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1 AIUSA MONITORS at STANDING ROCK

Amnesty USA has again sent monitors to Standing Rock ND
Press Release 28 Oct 2016
Article by U.S. Uncut 28 October 2016,
Amnesty International just send human rights observers to North Dakota to protect water protesters

2 REFUGEES - GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

The first Americas' report focuses on the Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador ("Northern Triangle" countries) and was launched by AI's SG, Salil Shetty, mid October 2016.
AIUSA's initial core campaign ask is Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for Guatemala and reinstating TPS for El Salvador and Honduras for people already in the country (also part of the Last 100 Days work).
Also see 10/13/16 Home Sweet Home? Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador's role in a deepening refugee crisis Report

3 REMINDERS

Iran - #FreeArtists Campaign (attached)
Amnesty International joined forces Iran's underground music movement band, Kiosk The Band to raise awareness about the crackdown of artists and support of jailed artists. Artists branded as criminals are merely peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression through art, including music and film.

AGM 2017
The 2017 AGM will be in **Albuquerque, NM** on **March 10 - 12** at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton**.
The site is updated frequently and the full website will go up in November.

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AIUSA Goes Mobile
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Last 100 Days
Last 100 Days Press Release launching the campaign.
Last 100 Days Action Alert
AIUSA's Last 100 Days letter to President Obama

4 MEDIA MENTIONS
Cobalt
10/17/16 Modern slavery is still rampant in the countries that produce most of the world's goods, ***Quartz***. By Abd Latif Dahir.

Colombia
10/18/16 Colombian Indigenous Groups Say They'll Implement Peace Accord, Despite 'No' Vote, ***The World Post.*** By Hanna Wallis

Face Recognition software
10/19/16 The Russian face recognition company that could end public anonymity is going global, ***Fusion.***

Gabon
10/20/16 Mr. Trump, this is how it really feels to run in a 'rigged' election, ***Washington Post.*** By Rick Noack

Honduras
10/19/16 Two more Honduran land rights activists killed in ongoing violence, ***The*** Guardian. By Nina Lakhani, mentions Erika Guevara-Rosa
10/19/16 Leader of Honduran Campesino Movement Assassinated, ***Common Dreams***. By Nika Knight, mentions Erika Guevara-Rosa

Iran
10/14/16 Iran Plans To Hang Child Bride Charged With Killing Her Husband, ***NPR.*** By Maanvi Singh

Iraq
10/18/16 Iraqis Fleeing ISIS Could Be Tortured By Their Own Armed Forces: Amnesty, ***NBC News***. By Alexander Smith.
10/19/16 With Sights Set on Mosul, Trouble Lurks on the Horizon, ***Voice of America***. By Jeff Seldin, mentions Donatella Rovera.

10/19/16 The battle for Mosul: How to free 1 million residents without killing them***, LA Times***. By Molly Hennessy-Fiske and Nabih Bulos

Nauru
10/20/16 Australia's Stranded Refugee, Editorial by ***The New York Times.***
10/17/16 Amnesty International Slams Australia Over Asylum-Seeker Camps Prisoners, ***Voice of America.***
10/17/16 Australian Government Allows Severe Mistreatment Of Refugees, Report Says, ***The Huffington Post.*** By Willa Frej, mentions Denise Bell
10/17/16 I Felt Like I Was A Slave'; Report Slams Conditions For Refugees On Nauru, ***NPR.*** By Rebecca Hersher
10/17/16 Australia rejects Amnesty's torture claim for refugees detained on Nauru, ***The Christian Science Montior.*** By Rowena Lindsay
10/18/16 Amnesty Accuses Australia of Turning Nauru into Open-Air Prison for Refugees, ***Democracy Now.*** Mentions Anna Keistat
10/18/16 UN Calls on Australia to Re-examine Secrecy Laws, ***Voice of America.***

Refugees
10/12/16 Millions of Refugees Are Suffering from the Crisis of Having a Passport from 'Nowhere', Alternet. By Vijay Prashad
10/14/16 'We're never getting out of here': How refugees became stranded in Greece, Washington Post. By Anthony Faiola
10/17/16 Europe pressing harder on countries to take back deported migrants, Washington Post. By Michael Birnbaum and Annabell Van den Berghe
10/17/16 Univision (no clip)

Saudi Arabia
10/19/16 Congressman continues pressuring U.S. to stop fueling "civilian carnage" in Saudi-led war in Yemen***, Salon.*** By Ben Norton.
10/20/16 Saudi prince executed for murder. Justice or just more bloodshed?, ***Christian Science*** Monitor. By Steven Porter

Syria
10/18/16 Asma Assad Defends Syrian Regime In Rare Interview, ***The Huffington Post***. By Willa Frej
10/20/16 Report: Russia to extend truces in Aleppo until Monday, ***USA Today***. By Jane Onyanga-Omara
10/20/16 Drone and Satellite Images Show Aleppo in Ruins as Russia Calls on Rebels to Evacuate, ***ABC News***

