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MAIN FOCUS | SUDAN



Context: Geisan / Blue Nile, March 2026. Blue Nile Emergency Room / Radio Dabanga. This is not an image of the 9 October Abu Shandi strike. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

Drone strike on displaced civilians in Sudan

- A strike was reported near the Abu Shandi displacement site in Blue Nile on 9 October.
- The UN statement of 10 October reported at least 31 deaths; Emergency Lawyers reported 41 in an account carried by AP.
- Casualty figures and attribution to the RSF remain explicitly sourced. An independent investigative conclusion has not been identified.

EDITOR'S FOCUS

Civilian protection, detained journalists, force used at demonstrations and women's rights are this issue's focus. A reported attack on a Palestinian family, follow-ups from the previous issue and newly public judicial records are also covered.

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MAIN FILE AND PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS

Sudan | Differing casualty reports following the Abu Shandi strike

Event: 9 October 2026 | New statements: 9-10 October

A drone strike was reported on 9 October next to a displacement site near Abu Shandi, Wad Al Mahi, Blue Nile. UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Denise Brown's 10 October statement reported at least 31 civilians killed, mostly women and children, and dozens injured. People at the site had fled fighting in Geissan and Kurmuk.

AP's 10 October report cited Emergency Lawyers as reporting 41 deaths, including eight children. Earlier accounts carried by Radio Dabanga and Anadolu, citing regional authorities and the Sudan Doctors Network respectively, gave 30 and 31 deaths. These are not added together. Local authorities and the rights group attributed the attack to the RSF; AP reported that an RSF spokesperson did not respond.

VERIFICATION / OUTSTANDING UNCERTAINTY

The final toll and perpetrator have not been independently established. The UN statement also describes its figures as preliminary.

Legal framework: Customary IHL: distinction, protection of civilians and precautions in attack.

Source: [UN Sudan - 10 October](#) | [AP / ABC News - 10 October](#) | [Radio Dabanga - 9 October](#) | [Anadolu / Sudan Doctors Network - 9 October](#)

Palestine | Reported attack on a family's tent in Gaza

Event: 8 October 2026



Context: photograph used in Anadolu's 8 October 2026 Gaza report. Photographer and capture date unspecified; the Mubarak family or their tent is not identified. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

Anadolu's 8 October report, citing an Al-Shifa Hospital medical source, said Israeli artillery struck a family's tent in Gaza City's Amer Project area. Ahlam Mubarak, 30, was killed; her husband and two children were injured, with her husband seriously wounded. AFP separately reported a woman killed by artillery, without separately confirming the family details. The Israeli army told AFP it was checking reports of the other deaths.

Legal framework: Customary IHL: civilian protection, distinction and proportionality.

Source: [Anadolu - 8 October](#) | [AFP / Arab News - 8-9 October](#)

PRESS FREEDOM AND PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

Egypt | EIPR challenges the prosecution's Matsadaash account

Previous-issue follow-up | New publications: 7-9 October



Portraits: Matsadaash's six journalists, EIPR publication. Photographer and capture dates unspecified; not an arrest photograph. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

Following the detention of Matsadaash's six-member newsroom on 28-29 September, EIPR issued a response on 7 October to the prosecution's statement. EIPR reported five days without family or lawyer contact and challenged the adequacy of the investigation into torture and coerced recorded confession allegations.

The prosecution's account, reproduced in EIPR's response, referred to no visible injuries and to the referral of three journalists to the Forensic Medicine Authority. EIPR argued that an absence of visible injuries did not replace an investigation. The joint rights-group statement published on 8-9 October reported continuing detention and transfer to Badr 1 Prison. The Interior Ministry denied the torture allegations in its response reported by the press.

VERIFICATION / OUTSTANDING UNCERTAINTY

Torture allegations are attributed to lawyers and rights organisations. Full forensic reports and an independent investigative conclusion were not obtained in this review.

Legal framework: ICCPR arts. 7, 9, 14 and 19: prohibition of torture, liberty, fair trial and expression.

Source: [EIPR - 7 October](#) | [EFHR joint statement - 9 October](#) | [The Guardian - 9 October](#)

PRESS FREEDOM AND PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

France | Police force at student protests and challenges to bans

Event: 5 October | Statements: 6-9 October



Field photograph: student protest in Pantin, 7 October 2026. NnoMan Cadoret / StreetPress. This does not depict the Lens injury. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.



