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For your information, attached are articles from the past week on the subject of genocide and crimes against humanity. Please note that the documents are provided in their original language of publication.

À titre de renseignement, veuillez trouver ci-joint des articles parus la semaine dernière touchant le génocide et les crimes contre l'humanité. Veuillez noter que les articles transmis sont dans la langue officielle dans laquelle ils ont été rédigés.

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A Poisonous Mix: Child Labor, Mercury, and Artisanal Gold Mining in Mali

PUBLICATION: Human Rights Watch

DATE: 2011.12.06

INFORMATION: <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2011/12/06/poisonous-mix>

This 108-page report reveals that children as young as six dig mining shafts, work underground, pull up heavy weights of ore, and carry, crush, and pan ore. Many children also work with mercury, a toxic substance, to separate the gold from the ore. Mercury attacks the central nervous system and is particularly harmful to children. [...]

“How Come You Allow Little Girls to Get Married?”

PUBLICATION: Human Rights Watch

DATE: 2011.12.07

INFORMATION: <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2011/12/07/how-come-you-allow-little-girls-get-married>

This 54-page report documents the lifelong damage to girls who are forced to marry young. Yemeni girls and women told Human Rights Watch about being forced into child marriages by their families, and then having no control over whether and when to bear children and other important aspects of their lives. They said that marrying early had cut short their education, and some said

they had been subjected to marital rape and domestic abuse. There is no legal minimum age for girls to marry in Yemen. Many girls are forced into marriage, and some are as young as 8. [...]

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Sudan / Soudan

ICC Requests Arrest Warrant for Sudanese Defense Minister

PUBLICATION: Voice of America

DATE: 2011.12.03

INFORMATION: <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/ICC-Requests-Arrest-Warrant-for-Sudanese-Defense-Minister-134959118.html>

The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor has requested an arrest warrant for Sudan's defense minister, who allegedly helped to plan atrocities in the Darfur region.

Abdelrahim Mohamed Hussein is accused of coordinating attacks against villages in Darfur between August 2003 and March 2004.

The prosecutor's office says the attacks followed a pattern in which the villages were surrounded, bombed by the Sudanese air force, and then attacked by troops and "Janjaweed" militia, who killed and raped villagers.

Sudan's foreign ministry dismissed the move as politically motivated. It says prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo timed the request to coincide with what it called victories by Sudanese government forces against rebels in the states of Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile. [...]

South Sudan Nhial Deng Nhial: We are on brink of war

PUBLICATION: BBC

DATE: 2011.12.09

INFORMATION: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-16115699>

South Sudan's foreign minister has warned his country is on the brink of war with Sudan following days of fierce fighting along the border.

Nhial Deng Nhial told the BBC Sudanese forces had invaded the town of Jau, which was in the south.

He urged the international community to intervene and said he hoped full-scale hostilities could still be avoided.

South Sudan seceded from the north in July following years of civil war in which some 1.5m people died.

The border between the north and south has not yet been officially designated.

Since July Khartoum and Juba have accused each other of supporting rebels in the border areas. [...]

Le Soudan se dote d'une nouvelle coalition gouvernementale

PUBLICATION: AFP

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INFORMATION: http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hQoO3VkGHwHQ_BxsZTqMrpPnrn3g?docId=CNG.33b9e82b3dcd5d096193a8ae0f636f30.21

Le parti au pouvoir au Soudan a approuvé une nouvelle coalition gouvernementale avec la participation notable de la formation historique de l'opposition, le Parti démocratique unioniste (PDU), tout en gardant les principaux portefeuilles.

Le principal conseiller présidentiel Nafie Ali Nafie a déclaré mercredi soir aux journalistes que les ministres de la Défense, de l'Intérieur, des Affaires étrangères et des Finances, tous fidèles au parti du Congrès national (NCP) du président Omar el-Béchir, resteraient à leurs postes.

Selon M. Nafie, outre le parti au pouvoir, 14 autres formations participent au gouvernement, le PDU ayant obtenu six portefeuilles.

