

Early Warning and Complex Monitoring of Ethnic Conflict and Mass Atrocities

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CONFLICT in KOSOVO

More than 100,000 U.S. troops in Kosovo, a 200,000
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Albright heads to France as Serbs blast Kosovo talks

February 12, 1999
Washington Post | U.S. (12/12/99)

WASHINGTON (CNN) — U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will travel to Rambouillet, France, on Saturday to assess the progress of talks between Serbs and ethnic Albanians on the future of Serbia's rebellious Kosovo province.



Albright

Albright will stay in France until Sunday night to "conduct an on-the-ground assessment of the negotiations," the State Department said.

In addition, foreign members from the Contact Group on the Balkans — the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, and Italy — may meet to assess progress.

The crime of *genocide* involves a wide range of actions, including not only the deprivation of life but also the prevention of life (*abortions, sterilizations*) and also devices considerably endangering life and health (*artificial infections, working to death in special camps, deliberate separation of families for depopulation purposes and so forth*).

All these actions are subordinated to the criminal intent to destroy or to cripple permanently a human group. The acts are directed against groups as such, and individuals are selected for destruction only because they belong to these groups.

Raphael Lemkin

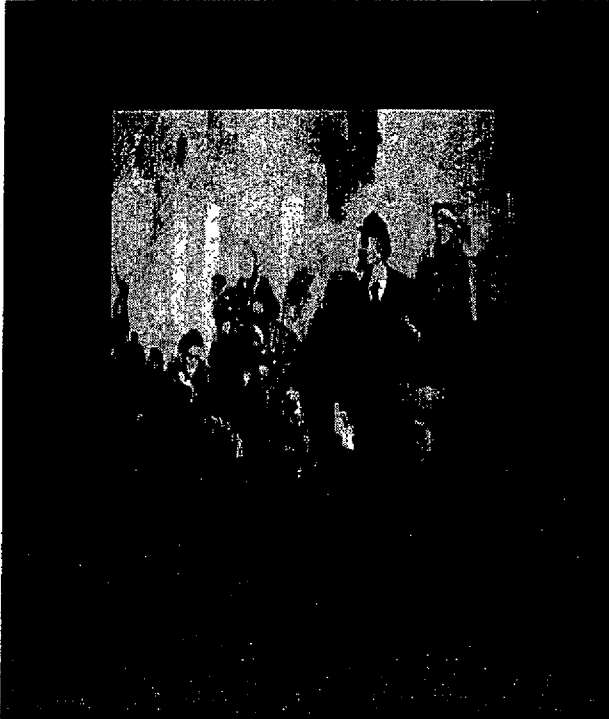


In the present Convention, *genocide* means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- (a) Killing members of the group;
- (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- (c) Deliberately inflicting on on the group, condition of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Article III, The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide





**The Genocide
Convention does not
protect political and
socio-economic groups,
though these groups
have also been
victimized.**

[If the Jews did not exist] we would have to invent them. One needs a visible enemy, one in plain sight. The Jews is always within us, but it is simply to fight him in reality, for him to be an invisible evil.

The art of propaganda consists precisely in being able to awaken the imagination of the public through an appeal to their feelings, in finding the appropriate psychological form that will arrest the attention and appeal to the hearts of the national masses.

Adolf Hitler





Indicators of Potential Genocide

- *In the past 30 years, have acts of genocide been committed against a particular group? Were those genocidal acts rewarded by the society?*
- *In the past 4 years, has the society's regime either broken down or entrenched its power by violating human rights on a large scale?*
- *Has a scapegoat-oriented propaganda campaign begun? Has a war or a rebellion started?*

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- The News Media
- Academia
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Politically-biased Internet Sites

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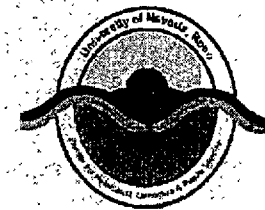
The News Media

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 - ReliefWeb
 - Inter'l Regional Information Network

