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"Treat Us Like Human Beings" – Abuse and HIV in Tanzania



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"They were three police officers," said Mwamini, a sex worker. "They beat me with their hands, and kicked me. They were saying, 'What are you doing here, you're a prostitute, a dog, you are a pig!'"

After the attack, she had her injuries treated at a hospital, but lied about her profession, fearing the staff would turn her away if they knew the truth. A nurse had once refused to treat her for a sexually transmitted infection because of her sex work.

In Tanzania, HIV appears to be increasing among sex workers, LGBTI people, and people who inject drugs. But these same vulnerable groups have become increasingly distrustful of the police and medical professionals, fearing beatings or humiliation if they seek treatment.

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[In Sudan, Satellite Images Confirm Villages Destroyed](#)

Satellite images show the total destruction of villages during the April attacks in Central Darfur. How can the Sudanese authorities claim there's nothing they can do when their own security forces were involved and the war crimes suspect Ali Kosheib, wanted by the International Criminal Court, is on the loose?

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[Brazil Should Investigate Use of Violence against Protesters](#)

Authorities have an obligation to re-establish order when violence erupts during public protests. But that doesn't give security forces license to violate protesters' or bystanders' rights, or make them immune from punishment when they go too far.

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[In Vietnam, Escalating Persecution of Bloggers](#)

Vietnam's strategy of repressing critics big and small will only lead the country deeper into crisis. The latest arrests and assaults on bloggers show how afraid the government is of open discussion on democracy and human rights.

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[Welcome to Russia's Syria doublespeak](#)

By Anna Neistat
CNN's Global Public Square Blog

While world leaders managed to produce a joint communique on Syria at the end of the G8 summit, the closing media remarks made it clear that Vladimir Putin hasn't actually moved an inch on the issue. The Russian president once again lashed out at the European Union and the United States for considering arms shipments to the Syrian opposition. At the same time, he made it clear that Russia will continue supplying a range of weapons to the Syrian government.

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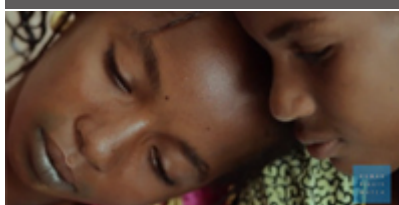
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Satellite images confirm the destruction of villages in Darfur.

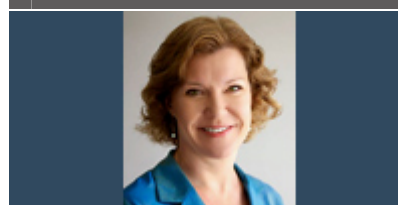
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VIDEO



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TWEET of the WEEK



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