Le PDU et l'autre principal parti de l'opposition nordiste Oumma étaient depuis des mois en pourparlers avec le NCP en vue de participer à un gouvernement élargi après la sécession du Sud en juillet. [...]

Darfour : mandat d'arrêt demandé par la CPI contre le ministre soudanais de la Défense

PUBLICATION: L'express

DATE: 2011.12.02

INFORMATION: http://www.lexpress.fr/actualites/1/monde/darfour-mandat-d-arret-demande-par-la-cpi-contre-le-ministre-soudanais-de-la-defense_1057415.html?actu=1

Le procureur de la Cour pénale internationale (CPI) a demandé vendredi un mandat d'arrêt contre le ministre soudanais de la Défense Abdelrahim

Mohammad Hussein pour des crimes contre la population civile du Darfour qui continue, selon lui, d'être la cible d'attaques.

"Abdelrahim Mohammad Hussein était impliqué dans les crimes commis et c'est pourquoi nous avons demandé aux juges de l'ajouter parmi les responsables des crimes", a déclaré Luis Moreno-Ocampo dans un entretien téléphonique avec l'AFP.

Ministre de l'Intérieur du gouvernement du Soudan de 2001 à 2005 et représentant spécial du président Omar el-Béchar au Darfour de 2003 à 2004, M. Hussein a supervisé *"une politique d'Etat"* pour s'assurer de la *"coordination des attaques contre les civils"*, a soutenu le procureur dans un communiqué. [...]

Democratic Republic of Congo / République démocratique du Congo

Présidentielle en RDC: "l'avion de la Céni va bientôt atterrir"

PUBLICATION: L'express

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INFORMATION: http://www.lexpress.fr/actualites/1/actualite/presidentielle-en-rdc-l-avion-de-la-ceni-va-bientot-atterrir_1059700.html?actu=1

La Radio télévision nationale congolaise (RTNC) a annoncé vendredi peu avant 13H00 que l'"avion" de la Commission électorale (Céni) en RD Congo allait "bientôt atterrir", au début d'une émission en direct pour l'annonce des résultats provisoires de la présidentielle.

Installé dans la salle de presse de la Céni à Kinshasa, le commentateur de la RTNC a comparé le président de la Céni, le pasteur méthodiste Daniel Ngoy Mulunda, au *"commandant de bord d'un gros avion, un Jumbo 747"* qui *"va bientôt atterrir sur l'aéroport international de la Céni"*.

"Le pilote a déjà pris contact avec la tour de contrôle", affirme gravement le commentateur peu avant 13H00 (12H00 GMT). [...]

D.R. Congo in chaos as contested election tears country apart

PUBLICATION: National Post

DATE: 2011.12.06

INFORMATION: <http://news.nationalpost.com/2011/12/06/d-r-congo-in-chaos-as-contested-election-tears-country-apart/>

Electoral officials in Congo struggled to finish counting votes from last week's presidential election, sending helicopters to remote polling stations on Tuesday to try to meet a midnight deadline as street tensions rose.

A delay in issuing full preliminary results from the vote in the vast central African state could further complicate an election marred by deadly violence, logistical problems and allegations of fraud.

Partial preliminary results, representing nearly 70% of the ballots cast, give President Joseph Kabila a 10-point lead over his chief rival, Etienne Tshisekedi. But the opposition has said it will reject the outcome. [...]