Field photograph: student protest sign in Pantin, 7 October 2026. NnoMan Cadoret / StreetPress. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

Reuters reported that France suspended stun grenades for student protests on 7 October after a 15-year-old lost his hand in Lens on 5 October. The minister described a strong possibility of grenade involvement and said 18 incidents had been referred for police-inspectorate investigation.

CNCDH expressed concern about escalating tensions on 6 October. On 9 October, LDH and SAF announced challenges to bans on gatherings outside schools. LDH said about half the decisions already issued suspended bans, while others were withdrawn before hearings. This proportion is attributed to LDH; the full texts of all decisions were not reviewed.

VERIFICATION / OUTSTANDING UNCERTAINTY

Individual police responsibility remains undetermined. Suspension of the equipment is not a judicial finding that every use was unlawful.

Legal framework: ECHR arts. 3, 10 and 11; CRC art. 19: ill-treatment safeguards, expression, assembly and child protection.

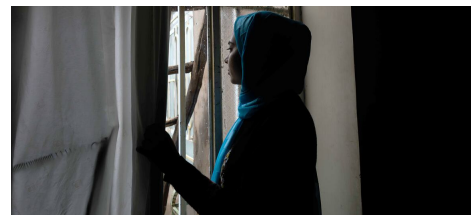
Source: [Reuters - 7 October; updated 8 October](#) | [CNCDH - 6 October](#) | [LDH / SAF - 9 October](#)

WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Afghanistan | Dress-code arrests and detention

Events: July-September 2026 | New statement: 8 October

UNAMA's 8 October statement reported that it had verified at least 52 women and one girl arrested or detained in Kabul and Herat between July and September for alleged dress-code violations. Reported grounds included visible hair, colourful scarves, makeup or being in public without a male escort.



Education context: UNICEF / Osman Khayya; UN News publication, 8 October. Exact capture date unknown; this does not depict the reported detentions. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

UN News reported that the women were released after several hours. They are not presented as a group still imprisoned. UNAMA also expressed concern about verbal abuse, beatings and threats, and warned that protection concerns and stigma may cause substantial underreporting.

Legal framework: ICCPR arts. 9, 12 and 26: liberty, movement and non-discrimination.

Source: [UNAMA - 8 October](#) | [UN News / Global Issues - 8 October](#)

Afghanistan | Four ICC arrest warrants made public

Judicial context | Unsealing: 5 October 2026



Institutional context: ICC building, The Hague, 6 August 2022. Choinowski, [CC BY-SA 4.0](#). [Original record](#). This does not depict Afghan events or the decision being issued.

On 5 October, the International Criminal Court unsealed four warrants concerning Haibatullah Akhundzada, Abdul Hakim Haqqani, Habibullah Agha and Neda Mohammad Nadim. The warrants had been issued on 8 July and 9 September 2025; the existence of the first two was already public in July 2025.

The Chamber found reasonable grounds to believe the suspects bore responsibility for persecution as a crime against humanity on gender and political grounds, concerning women, girls and people perceived as their allies. The publication provides judicial context for the women's-rights file.

Legal framework: Rome Statute art. 7(1)(h). Arrest warrants are not convictions; the presumption of innocence applies.

Source: [ICC - 5 October 2026](#)

RIGHT TO LIFE AND CHILD PROTECTION

Iran | Death sentence reported against Najmeh Amini

New publication: 9 October | Judgment date unspecified

Iran Human Rights reported on 9 October that Najmeh Amini, 23, held in Mashhad, had been sentenced to death for blasphemy over a social-media post. IHR cited a 7 October Khorasan newspaper report using her initials. The judgment date was not specified. IHR said the sentence remained appealable and had not been upheld by the Supreme Court; no subsequent appellate outcome was verified in this review.



Portrait used by IHR in its Najmeh Amini report, published 9 October. Identity not independently verified; photographer and capture date unspecified. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

Legal framework: ICCPR arts. 6, 14 and 19: life, fair trial and expression.

