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## WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY



The United Nation General Assembly proclaimed May 3rd as World Press Freedom Day in 1993, following a Recommendation adopted at the twenty-sixth session of UNESCO's General Conference in 1991.

Every year, the date serves as an occasion to inform citizens of violations of press freedom - a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered.

It is a date to encourage and develop initiatives in favour of press freedom, and to assess the state of press freedom worldwide.

It serves as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom and is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics. Just as importantly, World Press Freedom Day is a day of support for media which are targets for the restraint, or abolition, of press freedom. It is also a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

The 2014 World Press Freedom Day focuses on three inter-

related themes: media's importance in development; safety of journalists and the rule of law; and the sustainability and integrity of journalism. Read more at: <http://goo.gl/eU0GV>

### Global Level of Press Freedom Still Falling.

By Jane Morse, IIP Digital. 02 May 2014  
The global level of press freedom has fallen to its lowest level in a decade," says Karin Karlekar, the project director for the annual "Freedom of the Press" report produced since 1980 by a U.S. based-NGO: Freedom Hous.

This year's report, covering 2013, assesses the state of press freedom for all types of media in 197 countries and territories. At a May 1 press briefing at the State Department's Foreign Press Center in Washington, Karlekar said the share of the world's population that lives in countries with a free press remained at 14 percent, while the vast majority live in partly free or not free media environments. Read more at: <http://goo.gl/hWh0tL>

### A Practical Approach to Journalism Ethics.

By Kelly McBride, IIP Digital Pamphlets 24 March 2014.  
The digital age has transformed how journalism is created and distributed. With the ubiquity of cellphones and other mobile devices that can connect to the Internet, the lines between con-

tent consumer and creator are blurred and sometimes erased. As the number and type of content sources increases, so does the possibility of citizens receiving and acting upon distorted or dishonest information. In this environment, citizens need credible and accurate journalism to understand their community and the broader world, and to make informed civic decisions. The pamphlet provides ethical standard and core values of journalism. Read more at <http://goo.gl/2RT6D3>



### Story Out. IIP Digital Publication, May 2014.

Explore college newsrooms where student journalists practice their Constitutional right to a free and unfettered press.

This issue also includes stories about other types of communication too: how one American turns data into art, how some artists are teaming up with economic development experts to boost their communities, and how resourceful filmmakers get their work done on a tiny budget. Available at <http://goo.gl/ejuvdV>

*Get more resources on Press Freedom related topics in page 2*

## eLibraryUSA Resources on Press

World Press Freedom Day recognizes the essential role a free press plays in a democracy. Now traditional definitions of the press are expanding to include new platforms and new voices.

IIP Book - Media Law Handbook (IIP Digital)  
Link: <http://goo.gl/BgCsgY>

Human Rights Watch - Free Speech  
Link: <http://goo.gl/azfy9u>

Cultivating civil society 2.0  
Link: <http://goo.gl/csUjnI>

Media Making Change  
Link: <http://goo.gl/VxoeHO>

Media Emerging (March 2006)  
Link: <http://goo.gl/luP2aZ>

Media (CQ Researcher)  
Link: <http://goo.gl/e9OKU>

Filmakers Library Online  
Link: <http://flon.alexanderstreet.com/>

Evolving Media and a Free Press (IIP Digital)  
Link: <http://goo.gl/8Bb32K>

Handbook of Independent Journalism  
Link: <http://goo.gl/l4x3Hx>

ebrary: "Journalism"  
Link: <http://goo.gl/ugkepD>

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## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### 1. Overview: Climate Change Impact in the U.S.

By National Climate Assessment, May 2014.