RDC : La CPI met en garde les responsables politiques

PUBLICATION: Afrik.com

DATE: 2011.12.06

INFORMATION: <http://www.afrik.com/breve37235.html>

Alors que la population de la République démocratique du Congo (RDC) attend les résultats des élections présidentielle et législatives de la semaine dernière, le Procureur de la Cour pénale internationale (CPI) a prévenu mardi que toute explosion de violence liée aux élections fera l'objet d'une enquête et que les responsables seront poursuivis. « Alors que se déroule actuellement le processus électoral en République démocratique du Congo, je tiens à réitérer les propos que j'ai déjà tenus le 11 novembre : nous surveillons de près la situation sur place, et nous ne tolérerons aucun recours à la violence », a dit le Procureur de la CPI, Luis Moreno-Ocampo. « J'ai également été informé d'actes de violence perpétrés à l'encontre de manifestants par des groupes armés apparemment associés à différents partis et responsables politiques », a dit M. Moreno-Ocampo. « Les dirigeants politiques de tous bords doivent comprendre ceci : mon Bureau surveille la situation en RDC de très près. Comme nous l'avons montré à la fois au Kenya et en Côte d'Ivoire, la planification et l'exécution d'attaques visant des civils à des fins électorales ne seront pas tolérées. Si vous êtes responsable de crimes relevant de la compétence de la CPI, la Cour est en mesure d'ouvrir une enquête et de vous traduire en justice, quel que soit le rang que vous occupez ou le parti politique auquel vous êtes affilié », a-t-il ajouté. [...]

Congo: Trial Begins For Former Rebel Accused of Rape

PUBLICATION: Enough

DATE: 2011.12.09

INFORMATION: <http://www.enoughproject.org/blogs/congo-trial-begins-former-rebel-accused-rape>

This week, a long-awaited—and rare—preliminary military trial took place for Sadoke Kikunda Mayele, a former Mayi-Mayi fighter indicted for mass rape. Mayele was the chief of staff of the armed group Mayi-Mayi Sheka until his arrest in October last year. Mayi-Mayi Sheka, together with the FDLR and some army deserters, are allegedly responsible for the mass rape of an estimated 387 civilians in 13 villages in the Walikale territory in the summer of 2010. Arrest warrants have been issued for Sheka, Mayele and six other fighters. Mayele is the only one in custody, while the hearings for the others proceed in absentia.

The trial, which is part of the North Kivu U.N.-supported mobile court process, took place on Tuesday at Goma's central prison, commonly known as the Munzenze jail, allegedly out of security concerns. While Mayele was supposed to be the first case to be heard, the late arrival of his lawyer put him last on the list, after the hearings of five military officers charged for petty crimes. [...]

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EU urged to persuade Iraq to maintain refugee camp for Iranian dissidents

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INFORMATION: http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/david-amess/iran-british-embassy-show-tehran-some-teeth_b_1128849.html

The European Union should urge Iraq to drop its plan to close a camp of Iranian dissidents and prevent a "massacre" of its residents, a prominent EU parliamentarian said Wednesday.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has said Camp Ashraf, which houses more than 3,000 members of the People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran, must be closed by the end of this year.

"EU foreign ministers ... must denounce the deadline imposed by Maliki to close Ashraf by the end of this year and they must condemn any forcible displacement of Ashraf residents inside Iraq," said Struan Stevenson, the head of the European Parliament's panel for ties with Iraq. [...]

Britain Must Show Tehran Some Teeth

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If reminders of the bestial nature of the mullahs' regime were needed, events in Tehran last week did not disappoint.

Last Sunday, the Iranian Parliament ordered the expulsion of British Ambassador Dominick Chilcott and downgraded diplomatic relations with the United Kingdom.

The next day, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei incited crowds with his hate-speech, saying that Britain "has a history of humiliating nations, destroying cultural and civilization heritage and taking control of their resources."

And then on Tuesday, Iran escalated its conflict with a rampage directed at the British embassy whereby state-sponsored thugs tore down the Union Jack, shouted "Death to England," smashed windows, defaced walls, and briefly took hostages. Thugs carried placards with pictures of Qassem Suleimani, head of the regime's elite Qods Force, which runs terror networks across Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon. Suleimani indirectly has the blood of dozens of British soldiers on his hands. [...]

L'ONU demande à l'Irak de retarder la fermeture du camp d'Ashraf

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INFORMATION : <http://www.ncr-iran.org/fr/actualites/achraf/10180-lonu-demande-a-lirak-de-retarder-la-fermeture-du-camp-dashraf->

L'envoyé spécial de l'ONU en Irak Martin Kobler a lancé mardi devant le Conseil de sécurité un appel aux autorités irakiennes pour retarder la fermeture du camp irakien d'Ashraf qui abrite quelque 3.400 réfugiés iraniens opposés au régime de Téhéran.

