



# HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

## CURRENT REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

**H**uman rights organizations publish both annual reports and special reports on specific pressing human rights situations.

### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2008

“World leaders owe an apology for failing to deliver on the promise of justice and equality in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), adopted 60 years ago. In the past six decades, many governments have shown more interest in the abuse of power or in the pursuit of political self-interest, than in respecting the rights of those they lead.” [report2008.amnesty.org/eng/introduction](http://report2008.amnesty.org/eng/introduction)

### HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH WORLD REPORT 2008

“Rarely has democracy been so acclaimed yet so breached, so promoted yet so disrespected, so important yet so disappointing. Today, democracy has become the *sine qua non* of legitimacy. Few governments want to be seen as undemocratic. Yet the credentials of the claimants have not kept pace with democracy’s growing popularity.” [hrw.org/en/reports/2008/01/30/world-report-2008](http://hrw.org/en/reports/2008/01/30/world-report-2008)

### UN OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Recent publications include a handbook for nongovernmental organizations and a plan of action for a world program for human rights education. [ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/Publications.aspx](http://ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/Publications.aspx)



## US STATE DEPARTMENT

The State Department's Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices survey the situation of human rights around the world, except in the United States.

[state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt](http://state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt)

## EU ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A global human rights report produced by the European Commission. "In combating terrorism and extremism, the promotion of human rights remains highly relevant."

[ec.europa.eu/external\\_relations/human\\_rights/doc](http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/human_rights/doc)

## ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

A report on the activities of the commission and human rights situations in African countries. [achpr.org/english/activity\\_reports/activity15\\_en.pdf](http://achpr.org/english/activity_reports/activity15_en.pdf)

## INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY REPORT

This report is issued by the Asian Commission on Human Rights. The report provides the state of human rights in eleven Asian nations.

[material.ahrchk.net/hrreport/2007](http://material.ahrchk.net/hrreport/2007)

Students are encouraged to search for other human rights reports published by other governments and civil organizations.