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NEW INTERACTIVE PLATFORM: Tracks construction companies' action on migrant-worker rights in the Gulf

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre is inviting 100 construction companies operating in Qatar and/or the UAE to respond to a [set of questions](#) about their approach to migrant-worker rights. Of the 47 companies we have contacted to date, 10 companies have submitted full responses, 5 have issued general statements, and 10 have declined to respond. We have not received any responses from the remaining 22 companies.

[Our new interactive platform](#) enables users to:

- [find out](#) which companies are reporting on their human rights impacts in the Gulf, and which are failing to do so
- [explore](#) company responses by question: issues covered include recruitment, wages, passport retention, accommodation, health & safety & more
- [compare](#) what policies and processes companies have in place to protect migrant workers from labour abuses
- [access](#) resources on migrant workers in the Gulf including reports, legal frameworks, and company guidance
- [stay up-to-date](#) on the latest news and company responses
- [get involved](#): send us resources, commentaries and reactions for inclusion on the platform

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Human Rights News

ONE IN EVERY 113 PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE, SAYS UN REFUGEE AGENCY

As number of people driven from home exceeds 60 million for first time, UN refugee agency sounds alarm over failure of nations to find collective solutions

A record 65 million men, women and children were forced from their homes by war and persecution last year, leaving one in every 113 people a [refugee](#), [internally displaced](#) or [seeking asylum](#) at the end of 2015, according to the UN.

The latest annual [global trends study](#) from the [UN refugee agency, the UNHCR](#), shows that the total number of forcibly displaced people rose sharply last year, [increasing from 59.5 million](#) in December 2014 to 65.3 million in December 2015.

With 24 people being displaced every minute and the threshold of 60 million crossed for the first time, the number of forcibly displaced people across the world is now greater than the entire population of the UK. Were the 65.3 million to be counted as the population of a single country, it would be the 21st largest in the world.

Although the total includes 21.3 million refugees and 3.2 million people awaiting asylum decisions, the overwhelming majority of the displaced – 40.8 million – are exiled from their homes within the borders of their own countries.

The UNHCR said the figures had increased by more than 50% over the past five years as levels of displacement reached their highest since the aftermath of the second world war. The organisation added that it knew of no precedent for the level of risk posed by displacement on such a massive scale. [Read more.](#)

DIARY OF TERROR: 858 KILLED

Not a day in April passed without a terror attack

One day, six countries, 19 deaths. And it wasn't the deadliest day in April. That was a week later, on April 19, when terrorist attacks in five countries killed 71 people and wounded 391 others.

To assess the scope and nature of terrorism in 2016, the Los Angeles Times sought to chart the worldwide toll of deaths and injuries in a single month. From government and police reports, terrorism databases, news accounts and their own independent reporting, Times journalists in the U.S. and around the globe compiled a record of every fatal act of terrorism during the 30 days of April.

They confirmed 858 deaths in 27 countries. An additional 1,385 were injured. [Read more](#)

'CATASTROPHIC' CONDITIONS REPORTED IN CAMP FOR PEOPLE FLEEING BOKO HARAM

Nearly 200 people who fled [Boko Haram](#) attacks have died of malnutrition and sickness in a single camp in northeastern [Nigeria](#) in the past month, the medical charity [Doctors Without Borders](#) said on Thursday, describing a "catastrophic humanitarian emergency."

In the camp, which sits on the outskirts of the largely ruined Nigerian city of Bama, the charity said that the local authorities reported five to six people dying every day.

"We have been told that people, including children there, have starved to death," Ghada Hatim, the group's head of mission in Nigeria, said in a statement.

[Years of devastating attacks](#) by Boko Haram have [displaced more than two million people](#) in Nigeria and surrounding countries. The Nigerian city of Maiduguri has more than doubled in size as people flee villages for the town, which is now swarming with soldiers and local vigilantes bent on keeping out Boko Haram. [Read more.](#)

NEW DOCUMENTS SHINE LIGHT ON CIA TORTURE METHODS

The Central Intelligence Agency has released 50 declassified documents detailing its use of brutal interrogation techniques on terrorist suspects in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. The disclosure was in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The documents made public a series of memos detailing interrogation methods that President Barack Obama has labeled "torture" but the CIA refers to as "expanded interrogation" and has also been called "enhanced interrogation techniques." The documents also contain internal discussions of the legality of these methods. In a document titled "Description of Physical Pressures," potential physical and psychological pressures are discussed to include a facial slap, use of diapers, "insects," and "mock burial." "One possibility is to threaten to place stinging insects into the cramped confinement box with" the detainee "but instead place harmless insects," the document says. It also says a "mock burial" would involve placing the prisoner in "a cramped confinement box that resembles a coffin. The box has hidden air holes to prevent suffocation."

