



Weekly Report

Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity Initiatives Around the World

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

“The full extent of civilian casualties is not yet known, but reports suggest the number of people killed in recent days may run into the hundreds, and the number of wounded is said to be approaching 1,000.” – Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Rwanda: Parliament to Host Museum Depicting End of Genocide

- Construction of a new museum that tells the story of how the Rwanda Patriotic Army (RPA) stopped the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in the final stages. The museum named ‘The Campaign Against Genocide Museum’ located within the Parliament buildings primarily tells the story of the RPA’s 600-strong battalion that was based at the Parliament to protect Rwanda Patriotic Front dignitaries who were monitoring the implementation of the Arusha peace accord.
- This museum will be considered as a centre of education on Genocide prevention. It will mainly showcase operations carried out during the campaign against the Genocide in 1994, without forgetting the major historical periods and iconic artefacts surrounding the liberation struggle,” the Permanent Secretary of the Senate, Sostene Cyitatre, told The New Times last week.
- The museum at the Parliament is made up of four sections, three of which are monuments while the fourth section is enclosed and has eight rooms that contain documentation and objects that depict how the Genocide was stopped.
- Source: New Times
<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/news/index.php?i=15748&a=77419>

As Iraq’s insurgency spreads beyond Mosul, UN rights chief ‘alarmed’ by reported abuses

- As insurgents continue to overrun parts of northern Iraq, the United Nations human rights chief expressed “extreme alarm” today at reports of summary executions and extrajudicial killings, and the massive displacement of some half a million people, many of whom are now in urgent need of shelter.
- “I am extremely concerned about the acute vulnerability of civilians caught in the cross-fire, or targeted in direct attacks by armed groups, or trapped in areas under the control of ISIL and their allies,” Navi Pillay said. “And I am especially concerned about the risk to vulnerable groups, minorities, women and children.”
- Navi Pillay added that she was deeply disturbed by reports that fighters from the groups, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS), and prisoners they had released from jails in Mosul and provided with arms “have been actively seeking out - and in some cases killing -soldiers, police and others, including civilians, whom they perceive as being associated with the Government.” Under these circumstances, she said, “murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture constitute war crimes”. She warned that ISIL would be under “particular scrutiny” given their “well-documented record of committing grave international crimes in Syria.”
- Source: UN News Centre
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48039#.U5xjdPldUrU>



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Worldwide Reaction: Sudanese Woman's Death Sentence

- Sudanese activists, the United Nations, the European Union and governments around the world are condemning the sentencing of Meriam Ibrahim, a Sudanese woman accused of apostasy and adultery.
- The Sudanese Court sentenced Meriam Ibrahim to death for her religious choice and to one hundred lashes for 'adultery' because she married a Christian man. Her lawyers have filed an appeal.
- Activists, governments and international organizations are calling on the Sudanese government to respect freedom of faith. Sudanese university students have been protesting near Khartoum University asking for an end to human rights abuses.
- Source: Nobel Women's Initiative

<http://nobelwomensinitiative.org/2014/05/worldwide-reaction-sudanese-pregnant-womans-death-sentence/?ref=196>