Venezuela
10/15/16 The face of hunger in Venezuela, ***CNN Photos.*** By Flora Charner

Yemen
10/14/16 "Massacre of civilians": Saudi bombing of Yemeni funeral with U.S. weapons was a war crime, rights groups say, ***Salon***. By Ben Norton, mentions Sunjeev Bery

PRESS RELEASES
10/13/16 Nigeria: Privacy of 21 Chibok girls released should be a priority
10/17/16 Iraq: Fears for safety of civilians during battle for Mosul
10/17/16 Transfer of Guantánamo Detainee Slahi Long Overdue
10/19/16 Activists' murders turn Honduras into no-go zone for environmental
10/19/16 Amnesty releases new satellite imagery of Aleppo ahead of UN meeting
10/20/16 Myanmar: Lift restrictions immediately on humanitarian aid

REPORTS
10/13/16 Home Sweet Home? Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador's role in a deepening refugee crisis
10/14/16 Australia's regime of cruelty has turned Nauru into an open-air prison
10/17/16 Punished for Daesh's crimes': Displaced Iraqis abused by militias and government forces
10/20/16 For Your Eyes Only

FACEBOOK
Top Post: #ObamasLast100Days
Likes, Comments & Shares: 1,855
Reach: 147,373

TWITTER
Top Post: Amy Goodman of Democracy Now/North Dakota Pipeline
Retweets and Likes: 1,897
Impressions: 155,813

INSTAGRAM
Top Post: Aleppo Report
Likes and Comments: 333 views, 4 comments
TUMBLR
Top Post: Safety During Protest
Notes: 5,497

5 REPORTS
Title: Argentina: Submission to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
Website link: https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr13/4898/2016/en/
AI index number: AMR 13/4898/2016
Publish date: 30/09/2016 00:00 BST [GMT+1]

Abstract: Following the presentation in March 2016 of a summary containing the salient issues of concern involving Argentina documented by Amnesty International, the organization wishes to share with the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women of the United Nations (the CEDAW Committee) this updated report, prior to the seventh periodic review on Argentina. In this report Amnesty International addresses concerns involving sexual and reproductive health and violence against women.

Title: Australia: Island of Despair: Australia's "processing" of refugees on Nauru
Website link: https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa12/4934/2016/en/
AI index number: ASA 12/4934/2016
Publish date: 17/10/2016 10:30 BST
Abstract: The current policy of the Australian Government is that no person who arrives in the country by boat seeking asylum can ever settle in Australia. Instead, anyone who arrives by boat is forcibly taken to offshore "Refugee Processing Centres", one of which is on the remote Pacific island of Nauru. The government claims that the policy protects people who might otherwise undertake the hazardous boat crossing to Australia. However, since its inception, offshore processing has been designed to be punitive and has been widely promoted by a succession of Australian governments as a deterrent and as a demonstration of Australia securing its borders.

Title: Finland: Submission to the United Nations Committee against Torture
Website link: https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur20/4994/2016/en/
AI index number: EUR 20/4994/2016
Publish date: 19/10/2016 00:00 BST [GMT+1]
Abstract: Amnesty International submits this document in advance of the Committee against Torture's consideration of Finland's seventh periodic report on the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (hereinafter the Convention) in November 2016. The present submission summarizes Amnesty International's concerns regarding Finland's failure to comply with its obligations under the Convention.

Title: Iraq: "Punished for Daesh's Crimes": Displaced Iraqis abused by militias and government forces
Website link: https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde14/4962/2016/en/
AI index number: MDE 14/4962/2016
Publish date: 18/10/2016 00:05 BST
Abstract: The armed conflict in Iraq has had a devastating impact on civilians. The armed group calling itself the Islamic State (IS) has committed crimes under international law including war crimes and crimes against humanity in territories under its control and launched deadly bombings and other attacks elsewhere in Iraq. The plight of internally displaced persons (IDPs) does not end once they reach territories outside of IS control. Hundreds of thousands continue to live in dire conditions with insufficient or no access to essential services and medical care.

Title: For your eyes only? Ranking 11 technology companies on encryption and human rights
Website link: https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/pol40/4985/2016/en/
AI index number: POL 40/4985/2016
Publish date: 21/10/2016 00:00 BST [GMT+1]
Abstract: Encryption helps protect people's human rights online. By rendering digital data unintelligible, encryption helps ensure that private information sent over the internet stays private. Technology companies play a crucial role in keeping digital information safe. In this report, Amnesty International ranks 11 technology companies on whether they are meeting their human rights responsibilities by using encryption to protect users' right to privacy online. It focuses specifically on instant messaging services, such as Skype, WhatsApp and We Chat, which hundreds of millions of people around the world use to communicate every day.

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