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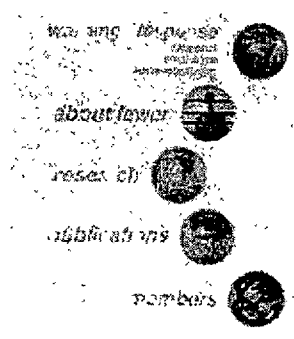
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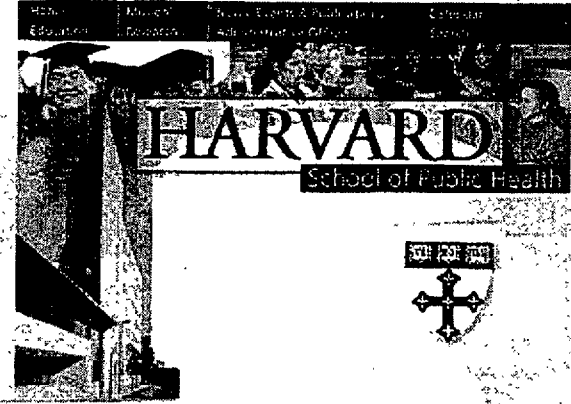
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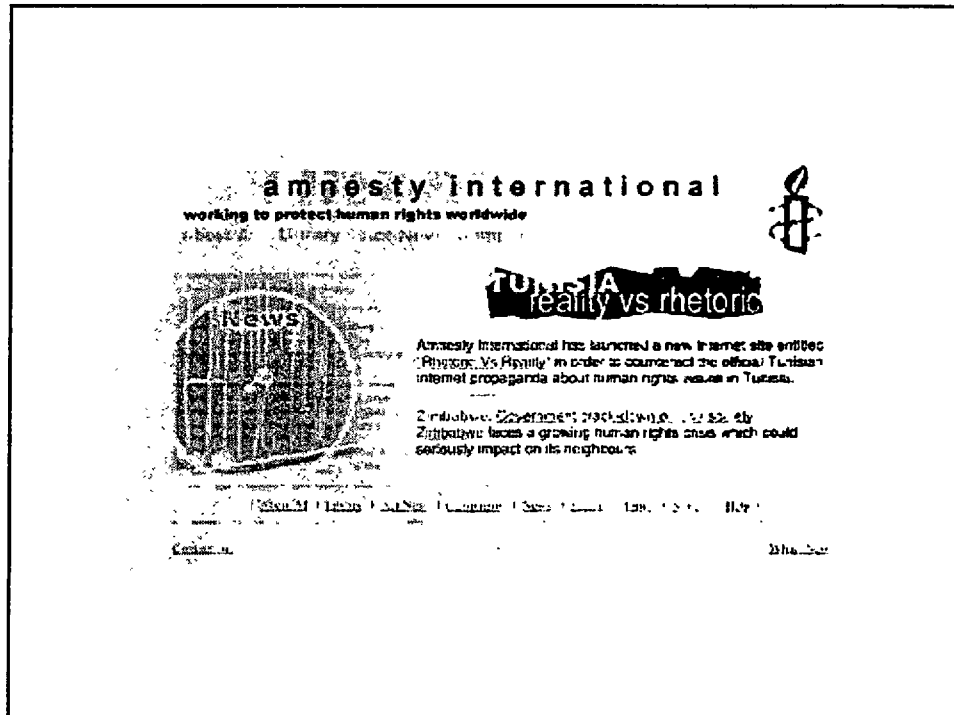
Health and Human Rights Committee

The Health and Human Rights Committee endeavors to connect people's struggles for dignity, political rights, and cultural survival (aspects of human rights as they are generally defined) with their struggles for health. The group serves as a forum for critical discussion about the social, economic, and political constraints to public health through its sponsorship of speakers, seminars, and service activities.

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Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

- Human Rights Organizations
- Humanitarian Relief Organizations
- Agencies of the United Nations
- Other International Organizations



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Sierra Leone

Thousands of Sierra Leoneans suffer daily from the effects of war - from extreme hunger to physical brutality - as Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels attack communities to gain control of the small diamond-rich West African country. To protect the republic, the Economic Community of West African States, a coalition organization made up of West African nations, has deployed a peacekeeping force, called ECOMOG, to battle the RUF rebels, many of whom are teenage boys dressed as civilians.

ECOMOG and the rebels are fighting throughout Sierra Leone, from the streets of Freetown to the small farming villages in the countryside. More than 500,000 people have fled to neighboring Guinea and hundreds of thousands more have retreated to safe areas within the borders of Sierra Leone to escape the conflict and search for food.

The humanitarian crisis grows more serious with each passing day. Food is scarce. Medical facilities do not have the capacity to care for all those who are in or suffering from war wounds. Opportunities for employment have been destroyed. Many Sierra Leoneans have no choice but to abandon everything they own in search of a safe haven and help from others to survive.

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Witnessing: Humanitarian action and human rights


Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an independent humanitarian organization which is committed to medical ethics and the protection of human rights through humanitarian law. Our definition of advocacy is being present among the victims to hear their stories and speak out about their plight, in order to improve their basic living conditions and to protect their fundamental human rights. Advocacy and witnessing are integral to our humanitarian mission.

The most fundamental human rights referred to in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are: the right to life, the right to security, the right to fulfil basic needs for life such as food, water and shelter, the right to a fair trial and the right to medical treatment.

MSF does not talk about populations in need, but about populations in danger. The concept of danger implies that people should be protected, both from violence and from abuse of their human rights. If they are not, then aid can easily become part of the repressive policies that have caused suffering in the first place.

