

Van: Human Rights Watch <news@hrw.org>
Verzonden: vrijdag 5 december 2014 0:26
Aan: Veerle Solia
Onderwerp: Interview: Locked Up With No Way Out

Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here.](#)



THE WEEK IN RIGHTS

December 4, 2014

[Donate Today](#)

Follow us on:



Interview: Locked Up in an Institution With No Way Out



Photo © 2013 Shantha Rau Barriga/Human Rights Watch

In India, many women and girls with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities are locked up in institutions against their will. Some of the institutions for those women, who have disabilities ranging from Down's syndrome and cerebral palsy to schizophrenia and depression, are filthy and overcrowded.

Residents lie on the floor practically on top of each other for lack of space. Opportunities to bathe are minimal, access to medical care is limited, and forced treatment – including electroshock therapy – is often the norm. Verbal or physical abuse by staff members is common. It's not a pretty picture, but this is the reality for those living in institutions. Many don't even know their diagnosis. Admitting female relatives to institutions is painfully easy, but it's nearly impossible for these women to leave without their family's permission.

Human Rights Watch's Kriti Sharma and other researcher visited 24 institutions across four Indian states – including government mental hospitals and government and private residential care facilities – for the new report, "Treated Worse than Animals." This is what they found.

[Read Kriti's interview »](#)

share on:



[Dispatches: Toilets, Human Rights, and Haiti](#)

By Amanda Klasing

What does a clean toilet have to do with human rights? A surprising amount actually. [See the Latest News in the Americas >>](#)

share on: 



[Turkey's Landmines Kill Civilians Fleeing Syria](#)

Landmines placed decades ago by the Turkish military have killed at least three civilians trying to flee Syria and injured at least nine others. The landmines, in a restricted zone along the border with Syria, threaten thousands more Syrian refugees.

[See the Latest News in Europe/Central Asia >>](#)

share on:  



[In Iran, Death Sentence for Facebook Posts](#)

It is simply shocking that anyone should face the gallows simply because of Internet postings that are deemed to be crude, offensive, or insulting. Iran should urgently revise its penal code to eliminate provisions that criminalize peaceful free expression, especially when they punish its exercise with death.

[See the Latest News in the Middle East/North Africa »](#)

share on:  



[Beyond Bodycams — What to Do After Garner and Brown](#)

By Maria McFarland Sánchez-Moreno

Yesterday's grand jury decision in the Eric Garner case in New York City – the second in just over two weeks in which a grand jury in the United States failed to indict a white police officer in the killing of an unarmed African American – has raised important questions about one of the few concrete solutions that US officials (President Barack Obama and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, among them) have proposed for dealing with police brutality: the increased use of body cameras.

[See the Latest News in the United States >>](#)

share on: 

Thank you for supporting
Human Rights Watch

[Donate Today](#)

Follow us on:



[Home](#) | [Take Action](#) | [Donate](#) | [Privacy](#)
[Unsubscribe](#)

Human Rights Watch
350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor New York, NY 10118 USA
Tel: 1 (212) 290-4700 | news@hrw.org

This message has been scanned for viruses and dangerous content by [Amsab-ISG](#), and is believed to be clean.