Accountability Project filed ICC complaint, asked criminal investigation into Myanmar military leader Senior General Min Aung Hliang for use of torture, Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar has 219,000 “information items” related to post-coup (February 2021) period 2021-12

Nepal. Terms of commissioners of Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons extended for 6 months 2021-02; Truth and Reconciliation Commission formed February 2015, 63,718 complaints received, conducting 4,000 preliminary investigations, completed 29, priority to “complaints that do not need prosecution” 2021-12

Netherlands. Mural of Surinamese and Black Heroes vandalized, previously staff members of The Black Archives victims of attack and intimidation 2021-01 comm.; Utrecht said people whose names are related to slavery or colonial history can change them without charge 2021-09

New Zealand. Waitangi Tribunal ruled government not sufficiently protecting Maori tribal knowledge and data sovereignty in e-commerce negotiations 2021-11

Nicaragua. Chamorro Foundation and PEN-Nicaragua closed rather than comply with reporting requirements 2021-02; police raided homes of politicians, seized cell phones and laptops, made arrests, IACHR said serious human rights violations since social protests started in April 2021-04; police raided offices of 3 independent news outlets, investigating candidate for President Cristiana Chamorro 2021-05; HRW reported harassment and detention opponents, journalists, human rights NGOs reported 124 people perceived as critics arbitrarily detained as of June 2021 2021-06; Amnesty International report on enforced disappearance, families of 10 disappeared submitted 40 applications without success 2021-08; HRW said government arbitrarily detaining “dozens” without substantive information in charging documents 2021-09

Niger. HRW sent letter to government, said 178 people allegedly unlawfully killed or forcibly disappeared by military October 2019-May 2020 2021-05

Nigeria. NGOs said public records of mining company payments to governments are useful but undermined by poor implementation of development plans 2021-03; government ordered citizens to link mobile phone numbers to their electronic identity number as of 31 October, privacy concerns 2021-08; security force violence in southeast, video and audio recordings 2021-08; judicial inquiry into October 2020 killings at Lekki toll gate said CCTV footage of killings “manipulated” 2021-11; ICC prosecutor asking authorization to open an investigation into abductions of students and closures of schools 2021-11; IS video showed 12-year-old member ISWAP executing 2 Nigerian soldiers 2021-11

North Macedonia. Court found former head of secret police and 10 others guilty in case of illegal wiretaps on thousands of phones 2021-02

North Korea. Report on 23 public executions since December 2011 when Kim Jung Un era began, impossible to independently verify escape accounts because government “strict control of access to its people and records” 2021-12

Pakistan. 506 terrorism-related fatalities in 2020, of which Balochistan had 215, judge said police officials do not know how to investigate cases 2021-01; court ordered 13-year-old girl reunited with family, said marriage not registered 2021-02; South Asia Terrorism Portal said at least 66 journalists killed and another 27 injured 6 March 2020 – 6 June 2021, violence against Baloch journalists 2021-06; Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militant group warned against getting polio vaccine, health workers

and police killed since 2012 in polio campaigns 2021-08; Human Rights Council Balochistan said 339 people disappeared and 298 people extrajudicially killed since 1 January 2021-11

Palestinian Authority. Privacy and digital personal data protection risks from international telecommunications companies and Israeli surveillance, call for privacy and data protection law 2021-08

Panama. Dozens of minors sexually abused and mistreated in state-owned shelters for last four years, email tips after media coverage 2021-02

Paraguay. Health Ministry public database of persons who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 2021-06; UN Human Rights Committee “landmark ruling” said government failed to prevent the toxic contamination of Indigenous people’s traditional lands by commercial farming, said home should be understood broadly 2021-10

Peru. UN report on mass protests 9-15 November 2020, said police used unnecessary and excessive forces, recommended register of detained individuals updated and available to families and lawyers 2021-01; law passed to compensate victims of forced sterilization during Fujimori rule 2021-02; police officer in hiding confessed to murdering two young women in 2020, said part of police sex-trafficking ring, data on disappeared and femicides 2021-03; Amnesty International report health emergency in Indigenous peoples of Espinar, metals and toxics in bodies, water unsafe for consumption 2021-05

Philippines. ICC prosecutor asked court for authority to investigate war on drugs and extra-judicial murders, said has been collecting evidence 2021-06; persistent killings of human rights defenders documented by HRD Memorial network 2021-08; ICC authorized investigation of war on drugs, including summary executions in city of Davao when President Duterte mayor there 2021-09

