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#### **Chinese official hails nation's first human rights action plan**

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/14/content\\_11183244.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/14/content_11183244.htm)

Xinhua Net, 14 April 2009: Wang Chen, minister in charge of the State Council Information Office, which issued the National Human Rights Action Plan of China (2009-2010) on Monday, on Tuesday hailed the publication of the nation's first human rights action plan as a major step in promoting the cause's all-round development in the country. The plan defines the Chinese government's goals in promoting and protecting human rights in less than two years, and the specific measures it is taking to this end. The plan reflected the principle that "the state respects and protects the human rights of its citizens" prescribed in the Constitution of China, and the essentials of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Wang said.

However, as a developing country with a population of 1.3 billion, China's human rights development still faces many challenges, Wang said, listing areas to be improved including civil participation, social justice, employment, social security, education and healthcare.

#### **Chinese police start national crackdown on human trafficking**

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/10/content\\_11159700.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/10/content_11159700.htm)

Xinhua Net, 10 April 2009: The Ministry of Public Security announced a national action against human trafficking of women and children here Thursday, in wake of increasing incidences of these cases in China. "The country has seen an increasing incidence of human trafficking of women and children recently, though the police have continued fighting such crimes for years," said Zhang Xinfeng, vice minister of public security at a meeting. The nationwide crackdown will last from April to December this year, he said.

Police must carefully investigate residents to identify women and children victims and rescue them. They were also asked to collect information about possible victims and tightly follow leads. The police will also crack down upon those who seduce or force children to beg on streets or commit crimes, especially those masterminding such gangs, he added.

#### **UN: Women and children affected most by crisis in Cambodia**

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/08/content\\_11150268.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/08/content_11150268.htm)

Xinhua Net, 8 April 2009: Women and children of Cambodia bore the brunt of the current global financial crisis, as it cut down on the kingdom's exports and led to job loss, said the Office of UN Resident Coordinator Douglas Broderick in a press release on Wednesday. To survive, more and more Cambodian women and children may find themselves in the informal economy for lower wages, poorer conditions, and greater risk of sexual exploitation and trafficking, he said.

As part of the response, the UN System in Cambodia is working closely with the government to design an effective social protection system aimed at safeguarding Cambodia's most vulnerable from economic and other shocks.

#### **In China, suspects confess to trafficking youngsters to Costa Rica**

[www.ticotimes.net/dailyarchive/2009\\_04/0408092.htm](http://www.ticotimes.net/dailyarchive/2009_04/0408092.htm)

Tico Times, 7 April 2009: Two Chinese suspects have confessed to colluding with an international network to smuggle 300 Chinese youths, most under 18, to Costa Rica. Officials from the Costa Rican Embassy in Beijing told local police they noticed a high volume of visa applications for youngsters from China's Guangdong Province who claimed they wanted to reunite with their parents who had settled in this Central American country. However, a police investigation revealed that the applicants' parents were all living in China and the application documents they used were fabricated.

#### **国新办发布《国家人权行动计划(2009—2010年)》**

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/newscenter/2009-04/13/content\\_11176973.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/newscenter/2009-04/13/content_11176973.htm)

新华网, 2009年4月13日: 经国务院授权, 国务院新闻办公室13日发布《国家人权行动计划(2009-2010年)》。这是我国第一次制定的以人权为主题的国家规划, 行动计划明确了未来两年中国政府在促进和保护人权方面的工作目标和具体措施。行动计划表示, 从2009年到2010年, 国家将采取积极有效的措施, 努力克服国际金融危机带来的消极影响, 切实保障全体社会成员的经济、社会和文化权利。

行动计划说, 中国是一个拥有13亿人口、人均资源占有率很低、生产力欠发达、经济文化发展不平衡的发展中国家。当前, 中国正处于全面建设小康社会、加快推进社会主义现代化新阶段, 改革发展稳定的任务十分繁重。中国政府坚持以人为本, 落实“国家尊重和保障人权”的宪法原则, 既尊重人权普遍性原则, 又从基本国情出发, 切实把保障人民的生存权、发展权放在保障人权的首要位置, 在推动经济社会又好又快发展的基础上, 依法保证全体社会成员平等参与、平等发展的权利。

#### **公安部部署打击拐卖儿童妇女犯罪专项行动**

[http://www.cpd.com.cn/gb/newscenter/2009-04/09/content\\_1122540.htm](http://www.cpd.com.cn/gb/newscenter/2009-04/09/content_1122540.htm)

中国警察网, 2009 年 4 月 10 日: 今天, 公安部召开电视电话会议, 部署全国公安机关从现在开始至今年年底, 开展打击拐卖儿童、妇女犯罪专项行动。中央综治委副主任、中央政法委副秘书长、中央综治办主任陈冀平出席会议并讲话。公安部党委委员、副部长、全国打拐专项行动领导小组组长张新枫代表公安部党委做了动员部署。

陈冀平要求, 各级综治部门要充分认识到开展这场专项行动的重要意义, 进一步增强政治责任感和工作紧迫感, 积极组织、协调各成员单位, 全力支持、配合、参与全国公安机关的打拐专项行动。张新枫强调, 此次专项行动总的任务目标是侦破拐卖儿童、妇女案件, 打掉拐卖犯罪团伙, 抓获人贩子, 解救被拐卖儿童、妇女, 整治组织未成年人进行违法犯罪活动的重点地区和场所。

### **联合国：柬埔寨妇女和儿童将受到金融危机的重创**

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/08/content\\_11150268.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/08/content_11150268.htm)

新华网, 2009 年 4 月 08 日: 联合国驻柬代表道格拉斯·布劳德瑞克 (Douglas Broderick) 在周三的记者会上表示, 由于目前全球金融危机造成柬埔寨出口贸易的减少和失业率的增加, 柬埔寨的妇女和儿童将承受全球金融危机的冲击。为了生存, 越来越多的柬埔寨妇女和儿童可能会流入到非正式经济体制中, 遭受更低的工资和更差的工作条件的待遇, 并且可能受到被性剥削和被拐卖的危险。

在柬埔寨, 联合国机构积极地与柬埔寨政府合作, 完善社会保障制度, 以保护柬埔寨最弱势的人群。

### **境内外蛇头组织百余未成年偷渡**

<http://news.sina.com.cn/o/2009-04-07/141015429620s.shtml>

新浪网, 2009 年 4 月 07 日: 境内外蛇头相互勾结, 伪造虚假材料骗取出入境手续, 组织百余名未成年人实施偷渡。近日北京市公安局出入境管理处与广东警方密切合作, 抓获 2 名主要嫌疑人。

2008 年 12 月, 市公安局出入境管理处接哥斯达黎加驻华大使馆照会称, 2008 年 5 月以来, 使馆接到近 300 名广东籍申请人赴哥国投靠父母的签证申请。绝大部分申请人为未成年人, 自称其父亲或母亲已在哥定居。馆方怀疑申请人的身份证和出生证有伪造嫌疑。出入境管理处派民警前往广东省对 300 余名申请人的信息进行核查。经初步调查, 警方发现 300 余份申请材料均为伪造, 申请人的父母全部在我国境内。

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