« Des vies sont en jeu et doivent être protégées », a souligné M. Kobler, qui estime que la date retenue par les autorités irakiennes, qui souhaitent fermer le camp d'ici la fin de l'année, ne peut pas être tenue.

Une solution, a-t-il souligné, doit prendre en compte la souveraineté de l'Irak mais aussi la protection des droits de l'homme des réfugiés iraniens. « Aucun membre du camp d'Ashraf ne doit être expulsé vers l'Iran sans son consentement », a-t-il dit. [...]

We didn't break Libya, and we don't 'own' it

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INFORMATION: http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/opinion/we-didnt-break-libya-and-we-dont-own-it/article2255668/?utm_medium=Feeds%3A%20RSS%2FAtom&utm_source=World&utm_content=2255668

It's a little noticed fact that the London School of Economics doctoral thesis that bears the name of Saif al-Islam Gadhafi makes the case for the kind of military intervention that resulted in his capture and possible death sentence at the hands of what may pass in Libya for justice. Perhaps, in his pretrial captivity, the son of Moammar Gadhafi will have a chance to reflect on the words he once supposedly wrote.

"The international order," says this thesis (an academic panel has yet to rule on charges of plagiarism made against it), "has a responsibility to protect the basic rights of those citizens who live under non-liberal governments" (such as, the reader can't resist adding, his dad's). In the version available online, it argues for a so-called collective management system, involving representatives of civil society and business as well as governments. [...]

Avertissement de génocide des minorités du Moyen-Orient (CSI)

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INFORMATION :

http://www.lepost.fr/article/2011/12/03/2652450_avertissement-de-genocide-des-minorites-du-moyen-orient-csi.html

Christian Solidarity International a émis un avertissement de génocide des minorités religieuses au Moyen-Orient islamique, et appelé le président Obama à faire de leur sécurité une priorité absolue alors que les États-Unis continuent de réagir aux soulèvements du Printemps arabe.

Le Dr John Eibner, Président de Christian Solidarity International, a déclaré: « Les conditions d'un génocide des communautés non musulmanes existent à des degrés divers dans toute la région s'étendant du Pakistan au Maroc. La crise de la survie des communautés non-musulmanes est particulièrement aigue en Irak, en Syrie, en Egypte, au Soudan, dans les territoires palestiniens, en Iran et au Pakistan. » [...]

Syrians die while the world dithers

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INFORMATION : <http://www.ottawacitizen.com/opinion/op-ed/Syrians+while+world+dithers/5779649/story.html>

"Savagery in Syria" was the front page headline of The Economist, and it's clear that it was a savage environment, with some 400 people murdered in uprisings against the Assad regime. But this article is not from now; rather, it was published on April 30 and since then the brutality of the regime has escalated dramatically with the death toll now standing at 4,000.

Eight months ago we already knew of the savagery in Syria yet did nothing. Indeed, four days after the first mass shooting — and after thousands had been detained — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was still calling Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad "a reformer." Moreover, the Western response in the weeks and months that followed continued to be dithering and delay, matching the deafening silence from the Arab world. The only "action" came from Russia, which blocked United Nations reports on Syrian nuclear ambitions and threatened to veto any Syria-related resolutions at the UN Security Council. [...]

Dehumanization, Genocide, and the Psychology of Indifference

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We human beings have a remarkable ability to dehumanize one another: to conceive of one another as subhuman creatures, and to treat them accordingly.

I argue in my book *Less Than Human: Why We Demean, Enslave, and Exterminate Others* (St. Martin's Press, 2011) that there are two powerful psychological forces that fuel the dehumanizing impulse. One is psychological essentialism. Psychological essentialism is the tendency to think that every kind of living thing possesses a unique essence: a mysterious inner quality that makes it a member of that kind. Consider dogs. Dogs come in an enormous range of shapes, colors and sizes. However, we are inclined to think that they all share a common canine essence, the possession of which makes them all dogs. Similarly, we imagine that we human beings are endowed with a special human essence (a human "soul" if you will), and that it's this that makes us human. [...]