Poland. European local government body said Poland’s anti-gay and “LGBT-free zones” give rise to violence and discrimination 2021-02; appeals court overturned ruling against historian for defamation in book on Holocaust 2021-08

Portugal. Council of Europe said government should make more efforts to “come to terms with past human rights violations” from colonial past and slave trade 2021-03

Qatar. Migrant worker death certificates not adequate 2021-08; further evidence of migrant workers’ “untimely and unexplained” deaths 2021-12

Romania. High Court ruled using someone else’s identify to create fake social media account “digital fraud,” man opened Facebook account to publish naked images of ex-girlfriend 2021-01

Russia. *Bellingcat* investigation said FSB (security service)squad that attempted to poison Alexei Navalny involved in suspicious deaths of three public figures 2014-2019 2021-01; police used facial recognition technology to make arrests in protests after Navalny arrested 2021-01; *Bellingcat* report linked FSB to attempted poisoning Vladimir Kara-Murza 2021-02; defense minister issued order that archives from WWII must be reviewed by expert commissions before release, to finish by end 2024 2021-03; International Federation for Human Rights published “Russia: Crimes against History” 2021-06; *Bellingcat* report on April 2019 FSB links to poisoning Dmitry Bykov 2021-06; software of Russia’s 4 biggest facial analytics firms can use artificial intelligence to classify faces based on perceived ethnicity or race 2021-07; ECHR said Russia failed to thoroughly investigate murder of Natalya Estemirova, pointed to contradictions in evidence files 2021-09; official statistics of Covid-19 deaths unreliable 2021-10; case brought against International Memorial 2021-11; liquidation of Memorial ordered 2021-11 comm.

Rwanda. Paul Rusesabagina convicted of membership in terrorist group, lawyer said legal papers confiscated by prison authorities 2021-09

Saudi Arabia. HRW obtained text messages of prison guards describing torture and ill-treatment 2021-07

Serbia. Addresses of ethnic Albanians made inactive 2021-01; Presevo mayor said Serbian authorities deleted address of Albanians, “ethnic cleansing” by “deactivation of addresses” 2021-05; two NGOs

report on severe human rights violations in institutions housing persons, including children, with disabilities 2021-07; slander against Euroclio history teachers association after teacher training seminar used archival material from UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals 2021-09; Covid-19 death statistics unreliable 2021-10

Singapore. Police have access to data collected by COVID-19 contact tracing system 2021-01

South Africa. Draft policy to photo and fingerprint every newborn 2021-01; national prosecutor said will revive cases of apartheid-era atrocities that were not followed up after the report of the truth commission 2021-07; claims commission in 2004 ruled the Makua people rightful owners of land, has not been handed over 2021-10

South Korea. Sale of land once owned by persons now in North Korea, promised for settlers but now must pay because original promise not recorded 2021-01

South Sudan. Cabinet agreed to establish hybrid war crimes court with African Union 2021-01; Amnesty International report on surveillance and tapped telephones 2021-02; UN reported armed violence and violations of human rights law by militias in Jonglei state and Greater Pibor Administrative Area January-August 2020 2021-03; black market on COVID-19 tests that were supposed to be free, corruption in health system 2021-04; Amnesty International report killings, displacement, structures destroyed Western Equatoria June to October 2021 2021-12

Spain. Archives association AEFPP proposed amendment to draft Democratic Memory act on access 2021-01; AEFPP statement on archivists and records managers as whistleblowers 2021-01; UN Human Rights Committee said trials of judge Baltasar Garzon in two major cases were “arbitrary” and Garzon’s decisions plausible 2021-08; will count in official statistics all slayings of women or minors by men 2021-11

Sri Lanka. OHCHR report warning that UNHRC and Member States of UN should create facility to collect and preserve evidence of violations for “future accountability processes” 2021-01; UNHRC said strengthen capacity of OHCHR to collect and preserve evidence of human rights abuses 2021-03; newborns to be registered individually, family record books discontinued 2021-05; UN SR said marked deterioration human rights situation, commission of inquiry interfered in criminal trials, withheld evidence, has not set up land commission to map seized properties for restitution 2021-09

Sudan. UN Human Rights Council to appoint expert to monitor and report on abuses since military takeover late October 2021-11

