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Refugees: Building new lives in the U.S.

This eJournal USA chronicles lives of desperation and struggle but also offers examples of friendship and hope.

<http://www.america.gov/refugees.html>

CHILEAN RESCUE OFFERS LESSONS IN GLOBALIZATION. YaleGlobal. Susan Froefschel. October 18, 2010.

Global media united in covering the successful rescue of 33 miners, trapped since early August. Chile's president and major mining companies quickly took charge over a small, near-bankrupt mining company, transforming the rescue into an international competition of sorts. The media reports highlighted unusual international collaboration and exposed the public to grueling work conditions for miners who bear increasing risks while extracting finite metals and minerals so common in homes, vehicles and electronics. Unfortunately, long-term planning on safety does not invite similar collaboration, and tolerance to risk varies wildly around the globe. At times, responsible firms struggle to compete against those that cut corners. In demanding ordinary comforts at low costs, societies cannot deny need for regulations or safety planning, instead shifting consequences of risk to the poor.

Full Text:

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/chilean-rescue-offers-lesson-globalization> [HTML format, various paging].

VENEZUELA'S LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION MAKES MAJOR GAINS. The Heritage Foundation. Ray Walser. September 27, 2010.

On September 26, Venezuelan voters selected 165 members for its single-chamber National Assembly. Approximately 66.45 percent of an estimated 17 million eligible voters cast ballots. As with every election since 1998 in Venezuela, these elections became a referendum about the rule of authoritarian populist President Hugo Chávez. Despite alarmist predictions of violence by Chávez, the elections took place without violence and with only scattered reports of problems or irregularities.

Full Text:

<http://bit.ly/9uGSQJ> [HTML format, various paging].

ILLUSIONS OF CARE: LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA. Human Rights Watch. August 10, 2010.

The report documents the obstacles women and girls face in getting the reproductive health care services to which they are entitled, such as contraception, voluntary sterilization procedures, and abortion after rape. The most common barriers to care include long delays in providing services, unnecessary referrals to other clinics, demands for spousal permission contrary to law, financial barriers, and in some cases denial of care, according to the report.

Full Text:
<http://bit.ly/dAkmK4> [HTML format with links].

A STRANGE CASE: VIOLATIONS OF WORKERS' FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES BY EUROPEAN MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. Human Rights Watch. September 2, 2010.

The report details ways in which some European multinational firms have carried out aggressive campaigns to keep workers in the United States from organizing and bargaining, violating international standards and, often, U.S. labor laws.

Full Text:
<http://bit.ly/cX14EW> [HTML with links].

IRAQ: MOVEMENT WITHOUT PROGRESS. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Marina Ottaway and Danial Kaysi. October 18, 2010.

Moqtada al-Sadr's decision to support Nouri al-Maliki's quest for a second term as Iraqi prime minister has given new impetus to negotiations over the formation of a new government but it has not solved any of the underlying obstacles preventing the creation of a politically viable government.

Full Text:
<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/publications/index.cfm?fa=view&id=41743> [HTML format, various paging].

ESCAPING NORTH KOREA: THE PLIGHT OF DEFECTORS. National Endowment for Democracy. Carl Gershman. September 23, 2010.

This is the full transcript of the testimony by Carl Gershman to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission.

Full Text:
<http://bit.ly/awgJ94> [HTML format, various paging].

LOOSER REIN, UNCERTAIN GAIN: A HUMAN RIGHTS ASSESSMENT OF FIVE YEARS OF KING ABDULLAH'S REFORMS IN SAUDI ARABIA. Human Rights Watch. September 27, 2010.

The report assesses five years of Saudi reforms under King Abdullah from a human rights perspective. It finds that reform has manifested itself chiefly in greater tolerance for diverse opinions and an expanded public role for women, but that royal initiatives have been largely symbolic, with only modest concrete gains or institutional protection for rights.

Full Text:
<http://bit.ly/ckqQn3> [HTML format with links].

GENDER EQUALITY UNIVERSALLY EMBRACED, BUT INEQUALITIES ACKNOWLEDGED. Pew Global Attitudes Project. July 1, 2010.

Fifteen years after the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women's Beijing Platform for Action proclaimed that "shared power and responsibility should be established between women and men at home, in the workplace and in the wider national and international communities," people around the globe embrace the document's key principles.

Full Text:
<http://bit.ly/c2K428> [PDF format, 34 pages].

"TARGETS OF BOTH SIDES" VIOLENCE AGAINST STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOLS IN THAILAND'S SOUTHERN BORDER PROVINCES. Human Rights Watch. September 20, 2010.

The report details how ethnic Malay Muslim insurgents, who view the government educational system as a symbol of Thai state oppression, have threatened and killed teachers, burned and bombed government schools, and spread terror among students and their parents.

The insurgents have also used Islamic schools to indoctrinate and recruit students into their movement. At the same time, Thai army and paramilitary forces are disrupting education and placing students at unnecessary risk of insurgent attack by occupying schools for long periods as bases for their counterinsurgency operations.

Full Text:
<http://bit.ly/98Cmll> [HTML format with links].

LESSONS FOR CHINA IN PEACE PRIZE. Council on Foreign Relations. October 8, 2010.

China is irate about the Nobel Peace Prize given to jailed dissident Liu Xiaobo, but it should instead view it as an opportunity to move forward on political reform, says the author.

Full Text:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23122/lessons_for_china_in_peace_prize.html [HTML format, various paging].

WALLS AT EVERY TURN. Human Rights Watch. October 6, 2010.

The report describes how workers become trapped in exploitative or abusive employment then face criminal penalties for leaving a job without the employer's permission. Government authorities arrest workers reported as "absconding" and in most cases deport them from Kuwait - even if they have been abused and seek redress.

Full Text:

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/10/06/walls-every-turn-0> [HTML format with links].

LATINOS AND THE 2010 ELECTIONS: STRONG SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATS; WEAK VOTER MOTIVATION. Pew Hispanic Center. Mark Hugo Lopez et al. October 5, 2010.

In a year when support for Democratic candidates has eroded, the party's standing among one key voting group -- Latinos--appears as strong as ever. Two-thirds (65%) of Latino registered voters say they plan to support the Democratic candidate in their local congressional district, while just 22% support the Republican candidate, according to a nationwide survey of Latinos.

Full Text:

<http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/127.pdf> [PDF format, 41 pages].