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Child Sex Abuse Kept Silent in India



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India's focus on preventing sexual assault, after the gang rape and murder of a New Delhi student, should include stronger efforts to protect children from sexual abuse.

"When I got to the police station I was interrogated," said Krishna, who was raped when she was 12. "I was kept in the police station and was locked up. They kept insisting that I change my statement, otherwise they threatened that something would happen to me."

A new report says child sexual abuse is disturbingly common in India – in homes, schools, and facilities for at-risk children or orphans. Mistreatment by police, doctors, and court officials adds to the trauma. Communities often shun children who report abuse, and abusers are rarely brought to justice.

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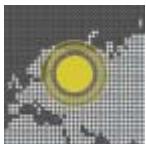


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M23 rebels and Congolese army soldiers raped scores of women and committed other war crimes during the rebels' occupation of Goma. In the two months since the M23 occupied Goma, Human Rights Watch interviewed more than 180 victims, witnesses of abuses, and others who provided detailed information about the abuse.

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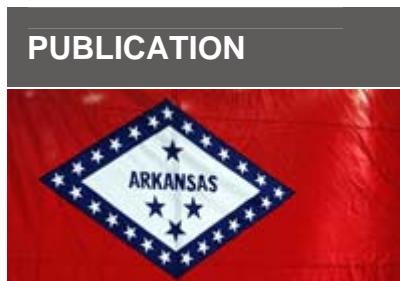
The current US immigration system is unsustainable, practically, economically, and morally. With a new presidential term and a new openness to discuss immigration reform, President Obama and Congress should seize this opportunity to create a fairer, more effective, and more humane immigration system.

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