Syria. Association of Detainees and the Missing in Sednaya Prison report on bribes families pay for information on the missing 2021-01; SJAP published government documents on war damage to educational facilities 2021-01; SJAP annual report of universal jurisdiction cases in 8 countries 2021-03; director Caesar Families Association said no credibility in 1,700 death certificates issued in 2018, all said cardiac arrest 2021-05; NGO The Day After papers on housing, property and land rights in Syria, noted lands records hardcopy decentralized, captured by military forces 2021-06; survey on whether documentation can help people come to a shared understanding of conflict 2021-06; honor killings in northeast, video evidence including one video posted on Facebook 2021-08; SNHR report on enforced disappearance said some disappeared registered as dead by Civil Registry Departments but families not given bodies, not told cause of death or burial location 2021-08; Independent International Commission of Inquiry said parties to conflict continue to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity, estimated 40,000 children held in refugee camps in northeast 2021-09; Amnesty International report Syrian refugees returning subjected to detention, disappearance, torture 2021-09; SJAC published how documentation may help people understand “shared trauma” 2021-10; film “bringing Assad to Justice” opened, shows critical role of citizen journalists in documenting crimes of the conflict 2021-10; SJAC report on “perpetrators’ documentation as sources for casualty recording” 2021-11; SNHR reports on violations against children and females 2021-11; SNHR said 1,271 civilians killed in 2021 2021-12

Taiwan. Transitional Justice Commission said Chiang Kai-shek intervened in military court cases, ordered more severe punishments, database has names of 21,257 persons identified as victims of state violence 2021-10

Thailand. Woman sentenced to 43 ½ years in prison for audio clips on social media insulting monarchy 2021-01

Turkey. Nearly 128,872 investigations 2014-2019 on “insults against” the President, 27,717 criminal cases prosecuted, 9,556 sentenced thus far 2021-01; constitutional court said interior ministry had no right to cancel passports, had cancelled nearly 250,000 since 2016 coup attempt 2021-07; nearly half million websites banned since 2006, 764 state institutions have banned access to webpages 2021-08; algorithm used to profile and dismiss military officers 2021-11

Turkmenistan. Illegal adoptions 2021-07

Uganda. Since 2015 government issued 25,000 Certificates of Customary Ownership not customary tenure 2021-06; after 6 years national ID system covers 1/3 of population 2021-06; will install GPS tracking devices in all public and private vehicles, motorcycles, water vessels 2021-07; 23 civil society organizations “halted” for operating with expired NGO permits, NGOs contest 2021-08

Ukraine. OSCE received reports in 2019 more than 140 incidents against LGBT+ community 2021-08

United Arab Emirates. Children born of migrant workers not getting birth notification and certificates, hospitals say because bills unpaid or parents unable to provide marriage license or visa 2021-08; law decriminalizes premarital sex, unmarried mothers have difficulty in getting birth certificates though illegal not to have one 2021-12

United Kingdom. Hundreds of thousands of DNA and other data on criminal suspects erased from national police computer 2021-01; 2 NGOs said more than 75% women who kill men had been abused by them, justice system not recognizing them as victims 2021-02; National Grid Gas fined 4 million pounds for incomplete records on inspection and maintenance of safety in 769 buildings 2021-02; Department for Work and Pensions handbook says “surveillance of benefit claimants is permitted” 2021-03; national statistics show women make up 80% of sexual assault victims over age 16, think only 1 in 6 reports rape 2021-03; IOM said 10,613 potential victims of modern slavery referred to National Referral Mechanism 2021-03; prime minister apologized for army operation in Ballymurphy, Northern Ireland, in 1971 2021-05 comm.; rise in deaths in home care increased during pandemic, better data needed 2021-05; High Court ruled person under 16 years of age unlikely to be able to give informed consent on taking puberty blocker hormone 2021-06 comm.; government offices given authority to use self-destructing electronic messaging for some routine messages 2021-06; domestic abuse of partners by police officers rising 2021-06; prosecutions for adult rape fallen since 2015-2016, cases reported doubled 2021-06; majority of National Health Service general practice surgeries would not register patients without proof of ID or legal immigration status although policy says proof not necessary 2021-07; sexual assaults on gay and bi men 10 times rate of assaults on general male population, most not reported to police 2021-07

United States.