In one heavily redacted communique sent out on August 12, 2002, the author discourages CIA employees from using "speculative language as to the legality of given activities" and from making "judgment calls as to their legality." The note concluded by saying "such language is not helpful." Another CIA official wrote more bluntly in an email that the interrogation program was a "train (wreck) waiting to happen and I intend to get the hell off the train before it happens." [Read more.](#)

TRIAL BEGINS IN *JARA v. BARRIENTOS*

The historic trial against Pedro Pablo Barrientos Nuñez, a former Pinochet-era military official and Florida resident who is alleged to have been responsible for the torture and murder of Chilean folksinger Víctor Jara began earlier this month.

Jara was imprisoned, tortured, and executed at Chile Stadium during the early days of the brutal military coup led by General Augusto Pinochet on September 11, 1973. His torture and death have come to symbolize the suffering of all those detained, tortured, and killed at Chile Stadium, many of whom have yet to be identified.

For the first time in any trial, the proceedings will bring a former Chilean military official responsible for the death of Víctor Jara to justice. The proceedings are also expected to shed light on the events that transpired at Chile Stadium in the first days of the coup in 1973, which have remained shrouded in mystery for over forty years. CJA's case will be an important step towards justice for the victims of Chile Stadium and their families. A jury will be asked to find Barrientos legally responsible and to award compensatory and punitive damages.

On behalf of Víctor Jara's surviving wife and children, CJA and Chadbourne & Parke, LLP, [filed a civil suit](#) against Barrientos on September 4, 2013 before the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The complaint alleges that Barrientos was responsible for the torture and execution of Jara during the mass detention of thousands of intellectuals, political leaders and perceived political supporters of the Allende government at Chile Stadium immediately after the coup.

Follow CJA's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for regular updates on the trial, and we look forward to announcing the verdict in a few weeks!

BERTA CACERES: WHO SHE IS AND WHAT SHE LIVED FOR

Berta Caceres, a great Lenca woman from Honduras, was assassinated on March 2, 2016. She was targeted and killed because of who she is, because of what she lived and fought for, her whole life.

For her life, *sicarios* (paid assassins) broke into her home in La Esperanza, Intibuca, Honduras, and shot her. At the same time, the assassins attempted to kill Gustavo Castro, a Mexican human rights defender visiting with Berta and her organization COPINH. Hit by two bullets, Gustavo survived (barely) by playing dead.

Berta was a mother of four, a grandmother, a sister and daughter, and - to all who knew her, learned from her, got strength, courage and wisdom from her, followed her - a *companera*. She was killed by all those people, countries and institutions whose greed and interests she lived, stood and fought against. Berta lived against all injustices, all inequalities, all discriminations, all Mother Earth destroying activities.

She was killed ... by 500 years of racist, violent, dispossessing European imperialism; by 200 years of U.S. military interventions, exploitation, corruption and impunity; by generations of violent and exploitative, racist and sexist governments of Honduras propped up by the "international community": the United States, Canada, global corporations, the IMF, World Bank, IDB. [Read more](#).

RECORD NUMBER OF REFUGEES NEED TO BE RESETTLED: UN

The United Nations said today it will try to resettle a record 170,000 refugees urgently in need of a new home next year as it grapples with an unprecedented displacement crisis.

The projected resettlement figure from the UN refugee agency represents an increase of nearly 30,000 people compared with this year.

But it is still less than 15 per cent of the 1.19 million refugees worldwide who will be "in need of resettlement" in 2017, the UNHCR acknowledged in a report released today.

That group mainly consists of refugees who the UN believes will not be able to return home or integrate in their current host country.

But resettling 1.19 million people over a 12-month period is not feasible based on recent trends, UNHCR spokesman Leo Dobbs told AFP.

The agency therefore expects to recommend that the 170,000 people most in need of resettlement should be moved to third countries. [Read more](#).

