



Weekly Report

Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity Initiatives Around the World

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- 1 Parliamentary Initiative
- 2 UN Initiative
- 3 NGO Initiative

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Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict

- The British Foreign Secretary and Angelina Jolie, Special Envoy for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, are co-chairing the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict on 10-13 June 2014 at ExCel London.
- This is the largest gathering ever brought together on the subject, with a view to creating irreversible momentum against sexual violence in conflict and practical action that impacts those on the ground. All the governments that have endorsed the Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict - launched at the UN in September last year - have been invited, as have legal, military and judicial practitioners and representatives from multilateral organizations, NGOs and civil society.
- 3 days of free public events are taking place in the Summit Fringe at ExCel London from 10-12 June. Events include photography, painting and sculpture exhibits, cinema and interactive exhibits.
- Source: Gov.uk
<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/sexual-violence-in-conflict/about>

UN peacekeepers in eastern DR Congo help restore calm after inter-ethnic violence flares

- Strongly condemning the fresh outbreak of deadly violence in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), sparked by a dispute over cattle, the head of the United Nations mission there has called for an immediate end to the fighting and has deployed UN peacekeepers to work alongside local authorities to help restore calm.
- The inter-ethnic clashes “caused many casualties”, leaving at least 30 dead and 15 wounded, said a press release issued by the UN Organization Stabilization Mission (MONUSCO), describing the aftermath of a cattle rustling incident last night that led to fighting between the Bafuliru and Barundi/Banyamulenge communities in Uvira, South Kivu.
- “This violence is unacceptable and must be halted immediately,” said Mission chief Martin Kobler, noting that on the ground, peacekeepers have evacuated the injured to health centres.
- Source: UN News Centre
http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47987-.U5O-S_ldUrU

Amnesty International launches global Stop Torture campaign

- Over the next two years Amnesty International is campaigning to turn the tide and Stop Torture once and for all by calling on governments to implement protective mechanisms to prevent and punish torture. Amnesty plans to work against torture wherever it flourishes and will focus on five countries where torture is rife.
- As part of the campaign, Amnesty International is calling on governments to reveal the secret locations where torture endures. They need to enact mechanisms to prevent abuse and punish torturers including proper medical examinations, prompt access to lawyers, independent checks on detention facilities, independent and effective investigations of torture allegations and the prosecution of suspects, and proper redress for victims.
- Source: Amnesty International Canada
<http://www.amnesty.ca/stoptorture>