2021-01. Efforts to identify Capitol rioters, preserve digital materials of 6 January event, National Security Archive using FOIA to obtain government records relating to warnings of threat 2021-01; President signed Executive Order overturning ban on transgender persons serving in military 2021-01; Department of Justice Inspector General report on zero tolerance policy, said former Attorney General fully aware it would mean separating children of migrants from parents 2021-01; problems of data collection in the COVID-19 vaccination effort 2021-01

2021-02. Cherokee changed constitution to acknowledge descendants of former slaves as tribal members 2021-02; AP and an artificial intelligence company matched 183 million Parler posts to nearly 1,000 federal, state and local elected and appointed Republican officials, found a “faction” spreading disinformation 2021-02; Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers using a nongovernment database of utility records to pursue immigration violations 2021-02

2021-03. Freedmen of Seminoles first denied then given COVID-19 vaccinations by Indian Health Service, Service said did not get supply for Freedmen 2021-03; Anti-Defamation League said white supremacist propaganda incidents in 2020 highest ever and nearly double 2019 2021-03; judge ruled NARA appraisal of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service invalid, records schedule items “arbitrary and capricious” 2021-03; 4 UN SRs raised concern about further industrialization in Louisiana’s Cancer Alley 2021-03; producers of ethylene oxide failed to tell communities of harmful effects, Environmental Protection Agency statistics of emissions questioned 2021-03; Federal Bureau of Investigation records show rewards to agent and informant in case of Chicago police killing Black Panther Party member Fred Hampton 2021-03

2021-04. 3 UN SRs sent letter to U.S. government concern about Chamorro people of Guam, no answer 2021-04; exposure to police violence may play role in preterm births in California, more among Black women, death records and police violence compared 2021-04; Black, Asian, Hispanic people exposed to more “fine-particle” pollution than average, low tree cover in low-income communities, Americans of color more exposure to benzene air pollution linked to cancer 2021-04

2021-05. American Medical Association acknowledged racist past, archives research revealed 2021-05; 1921 Tulsa, Oklahoma, race riot, conflicting data on number killed, records being used to identify mass graves 2021-05; socioeconomic disparities in respiratory health widened 1959-2018 2021-05; hacker released data from District of Columbia police, including identities of confidential informants 2021-05

2021-06. U.S. military guns subsequently used in violent crimes, data unreliable 2021-06; 21% adolescents lived or attended school within 500 meters of a deadly gun violence incident in the previous year 2021-06; Department of Interior “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative” to identify sites where there may be student burials 2021-06; third gender option on U.S. passports 2021-06

2021-07. Attorney General prohibited federal prosecutors from seizing records of journalists in leak investigations, limited exceptions 2021-07; sepsis algorithm marketed by Epic, largest electronic health record company in U.S., only right 63% of time 2021-07; Spots shooter employee analysts modify alerts at request of police departments 2021-07

2021-08. Centers of Disease Control slow to share COVID-19 data 2021-08; U.S. House of Representatives committee asked agencies including National Archives for President Trump Administration documents on January 6 attack on Capitol 2021-08; Justice Department to review for possible release documents in lawsuit by 9/11 families against Saudi Arabia 2021-08; FBI documented rise hate crimes to highest level in 12 years 2021-08; police departments uploading clips of attempted suicides to Facebook 2021-08; leak in liquid carbon dioxide pipeline sickened people Sartoria, Mississippi 2021-08; Minnesota Tobacco Document Depository warehouse closing, records from tobacco lawsuits to be destroyed 2021-08

2021-09. Black farmers lost land, numbers reduced, land titling problems 2021-09; records of Customs and Border Protection show 2017-2019 detained more than 600,000 travelers, a third U.S. citizens, denied entry to 14 U.S. citizens, Brennan center said Department of Homeland Security largest collector of domestic intelligence 2021-09; 20th anniversary 9/11 attacks President Biden ordered declassification review of records of FBI’s investigation of attacks 2021-09; CNN reported some 9/11 news coverage lost when Adobe corporation ended support for the Flash multimedia content player 2021-09; lawyers for Eric King told U.S. District Court Colorado that prison staff attacked King and deleted footage, U.S. attorney said destruction in accord with video retention policy 2021-09; during Trump administration men suggested Veterans’ Administration sell access to patient data from VA hospitals 2021-09; Commerce Department closed Investigations and Threat Management Service, improper criminal investigations, cases not closed, case files not well-organized 2021-09; study said police killing in U.S. undercounted by more than half over the past 4 decades 2021-09

2021-10. Brady Lists of troublesome officers not consistently kept and used 2021-10; Federal judicial districts each create own procedure for sealing records 2021-10; Canadian company Enbridge paid U.S. police who arrested and surveilled demonstrators opposing construction of oil pipeline 2021-10; churches looking for records of their role in the Native American boarding schools 2021-10; Indian Health Service

doctor sexually abused boys on Native American reservations, Service coverup 2021-10; Covid-19 data is “a mess,” inadequate 2021-10