MSF seeks to advocate on behalf of the populations we are assisting without necessarily threatening our operations in the field. The mere presence of foreign aid workers can deter abuses of human rights. There are also many forms of advocacy which can improve conditions, such as helping to reform local structures, lobbying of political and diplomatic actors as well as cooperating with human rights groups. In most cases, these methods - known as silent diplomacy - are effective.

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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance. It directs and coordinates the international relief activities conducted by the Movement in situations of conflict. It also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

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09/02/99 SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE HAZARAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA TO UNDERTAKE A TWO-WEEK MISSION TO THE REGION

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Universal Declaration of Human Rights

20th Anniversary 1999

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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

- Address of the High Commissioner to the Disarmament Conference on an ICC, Rome, 18 June 1998
- The High Commissioner's mission under Article 15 of the Rome Statute
- The UN High Commissioner's report on the Commission on the Status of Women of 1998
- High Commissioner for Human Rights Announces Decision on the Status of Women's Rights
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MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS

- 13th session of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, 22 March - 26 April 1999
- 27th session of the Sub-Commission on Human Rights, 22 August 1999
- 20th session of the Commission on the Rights of the Child, Geneva, 11-29 January 1999
- 12th session of the Commission on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva, 24 November - 4 December 1999
- 21st session of the Committee against Torture, Geneva, 8-20 November 1999
- 44th session of the Human Rights Commission, Geneva, 13 October - 5 November 1998
- 52nd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Geneva, 2-23 August 1999

There are 12 million refugees in each
 hundred million of the world's population. Last
 year, 1.5 million were added.

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

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Organization of African Unity

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Organization of African Unity was established on May 25, 1963, at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the Charter of the Organization was signed on that occasion by Heads of State and Government of 32 independent African States. Its purpose is to promote the unity and solidarity of the African States, defend the sovereignty of its members, eradicate all forms of colonialism, promote international cooperation having due regard for the Charter of the United Nations and the United Declaration of Human Rights, and to foster and harmonize Member States' economic, scientific, educational, health, cultural, technical and administrative activities. See: [History](#)

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Politically-biased Web Sites

- Political Opposition Groups
- Religious Groups
- Official Government Sites

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Iraqi National Congress

The Main Opposition Group To Saddam Hussein's Regime In Iraq

On this site you will find news about the current situation in Iraq and information about the democratic Iraqi opposition.



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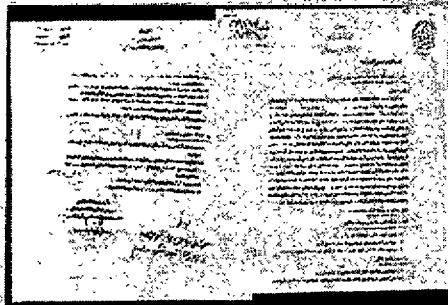
Iran's Secret Blueprint for the Destruction of the Bahá'í Community

The emergence in early 1993 of a heretofore secret Iranian Government memorandum aimed at establishing policy on "the Bahá'í question" has convincingly demonstrated that Iran's policies toward the Bahá'ís are in fact centrally orchestrated, as the worldwide Bahá'í community has claimed for many years.

Stamped "confidential," the document indicates clearly that it was prepared at the request of the Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ali Khamenei, and the President of Iran, Hashem Rafsanjani. The memorandum was signed by Hajjita'li Akbar Shyyid Mohammad Ghalpaygan, Secretary of the Council, and approved by Mr. Khamenei, who added his signature to the document.

The memorandum came to light in the 1993 report by Special Representative Reynaldo Galindo Pohl to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. According to Mr. Galindo Pohl, the document came as "reliable information" just as the annual report on Iran to the Commission on Human Rights was being completed.

A transcription of the 1993 Iranian Government document on "the Bahá'í question."



A photocopy of the 1993 Iranian document on the Iranian Supreme Revolutionary Council on "the Bahá'í question."

Statements and Official briefings related to the aggression carried out by the the United States and the United Kingdom against the people of Iraq:

- Letter of Mr. Jack Keup to the Honorable Fritzi Linn, Minority Leader of the Senate on Dec. 18, 1998
- The Washington Times article of December 9, 1998 "Did White House orchestrate a crisis?" by Bryan Burroughs
- Statement of H.E. Mr. Laila Nizar, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, on January 18, 1999
- Ambassador Hamdoun's press release on Larry King Live on December 17, 1998 - 9:00 a.m.
- Statement of H.E. Mr. Mohammed Saad Al-Sabeh, Member of Foreign Affairs of the S.P.M of Iraq, to the Press on Dec. 11, 1998, regarding the ongoing aggression of the United States and the United Kingdom against Iraq

Some Conclusions

- OSINT should fill a gap, not an archive.
- OSINT must be collected by *analysts*, not amateurs.
- Doing the analysis is *easy*. The hard part is keeping enough people doing it.
- Effective early warning should warn us months or even years in advance -- *and probably can*.
- For atrocities prevention to last, the public must show its concern. This concern begins with *you*.

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