Source: [Iran Human Rights - 9 October](#)

Iran | Children displayed on a matchmaking service

Investigation: 5 October | Publication: 8 October

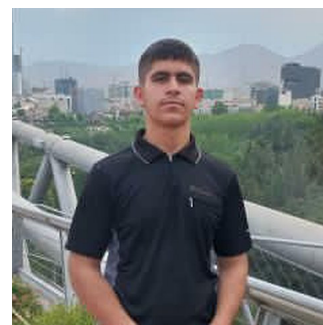
HRA's 8 October investigation reported minors displayed as prospective spouses on the licensed Adam and Eve platform. A search for girls aged 13-17 on 5 October reached the 100-profile display limit and included profiles showing ages 13 and 14. This is neither the total number of children nor a count of marriages. All profiles' authenticity was not independently established; identifying information about children is omitted.

Legal framework: CRC arts. 3, 16 and 19: best interests, privacy and protection from violence.

Source: [HRA / HRANA - 8 October](#)

Iran | IHR's 2026 execution monitoring

IHR's 10 October report recorded at least 617 executions in 2026. This is the organisation's cumulative monitoring figure, not a national total independently established by SRL. It is not added to differently timed datasets or individual cases from the same period.



Portrait: Pejman Saedi in IHR's 10 October report; IHR reports his execution on 12 January 2026. Photographer and capture date unspecified. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

Legal framework: ICCPR arts. 6 and 14: life and fair-trial guarantees.

Source: [Iran Human Rights - 10 October](#)

Bangladesh | New assessment of political arrests

Context | Events: 26-28 September | Assessment: 5 October

HRW's 5 October assessment addressed approximately 290 arrests at a Jasad meeting on 26 September. The Daily Star reported on 28 September that 27 people had been sent to prison and approximately 252 released. This is context concerning an earlier incident; no new collective release or final ruling was verified in this review.

Legal framework: ICCPR arts. 9, 19 and 22: liberty, expression and association.

Source: [HRW - 5 October](#) | [The Daily Star - 28 September](#)

MYANMAR AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Myanmar | AAPP's 12 October monitoring update

Data period: 1 February 2021-12 October 2026

AAPP reported 8,528 deaths and 32,146 arrests from the 1 February 2021 coup to 12 October 2026, with 15,040 people confirmed still detained. A further 7,732 detention statuses remained to be verified. They are AAPP's monitoring figures, not complete national totals independently verified by SRL.

Legal framework: For acts linked to armed conflict: customary IHL and common article 3 protect life and persons in detention.

Source: [AAPP - 12 October](#)

Myanmar | New visual analysis of the Kyauktaw strike

Previous-issue follow-up | Event: 28 September | New analysis: 8 October



Video frame: CIR / Myanmar Witness investigation of the 28 September Kyauktaw strike, published 8 October. Original camera operator and exact recording time unspecified. [Source](#). Reproduction permission unverified.

Myanmar Witness's 8 October analysis assessed with high confidence that an airstrike occurred in the civilian area near Kyauktaw's market and bridge on 28 September. It identified visual indicators consistent with at least 33 deceased people: a minimum visual estimate, not a confirmed total. Approximately 50 deaths and 60 injuries were not verified. Aircraft, munitions and perpetrator identity also remained unverified.

Legal framework: Customary IHL: distinction, proportionality and precautions in attack.

Source: [Myanmar Witness / CIR - 8 October](#)

Myanmar | UNDP findings on multidimensional poverty

New research publication: 8 October

UNDP's 8 October study estimated that 68% of the population, over 37 million people, were multidimensionally poor or vulnerable to becoming poor. These categories are combined; not all 37 million are described as already poor. Phone-based data collection may understate deprivation among some stateless and displaced communities, including Rohingya. The research alone does not establish a particular actor's legal liability.

Legal framework: ICESCR arts. 11, 12 and 13: adequate living standards, health and education.

Source: [UNDP - 8 October](#)

Bangladesh | Alleged threats against a survivor and witnesses

Bail release: 29 September | New statement: 6 October

In a 6 October statement published through BLAST, the Rape Law Reform Coalition reported threats against a survivor, her family and witnesses after a convicted defendant's release on bail pending appeal on 29 September. The coalition called for protection and investigation. These allegations are not independent investigative findings; details identifying the survivor are omitted.

