

WHO REPORT REVEALS IMPACT OF AIDS  
IN OLDER PEOPLE

A recent report of the WHO has stressed the impact of AIDS in older people in Africa. The study concerns Zimbabwe and analyzes particularly the stigma of health workers and older persons that are abandoned and that must additionally care for orphan children..

Law suit against Japan brought by Chinese orphans

Chinese orphans abandoned when the Japanese army left China have initiated a law suit before a Japanese district court. Japanese troops abandoned Manchuria when the Soviet troops reached that area.

Tension between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan exchanged accusations this week, and hundreds of people were arrested. This happened after the alleged assassination attempt against the president of Turkmenistan, last month.

Declaration of the USA concerning Iraq

The USA has declared that Iraq would have incurred in a material breach of the recent Security Council resolution., in particular, requesting the declaration of the weapons of mass destruction. In some opinions, the use of force would be imminent and in other opinions, this would happen only in February.

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EDITORIAL

*Discriminatory practices in the US after  
September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

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News about administrative arrest of persons of Islamic or Arab origin in the US for weeks or months are frequent these days. In some degree, the situation has been compared to the internment of Japanese persons during WW2. These arrests are related to a program that establishes that all males over 16 from a list of 20 Arab or Middle East countries, who do not have permanent resident status in the United States, must register with U.S. immigration authorities

The fight against terrorism must reveal that those who consider themselves as the “good ones” do not adopt the practices of the “bad guys.” The respect and guarantee of the basic human rights is not suspended during emergency situations. Moreover, the US has assumed treaty-law obligations, in particular, the ICCPR and the CERD, that establish, among other rights and guarantees, the conditions under which a person can be detained and which are the remedies that should protect persons against arbitrary or illegal detention. A solution of this question is urgently expected.



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# INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

## South Africa and AIDS: a new legal conflict

An activist group of South Africa has initiated a law suit against the government as to claim the breach of the resolution of the Constitutional Court addressing the provision of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. In particular, the activists complain about the lack of provision of nevirapine to pregnant women in Mpumalanga.

## Action to set free Guantanamo detainees

The lawyers of some Australians, Kuwaitis and Britons detained at Guantanamo Bay after September 11<sup>th</sup> have presented a remedy against their indefinite detention, arguing a violation of the US Constitution. Previously, a district court judge had declared he had no jurisdiction in the case.

## Russia closes refugee camps in Ingushetia

Russia has closed a refugee camp of about 1,500 Chechen persons, though the UNHCR had opposed to. More refugee camps are announced to be closed.

The government asserts that the refugees are returning home voluntarily, though this version is rejected by human rights groups working in the area.

## HEALTH TESTS FOR IMMIGRANTS IN AUSTRIA

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The Austrian Ministry of Health has announced the plans of establishing a health exam for immigration from countries outside the European Union.

### *Azerbaijan: claim for more participation in election commissions*

*Opposition groups are claiming more participation in election commissions for the presidential elections of next year. This is a consequence of the referendum held this year, where the president has been accused of amending fundamental rules as to allow his son to be his successor.*

## REPORT OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON BOSNIA

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Kofi Annan has presented a new Report to the Security General, asserting that organized crime, corruption and political problems remain question to solve in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In particular, political and judicial reforms were highlighted as priorities, together with cooperation with the ICTY.

## Belarus asserted its readiness to negotiate with the OSCE

After announcing to close the OSCE office in Minsk in October this year, Belarus asserted its willingness to negotiate a solution to the standoff with the OSCE. The tension is related to the criticized re-election of Lukashenko.

## WEB ACTIVIST DETAINED IN CHINA

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Chinese authorities have detained a web activist who was spreading political opinions through Internet.

## **India: Decision in Terrorism Case**

The three persons prosecuted for bombing the Indian parliament have been condemned to death in New Delhi by a special Anti Terrorist Court.

## **The German Constitutional Court stops immigration law.**

The German Constitutional Court has blocked a law promoting immigration of skilled industrial immigrants in Germany, questioning the proceeding adopted for its adoption. The Court has not analyzed the content of the Bill, but the mechanism for adoption.

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