Climate change is already affecting the American people in far-reaching ways. Certain types of extreme weather events with links to climate change have become more frequent and/or intense, including prolonged periods of heat, heavy downpours, and, in some regions, floods and droughts. In addition, warming is causing sea level to rise and glaciers and Arctic sea ice to melt, and oceans are becoming more acidic as they absorb carbon dioxide. These and other aspects of climate change are disrupting people's lives and damaging some sectors of our economy. Explore more summaries from the National Climate Assessment on the impacts of climate change in the United States, now and in the future at <http://goo.gl/usLNKf>

### 2. Understanding the Global Ocean.

By Daniel Gorelick. IIP Digital, 09 May 2014

Pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and commercial fishing are changing oceans — bodies of water so vast that they were once thought to be impervious to human activity. Scientists are working to understand more about the integral role the oceans play in Earth's climate. Josh Willis, an oceanographer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, said evidence for the three phenomena is "hard to refute." The amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is increasing. Average temperatures are increasing in the lower atmosphere (near Earth's surface) and in the surface ocean. And global average sea level is rising at a rate faster than at any time since the end of the last ice age. Read more at <http://goo.gl/4EQyv3>

### 3. The United States of Gas: Why the Shale Revolution Could Have Happened Only in America.

By Robert A. Hefner III. Foreign Affairs, May/June 2014.

Less than a decade ago, the future of American energy looked bleak. Domestic production of both oil and gas was dwindling, and big U.S. energy companies, believing their fortunes lay offshore, had long since turned away from the mainland. But then something remarkable occurred: a surge of innovation allowed companies to extract vast quantities of natural gas trapped in once-inaccessible deposits of shale. The resulting abundance drove down U.S. gas prices to about one-third of the global average. Full text is available at the IRC.

## ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL SECURITY

### 4. Kerry Outlines Steps for Greater Prosperity in Americas.

By Jane Morse. IIP Digital, May 2014

Education, trade and job creation, energy security and good governance are the four main areas in which action is being taken to make the Western Hemisphere the most stable and prosperous region in the world, according to Secretary of State John Kerry. Kerry outlined U.S. policies working toward a prosperous, peaceful future for the Western Hemisphere at the 44th Washington Conference on the Americas, held at the

State Department May 7. The annual conference brings together government, industry and policy leaders for discussions on regional affairs with a business-relevant focus. Read more at <http://goo.gl/HbFmFU>

### 5. The President's Trade Policy Agenda: Supporting Jobs and Economic Growth through Trade.

By Ambassador Michael Froman. United States Trade Representative, March 3, 2014.

The core of the Obama Administration's economic strategy is to create jobs, promote growth,

and strengthen the middle class. Our trade and investment policy contributes significantly to that strategy by opening markets for Made-in-America exports, leveling the playing field by raising standards and enforcing our trade laws and our trade rights. Done right, trade policy creates opportunities for American workers, farmers and ranchers; manufacturers and service providers; innovators, creators, investors and businesses — large and small. Read more at <http://goo.gl/KnHjdu>

## ALL ABOUT AMERICA

### 6. EJJUSA: LGBT Rights in America Today. IIP Digital Ejournal, April 2014

This issue offers a feature on history in the making in its coverage of gay rights. U.S. public opinion is undergoing a shift toward protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. President Obama has voiced his support for marriage equality for same-sex couples, as have many other public figures. These stories are personal too. Supporters of gay rights include people like Senator Rob Portman of Ohio, whose gay son urged his father to reconsider his earlier views that marriage could only take place between a man and a woman. EJJUSA includes stories of courageous people working to guarantee LGBT rights everywhere, from athletic fields to school hallways to the workplace. Read more <http://goo.gl/DH5euE>

### 7. The Cities Where Americans Bike and Walk to Work. By Derek Thompson, The Atlantic, May 8, 2014.

Maybe it's the high price of gas. Or the bougie obsession with healthy living. Or the emerging understanding that sitting in a car for an hour a day is literally killing you right now. Whatever it is, Americans are 60 percent more likely to bike to work than a decade ago, according to new Census figures. About 800,000 workers pedal to the office every day. That sounds like a lot, compared to, say, the 40,000 people who take a ferry to work (true fact). But it's a pittance next to the 120 million workers who still prefer the gas pedal of their car. Full text is available at <http://goo.gl/quQZgp>

### 8. Advice to High-School Graduates: 'You Are Not Special.' By Am Quick Parrish. The Atlantic, May 7, 2014.

On a spring day in 2012, Wellesley High School English teacher David McCullough Jr. stepped onto the school's football field, then covered in a sea of seniors dressed in identical caps and gowns. Clad in a blazer and striped tie, McCullough made his way to the podium, donned his reading glasses, and began his commencement speech. Nothing about the event seemed out of the ordinary. McCullough, after all, was participating in a ritual that happens hundreds of thousands of times across the United States each year. He had given graduation speeches before. But compared to the countless other remarks given by comedians, journalists, and politicians that year, McCullough's speech stood out for its blunt, four-word message: "You are not special." Available at <http://goo.gl/WtORJ1>

## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month — a celebration of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States. In 1977-78, Congress passed legislation recognizing the first ten days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week. It was expanded in May, 1990 when President George H.W. Bush designated May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize the diverse culture of Asian Americans and the accomplishments and contributions they have made.