Legal framework: ICCPR arts. 6 and 14; CRC art. 19: life, access to justice and protection from violence.

Source: [BLAST / Coalition - 6 October](#) | [Original statement PDF](#)

PRIVACY AND RETURN RISKS | SWITZERLAND

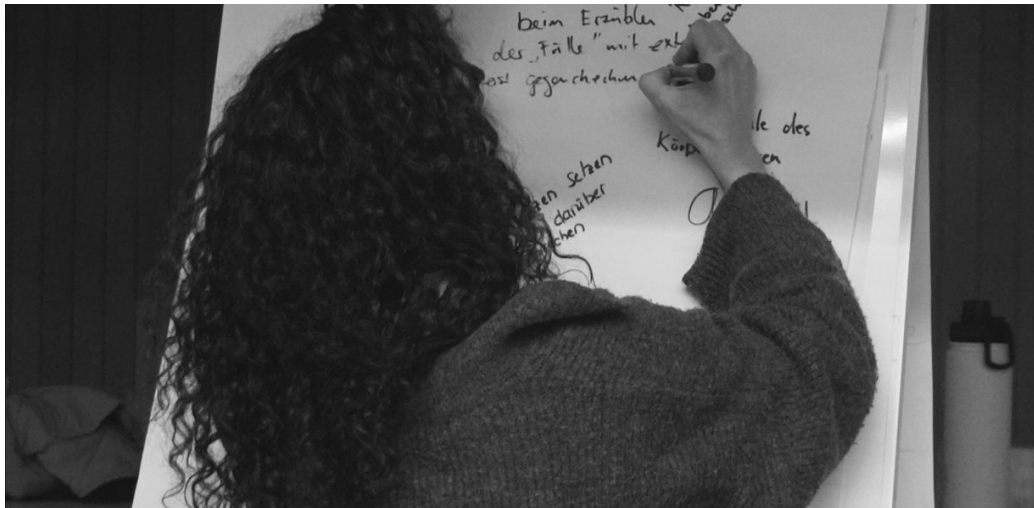
Switzerland | Publica supplier data leak

Federal authorities confirmed a data leak on 8 October following a late-September cyberattack on Publica's external software supplier. The federal prosecutor opened an investigation. The affected data's scope remained under assessment; the statement did not give a total number of people affected.

Legal framework: ECHR art. 8: private life and personal-data protection.

Source: [Swiss federal authorities - 8 October](#)

Switzerland | Detention after return to Türkiye



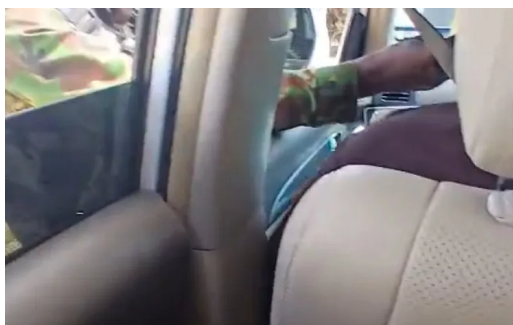
Context: photograph in the AsyLex article. Not identified as Bahar Yalçinkaya or a removal scene. Photographer and capture date unspecified. [Source](#). Reproduction permission unverified.

AsyLex's 8 October publication examined Bahar Yalçinkaya's reported detention following her return with her children on 4 August. It reported that her lawyer had notified Swiss authorities of an active criminal case and apprehension order before removal. The publication is new this week; the removal is not. A subsequent judicial outcome was not verified in this review.

Legal framework: ECHR art. 3; CRC art. 3: non-refoulement and the child's best interests.

Source: [AsyLex - 8 October](#)

PREVIOUS-ISSUE FOLLOW-UP | KENYA



Video frame: MUHURI case, The Star, 29 September publication. Exact recording date and camera operator unverified. Reports say the team was released after about two hours. [Source](#). Reproduction permission unverified.

The Standard already reported on 29 September that the MUHURI team was released after about two hours. This is not a new release this week; sources differ on the event date and unit identity.