WHAT HAPPENED TO HONG KONG'S 'MISSING' BOOKSELLERS? ONE DEFIES CHINA AND SPEAKS OUT

After nearly eight months in solitary confinement, one of five Hong Kong booksellers who vanished after their detention in mainland China has given a detailed account of his ordeal, defying not only a gag order but also authorities' demand that he remand himself to custody.

Lam Wing Kee, manager of Causeway Bay Books, which specializes in titles that irritate Chinese Communist Party leadership and are banned in mainland China, was among the last Hong Kongers to be released. Gui Minhai, the mainland-born, Swedish co-owner of the bookstore, remains in detention. Lam said he was detained on Oct. 24 soon after he had crossed into the mainland. He was handcuffed, blindfolded and detained overnight in the holding pen at a police station in Shenzhen, a city that is a subway ride from Hong Kong. He said he was coerced into waiving his rights to notify his family or seek legal representation.

"I couldn't believe it had happened to me. It felt surreal, or like a dream," said Lam, 61, at an impromptu news conference Thursday at Hong Kong's legislative building. "As a Hong Konger, I'm used to being a free man. I've never broken any Hong Kong law in all my life."

A former British colony turned semiautonomous Chinese territory, Hong Kong has maintained an independent judiciary and law enforcement apparatus under a transitional framework known as "one country, two systems."

The Hong Kong government issued a statement Thursday chiding the mainland over the bookseller case. "Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies do not have the authority to enforce laws in Hong Kong," the statement said. "The government ... will resolutely safeguard the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents in accordance with law." [Read more](#).

64 PERCENT OF AUDITORS SURVEYED ACROSS ASIA ENCOUNTERED CHILD LABOR DURING LAST TWO YEARS

JAKARTA, June 22 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - The majority of supply chain auditors across Asia have encountered child labour in the last two years, and in only a third of cases could they confirm the children were removed from the factories, a survey has found.

Of 557 auditors polled, 64 percent encountered child labour during their on-site inspections in the last two years, said the Center for Child Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility (CCR CSR), a China-based consultancy that conducted the survey.

The auditors were mostly in the manufacturing sector, and most - 385 of the respondents - were from China, while others were based in countries including India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Malaysia.

The consultancy said [the findings](#), released last week, showed a "surprisingly high" number of child labour cases encountered by auditors and noted there was often no remediation in place to ensure the interests of the child were protected. [Read more](#).

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NEWS FROM: War Crimes Prosecution Watch, Volume 11 - Issue 8 – June 27, 2016

War Crimes Prosecution Watch is a bi-weekly e-newsletter that compiles official documents and articles from major news sources detailing and analyzing salient issues pertaining to the investigation and prosecution of war crimes throughout the world. [Read the Newsletter](#)

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PROGRAM MANAGER FOR LGBT PROGRAM

Posted: 6/23/16

The ABA Center for Human Rights is hiring a Program Manager for a new LGBT program. Please click below for a detailed description and links to apply. We hope you will share this opportunity with those you know in your own networks as well.

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International Bar Association
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Educational Courses & Conferences

GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Job Type: Internship (Unpaid)

Location: Washington, DC

The Religious Freedom Center, a dynamic and growing department within the Newseum Institute, seeks highly intelligent, motivated, and collaborative students to join the next cohort of graduate research fellows.

Onsite research fellowships are available to graduate students who seek to receive credit from their college or university for conducting academic research at the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute in Washington, D.C. There are currently five fellowship tracks available to applicants:

1. Distance Education: For graduate students who want to conduct research on best practices for online education, including blended learning programs.
2. Higher Education Administration: For graduate students who want to conduct research on best practices in admissions, registration, finance, accreditation, and/or student development.
3. Law and Religion: For graduate students enrolled in law school or a legal studies program who want to conduct legal research on the historical developments of church/state relations in the United States or on contemporary legal issues concerning religion and American public life.
4. Religion and Human Rights: For graduate students enrolled in international affairs or political science programs who want to conduct legal research on the human right to freedom of religion or belief.
5. Religion and News Media: For graduate students enrolled in schools of journalism or communication who want to conduct research on best practices for reporting on religion in the United States and abroad.

[For more information](#)

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Please download and complete the internship application form at <http://www.religiousfreedomcenter.org/contact/jobs/>.

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