2021-11. Map of U.S. areas with high levels of cancer-causing air pollution, nearly all in South, mostly Black census tracts 2021-11; health and mortality statistics show non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Natives higher mortality and lowest life expectancy at birth than other populations 2021-11; 1999 recordings of National Rifle Association strategy on response to mass shootings 2021-11; police helicopter footage stored in “unsecured cloud infrastructure” 2021-11; jails and prisons in 7 states using artificial intelligence scanning to monitor inmates’ calls 2021-11; Chicago police body camera use positive effect on police accountability 2021-11; defense attorney for accused of September 11 attacks using FOIA to get documents denied in discovery 2021-11

2021-12. Living in a neighborhood with high police presence associated with increased risk of preterm birth 2021-12; historical redlining has enduring impact on cardiovascular risk among Black adults 2021-12; federal agencies avoiding formal legal process to obtain data on citizens by buying commercial databases 2021-12; whistleblower documents show EPA approval new products with cancer-causing solvent PCBTF, EPA said making effort to improve “procedures, recordkeeping and decision-making” 2021-12; police departments not contributing data to FBI’s National Use-of-Force Data Collection Program 2021-12; small group of experts and companies provide most testimony to absolve police officers of blame for deaths in custody 2021-12

United States/California. University of California Los Angeles archival project to research mass incarceration, using police records 2021-01; Uber will share its data on sexual assault and harassment claims with state public utilities commission 2021-07; Los Angeles police instructed to collect social media information from every civilian interviewed, form to use published 2021-09

United States/Georgia. Athens-Clarke County apologized for destroying Black community during 1960s urban renewal, records of urban renewal in university holdings, plans for reparations 2021-04

United States/Illinois. 3 years of data on Chicago police found Black, Hispanic and female officers made fewer stops and arrests than white male police 2021-02; Evanston city will make reparation to Black residents for harm by discriminatory housing policies 2021-03

United States/Iowa. Woman did not give informed consent for doctor to use his sperm to impregnate 2021-06 comm.

United States/Michigan. Former governor Rick Snyder and others charged with neglect of duty in Flint contaminated water crisis and outbreak Legionnaires’ disease 2021-01; cellphones of accused “wiped” of all messages leading up to the October 2015 announcement of Flint water crisis 2021-07

United States/New York. Federal appeals court said New York City must release police disciplinary records 2021-02; 1976 law bars police from using sealed arrest records but often do, class action suit asking department to comply with law 2021-07; New York City police bought range of surveillance tools without public oversight, records obtained through use of 2020 law requiring police to reveal information on surveillance tools used 2021-08

United States/Virginia. Governor issued posthumous pardons to 7 Black men accused of rape in 1949, not all could read confessions signed 2021-08

Uruguay. Intelligence agency files found, include information of repressive institutions involved in 1973 military coup 2021-05

Uzbekistan. 185 cases baby trafficking in past 4 years, gaps in registration of births 2021-01; religious bodies difficulties in getting permission to exist, new religion law passed but no public text 2021-07

Venezuela. Independent International Fact-Finding Mission said over 200 killings by police forces since start of year, failure to release death certificates, blocking investigations 2021-03; HRW said security forces attacking local people during campaign against armed groups at Colombian border, investigation commission set up on killings at El Ripial, prosecutors investigate events in Apure state 2021-04;

government required all NGOs to register with anti-terrorism office 2021-05 comm.; OHCHR report on situation human rights 1 June 2020 to 30 April 2021, data of extrajudicial killings must rely on NGO records, NGO difficulties in registering in mandatory public registries 2021-07; NGO documented threats by government against 140 human rights defenders in July, another NGO documented violations of right to health during 2020 2021-08; UN Fact-Finding Mission issued report, said “justice system has played a significant role in State’s repression of Government opponents,” said “discrepancies” in documents in cases, backdating arrest warrants, reviewed thousands of pages of legal case files 2021-09; ICC prosecutor announced investigation, Memorandum of Understanding with government to work “collaboratively” 2021-11

Yemen. UN Human Rights Council voted against renewal of mandate for Group of Eminent experts, first time rejected resolution to extend 2021-10; UNICEF said 4 of 5 children need humanitarian assistance 2021-10