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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS High Commissioner for Human Rights, said her organization put the death toll in the current Egyptian protests at 300. She called on the government of Egypt's army and police "to act with the utmost care and restraint" during the protests and called on protesters to refrain from violence.

UNITED NATIONS - The global per capita consumption of fish reached an all-time high in 2008, rising to 17.1 kilograms from 16.9 kilograms per person in 2007, according to a report released Monday by the UNFAO. The increase is due to the spread of aquaculture, and fish farms - which now not only account for some 46% of the world's supply of consumed fish, but most of the commercial value.

DEVELOPMENT - To allow least developed countries (LDCs) to protect nascent industries, they are not required to cut tariffs for industrial goods and fisheries in the Doha Development Round. However, tariffs cuts will affect them if they are members of customs unions where some of their neighbours are larger developing countries without LDC status.

HEALTH - With the current number of health workers worldwide, most developing countries will not be able to achieve Millennium Development Goal 6, which includes universal access to HIV/AIDS treatment by 2015, according to a 2011 UNWHO report which reviewed progress in five countries.

HIV/AIDS - Antiviral triple therapy, usually reserved for patients with highly progressed HIV/AIDS, can help stem the transmission of the virus from pregnant women to their babies, according to a study published in The Lancet. All of the women who participated in the study had HIV, but none had progressed to the point where triple therapy would normally be prescribed. Use of the more aggressive therapy resulted in a 43% drop in infection rates.

AFRICA

SOMALIA's self-declared independent region of Somaliland has experienced an increase in landmine and unexploded ordnance (UXO) explosions in the recent past, with officials calling for mine awareness education in schools, as children have been the main victims.

SOUTH AFRICA - With nearly one in three South Africans expected to receive state assistance in the form of welfare benefits during the 2011/12 financial year, commentators are wondering how the country can afford to keep providing an ever expanding social safety net.

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPTIAN authorities have shut down the Internet across the country in an attempt to prevent communications among protesters.

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