



# News Bulletin

## ■GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - The United Nations marked the 65th anniversary of the world body's charter Sunday amid calls for reform to update the institution to reflect a changed modern reality. The UN has grown from an original 51 members to the current 192, and now faces persistent calls for reforms such as a change to the permanent members of the Security Council.

## ■AFRICA

SOMALIA - Dadaab, one of the world's longest running and largest refugee camp, continues to be inundated with civilians fleeing the chaos of Somalia. With a camp population of more than 300,000 people, the eastern Kenyan refuge has spawned an economy of its own and become a place some residents would be reluctant to leave.

SOUTH AFRICA - The South African sex work industry has released a new report that has shown the country's recent soccer World Cup did not fuel a rise in sex work - and that thousands of dollars may have been wasted on ill-tailored HIV prevention campaigns.

## ■ASIA

INDONESIA - The so-called "timber mafias" responsible for vast logging in Indonesia have stripped Borneo of much of its rain forests, resulting in months of flooding that already has overcome villages - although the monsoon season has yet to begin. The rate of deforestation, which also endangers wildlife, is "one of the largest unfolding disasters on the planet."

MYANMAR - Cooperation has been good between relief agencies and national authorities after Cyclone Giri struck western Myanmar on 22 October, but it is still too early to know what access international staff will have to the hardest-hit areas.

SRI LANKA's Tamils are struggling to retain a sense of optimism as the pace of reconstruction and signs of economic development after decades of warfare have yet to translate into tangible gains for most. Food prices remain high, political efforts to resolve Tamil concerns have stalled, and many Tamils complain the government's efforts are limited to areas with Sinhalese majorities.

## ■LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

ARGENTINA - Wednesday is census day in Argentina, and an army of census-takers will be knocking on doors to collect data on, among other things, the number of blacks and indigenous people, and same-sex couples, in the country. But it is happening under a cloud of controversy and distrust.

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