

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - Over the next 40 years, urban populations are forecast to explode in India, China, Nigeria, Indonesia and the US, according to the United Nations. "Cities are where the pressures of migration, globalization, economic development, social inequality, environmental pollution and climate change are most directly felt," per a UN statement, which urged negotiators to hammer out plans for more sustainable cities at the upcoming Rio+20 summit.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

INDIA - Starvation deaths are all too real among the 360 million people living below the poverty line in India despite economic gains and decades of food self-sufficiency. The country's current system of distributing food to the needy is seriously flawed, and lower castes and tribal populations are most at risk.

INDONESIA - Recent cases of missing children in Indonesia have raised concerns about human trafficking and a lack of law enforcement resources to combat it, say child welfare activists.

THAILAND / MYANMAR - Strains of the malaria parasite are becoming more resistant along the border between Thailand and Myanmar, according to researchers, who say in *The Lancet* medical journal that the development could not only compromise efforts to eliminate malaria, but translate into a resurgence.

## MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT - Rising poverty, overcrowded public transport, and sprawling slums threaten to reverse the gains made in eradicating tuberculosis (TB) in Egypt, experts say.

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