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■GLOBAL

HUMAN RIGHTS - Children recruited as pirates should not face the same legal consequences as adults if an international tribunal to cope with piracy off the coast of Somali is formed, says Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. Efforts should be made instead to rehabilitate children caught up in the violent world of international piracy, according to Coomaraswamy.

HEALTH - Leaders in public health and technology are meeting this week in Washington, DC, to explore ways to improve health care in developing countries through the use of mobile devices and wireless networks.

■AFRICA

Africa Region - When a child loses a parent to HIV/AIDS, grief counselling helps with the trauma of loss, but when the child is both poor and orphaned, the chances of a fulfilling life are significantly diminished.

SUDAN - The influence of Northern Sudan on Aweil in Bahr el-Gazal state of Southern Sudan is everywhere - from food deliveries to the truck-loads of returnees.

SWAZILAND - Thousands of public servants in Swaziland are due to lose their jobs in cutbacks as part of a government bid to gain approval from the International Monetary Fund for a loan. But some Swazis would rather see the budget slashed for the country's autocratic royals.

ZAMBIA - Most Zambian children regularly tuck in to 'nshima', a stiff maize porridge, but if they can be persuaded to eat an orange-coloured variety made of biofortified maize, their health prospects could be greatly enhanced.

■ASIA

MYANMAR - Although almost all the 20,000 refugees from Myanmar who fled to Thailand on 8 November following post-election violence have now returned home, aid groups on the Thai border are prepared for another round of violence.

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