

Week : 3 March - 4 April 2014

Terrorised population in Syria deserves a political solution, states UN Commission

Syrians want a peaceful resolution to the conflict and accountability for the crimes committed in their country, the Commission of Inquiry on Syria tells the Human Rights Council. - 03-04-2014

Democratic People's Republic of Korea: crimes against humanity revealed

During the UN Human Rights Council Session in Geneva, Switzerland, the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea presented its report on an array of systematic, widespread, and gross human rights violations, some amounting to crimes against humanity, being committed by the DPRK. - 02-04-2014

Tackling manifestations of collective hatred

Contempt, fear, mistrust and political tactics are the principal causes of collective religious hatred, the UN expert on freedom of religion and belief says. - 01-04-2014

Defenders urgently need a safe and enabling space

Defending human rights is a dangerous activity in some countries where defenders may be vilified, attacked, arrested, tortured, and even murdered. The UN Human Rights expert on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders condemns these acts and provides, in her final report to the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, recommendations on ways to create a safe and enabling space for defenders. - 31-03-2014

Strong leadership needed to combat racial discrimination

"True leaders employ the power of their standing in society to advocate a long-term vision of racial equality and social justice—they integrate, inspire, and mobilize others to bring a common aspiration to life," said UN Human Rights Chief Navi Pillay. - 28-03-2014

Growing global trend calling for an end to capital punishment

Experts at the Human Rights Council discuss the progress and remaining challenges to abolish the death penalty worldwide. - 27-03-2014

Protecting civil society space to guarantee human rights

"International bodies and governments alone cannot achieve the fulfilment of the protection and promotion of human rights without the full participation of civil society," said the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Frank La Rue. - 26-03-2014

Integrating cultural rights in transitional justice strategies in post-conflict societies

The latest report to the Human Rights Council of the Rapporteur on cultural rights addresses memorialization processes in post-conflict societies and the importance of culture in transitional justice. - 25-03-2014

Every woman's right to water, sanitation and hygiene

Human rights and health experts held an interactive dialogue on women's advances in securing their rights and dignity in topics related to water, sanitation, and hygiene during a special event at the United Nations in Geneva. - 14-03-2014

Young migrants tell their stories

The UN World Youth Report on Youth and Migration provides a personal glimpse inside the lives of young migrants and the challenges they face at every phase of migration. - 10-03-2014

Too Young to Wed

The "Too Young to Wed" exhibition at the United Nations in Geneva highlights the issue of child marriage through more than 30 photographs of child brides from around the world by photojournalist Stephanie Sinclair. - 06-03-2014

Rights advisory committee starts study on the rights of persons with albinism

Persons with albinism face multiple forms of discrimination worldwide. The Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council starts a study on priority areas of protection of the rights of persons with albinism. - 05-03-2014

The Human Rights Council's 25th session opens in Geneva

At the opening of the 25th Session of the Human Rights Council, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and UN Human Rights Chief Navi Pillay spoke of the daunting challenges, which lie ahead, for the full protection and promotion of human rights and highlighted the recent

human rights achievements. - 04-03-2014

Videos:

Ban Ki-moon, Panel Discussion on the question of the death penalty, Human Rights Council : <http://bit.ly/1fskGpz>

Human Rights Council's 25th session opens in Geneva - <http://bit.ly/1kCkA5l>

Protect rights of persons with Albinism - <http://bit.ly/1g5q2un>