Source: [The Standard - 29 September](#)

LIFE AND ASSEMBLY RIGHTS | UNITED KINGDOM

United Kingdom | Anthony Whittle inquest concluded



Portrait: Anthony Whittle, INQUEST publication. Photographer and capture date unspecified; not an inquest photograph. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

INQUEST reported a jury conclusion of “misadventure” after the 6-7 October inquest. In 1994, Whittle was left alone while being assessed at a mental-health unit, left through a window and was found dead with injuries consistent with a fall. The new narrative conclusion recorded these circumstances. The jury’s conclusion is not a criminal conviction.

Legal framework: ECHR art. 2: life and effective investigation of a death.

Source: [INQUEST - 7 October](#)

United Kingdom | Demonstrations and terrorism legislation

ITV’s 10 October report cited police as reporting 20 arrests at that stage of the London demonstration, two over placards allegedly supporting Palestine Action. This was not a final total. Home Office statistics published on 8 October recorded 3,630 Palestine Action-related arrests within 3,867 terrorism-related arrests in the year to June 2026. Annual and single-event figures are not combined; arrest is not proof of guilt.

Legal framework: ECHR arts. 5, 10 and 11: liberty, expression and assembly.

Source: [ITV / Police account - 10 October](#) | [Home Office - 8 October](#)

United Kingdom | William Cameron proceedings

The trial that began on 1 October concerns Cameron’s death in police custody in 2020. Nurse Sean Cregg denies the charges. No new judgment was verified in this review.

Legal framework: ECHR art. 2; presumption of innocence.

Source: [INQUEST - 29 September](#)



Institutional context: Old Bailey, London, 11 April 2020. GrindtXX, [CC BY-SA 4.0](#). [Original record](#). Venue for the Cameron proceedings; not a hearing photograph or an image of the Whittle case.

BRIEF NOTES AND FILE FOLLOW-UPS

Kenya | School exclusion linked to illegal levies

KHRC/Elimu Bora's 6 October study covered 388 parents and relatives in 11 counties. It reported 45.9% of learners in the sample occasionally or very often excluded from class over illegal levies. This is not a national rate.

Legal framework: ICESCR art. 13; CRC art. 28: education.

Source: [KHRC / Elimu Bora - 6 October](#)

Nigeria | SERAP appeal hearing postponed to 13 October

Premium Times and TheCable reported that two Abuja appeals were postponed on 9 October to 13 October. This does not overturn the 100-million-naira damages award. The outcome of the 13 October hearing was unavailable at the prepublication cut-off.

Legal framework: ICCPR arts. 14 and 19: fair trial and expression.

Source: [Premium Times - 9 October](#) | [TheCable - 9 October](#)

Colombia | Conflicting accounts in the Keiner Banguera case

Infobae's 6 October report described differing family and military accounts of Banguera's death during an El Charco operation on 2 October. No new prosecutorial conclusion or judgment on the circumstances or potential responsibility was verified in this review.



News collage: Keiner Banguera's memorial portrait on the right. Catalina Olaya / Colprensa; Prodefensa del Río Tapaje / Facebook, via Infobae. Capture dates unknown; not the death scene. [Source](#). Republication permission unverified.

Legal framework: ICCPR art. 6: life and effective investigation.

Source: [Infobae - 6 October](#)

FOLLOW-UP FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE

Iraq / Sudan: No new judicial outcome was verified in the 5,704-detainee file or the 3 October attack on WFP trucks. [Iraq file](#) | [WFP file](#)

Afghanistan / Iran / Nigeria: No new outcome was verified for Marhaba and her children, Siavash Jamshidi-Kheirabadi or the Borno arrests. [Marhaba](#) | [Siavash](#) | [Borno](#)

Malaysia / Myanmar / ECtHR: No new confirmation was obtained on the voluntariness of the 1,476 returns or domestic implementation of the two previous ECtHR judgments. [UNHCR](#) | [Korkmaz and Others](#) | [K.A.](#)

PUBLICATION, VERIFICATION AND CORRECTIONS

The bulletin draws on public judicial records, UN sources, rights organisations and reliable media. Event and publication dates are distinguished and the presumption of innocence is respected. Legal references identify relevant safeguards rather than final findings of violation. Images distinguish events, portraits and context; unverified capture details and permissions are stated in captions. Reports of material error are reviewed; significant verified corrections are reflected transparently.

ICCPR: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. ICESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child. ECHR: European Convention on Human Rights.

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