### Asian/Pacific American Profile from U.S. Census Bureau

**Population:** 18.2 million is estimated number of Asian and 1.4 million is estimated number of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, either alone or in combination with one or more additional races from 2011 U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates.

**Income, Poverty and Health Insurance:** \$67,885 is median household income for the Asian and \$49,378 is median income of households headed by the Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders in 2011.

### Related Links:

- ◆ More information on Asian/Pacific American profile on education, businesses, jobs, U.S. veterans and age of distribution are available at <http://goo.gl/KHKNTp>
- ◆ Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month website is available at <http://asianpacificheritage.gov/>



*Jadi Pahlawan Itu Mudah*

**#Blood4Nation**

Fusing community service and public diplomacy outreach to help address Indonesia's acute blood shortage, for the last two years the U.S. Embassy has cooperated with the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) and the local NGO Blood4Life to organize a nationwide blood drive throughout Indonesia, aptly titled Blood4Nation. More than a blood drive, this initiative engaged civil society and promoted volunteerism throughout Indonesia, including some of the most remote regions. In 2012 this event was held just in Jakarta at the @america cultural center and in 2013 at five American Corners throughout Indonesia.

This year's campaign took place on May 6-7 concurrently in Jakarta and American Corners on university campuses in Makassar, Bandung, Yogyakarta, Ambon, and Padang. In the spirit of friendly competition, a contest was held to see which American Corner could help collect the largest amount of blood over the two day campaign. Stand-up comedians and live bands performed at @america on both days to help sustain interest and attract potential donors. During the closing ceremony on May 7 at @america, Ambassador Blake awarded the "Ambassador's Cup" via livestream to the American Corner at Universitas Andalas in Padang, which collected an astounding 293 units of blood over two days. Nationwide, Blood4Nation 2014 resulted in the collection of 1045 bags of blood for the Indonesian Red Cross.

More information on Blood4Nation please visit: <http://goo.gl/fR3O15>

## ABOUT INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER

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The Information Resource Center (IRC) is a sophisticated state-of-the-art research facility and information service at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta. Our goal is to provide you with accurate and authoritative information about diverse aspects of the United States as well as global topics of interests through access to extensive commercial online databases and the updated collections of books, periodicals, movie, music, audio books and games (check our collection titles via our online catalog at: <http://goo.gl/xvDgdE>).

Our professional reference specialists are trained to assist users to conduct library research as well as to retrieve information quickly and conveniently. We also conduct regular programs on English language learning, study in the U.S./ EducationUSA advising, information literacy classes, presentation/ discussion/ workshop events and movies/ gaming activities.

All services, facilities and programs are available for free to the general public. With one day appointment in-advanced, public are welcomed to visit us on weekdays from 08.00 AM to 04.00 PM. The IRC is closed on Indonesian and American Holidays (check the list of holidays at: <http://goo.gl/Y99he>

### IRC Program Highlights in April 2014



1) STBA LIA students discussed about stereotype, prejudice, discrimination and ethnocentric thru "The Loving Story," a documentary movie 2) Students Ora et Labora High School. 3) Gregory McElwain, Assistant Press Attaché, led writing class program. 4) Endang Sri Nuryanti, an IRC Assistant shared the eLibraryUSA database to 61 High School students. 5) Eran William, Regional English Language Officer, shared on poetry to English writing class. 6) Myra M. Brown, Information Resource Officer, and Ida Fajar Priyanto, PhD candidate from University of North Texas shared their though on Lives Change @ Your Library with students and faculty members in Jakarta, Medan and Bandung.

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