

IRIN launches new website

On February 15, IRIN launched its new and even more user-friendly website with additional content and features – an attractive design.

The new site makes it much easier for the humanitarian community to access IRIN's unique, reliable, impartial and compelling products: news, features, analysis, testimonies, interviews, facts and figures, photos as well as audio and video clips. A **new navigation structure**, clarified by a clean design, a **stronger search facility** and **flexible email update services** provide a much stronger framework for the content.

"The new IRIN website - dynamic, modern and flexible - is a key tool for humanitarian advocacy. IRIN is **a unique source of humanitarian news** and analysis; this new site is easier, quicker and more productive for the visitor", says Margareta Wahlström, acting UN Emergency Relief Coordinator.

Formed in 1995, IRIN is a multimedia humanitarian news and analysis service covering crises in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, and is a key project of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), responsible for international emergency coordination, humanitarian advocacy and policy.

Upcoming coverage in Sri Lanka

IRIN will cover Sri Lanka to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and analysis of the **evolving humanitarian and human rights situation**, for the benefit of the humanitarian community and other target audiences in the region and beyond.

Somalia: A State of Need

This documentary reflects how after many years of conflict and isolation, **Somalia finds itself once more on the brink**. Much of the country is under the control of the Union of Islamic Courts, but will Somalia's new actor bring security and development or set it on the path to regional conflict?

Publication: The Shame of War

In March 2007, IRIN plans to release "The Shame of War". **The book will focus on** the scope and nature of **rape and sexual abuse in war** with numerous photos and testimonies to support the narrative text.

The 85-page book will also highlight national and international legal frameworks, existing human rights instruments, and new jurisprudence trying to address the issue.

The book covers recent scandals involving peacekeepers and aid workers, and the shortfalls of efforts to meet the medical, economic and social needs of their victims.

In-Depth: Youth in Crisis

Across the globe, **a generation of youth is** rapidly reaching adulthood **bearing the tragic consequences of their nations' worst problems**. In this "Youth in Crisis" In-Depth, IRIN traces the impact of the events shaping their lives, from the illegal forced marriage of teenage girls in Afghanistan and Ethiopia, to the tripling of school fees and the deteriorating education system in Zimbabwe.

