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   United Nations

   "The rise of violent extremism and unprecedented levels of forced displacement in our world demand a comprehensive response – and no aspect is more urgent ...

2. **26 June - International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**

   [www.irct.org/.../](http://www.irct.org/.../)

   International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

   Every year, the United Nations **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**, on 26 June, gives us the opportunity to stand united and remind the world that ...

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   [www.ohchr.org/](http://www.ohchr.org/)

   Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for H...

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   [Vatican Radio - 3 hours ago](http://Vatican-Radio-3-hours-ago)

6. **Statement by the President on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**

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7. **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**

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9. June 26 | The Center for Victims of Torture

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June 26 is recognized internationally as United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. On this day in 1987, the UN Convention Against …

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France

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2. President Obama: CIA's Post-9/11 Torture Was - NBC News

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Dec 10, 2014 - CIA intelligence-gathering techniques detailed in the Senate's torture report are "contrary to who we are," President Barack Obama said.

3. Obama's shifting views on torture: how the candidate lost his ...

www.theguardian.com › US News › CIA torture report
The Guardian

Dec 9, 2014 - Barack Obama at the UN headquarters in New York. It's a long way away from the heady days of Obama's 2008 campaign pledge to 'set an ...

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www.huffingtonpost.com/.../obama-cia-torture-repo...
The Huffington Post

Dec 9, 2014 - President Barack Obama said the revelations bring light to a ... "That is why I unequivocally banned torture when I took office, because one of ...

5. Obama Catches Blame on Tactics of Torture That He Ended ...

www.nytimes.com/.../obama-effectiveness-cia-tortu...
The New York Times

Dec 10, 2014 - WASHINGTON — President Obama on Wednesday found himself caught in the middle of a collision between the Central Intelligence Agency ...

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Oct 20, 2014 - President Obama should not consider any legal loophole that might permit an American official to engage in torture or cruelty, no matter where ...

7. Obama's long arc on torture - Josh Gerstein - POLITICO

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Dec 8, 2014 - Soon after President Barack Obama took office, he publicly endorsed ... Now, some six years later, the White House says the torture report that's ...

8. Obama administration still operates under Bush torture memos

america.aljazeera.com/blogs/.../9/torture-illegal-thennow.html Al Jazeera

Dec 9, 2014 - With today's release of what is being shorthanded as the “torture report” ... consensus behind President Barack Obama's August admission (for ...

9. President Obama's record on torture | The Hill

thehill.com/blogs/.../279073-president-obamas-record-on-torture The Hill

Jan 24, 2013 - As soon as President Obama began his first term, he issued an executive order that banned the use of torture as an interrogation technique.
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1. Physicians for Human Rights - Torture

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Doing Harm: Health Professionals' Central Role in the CIA Torture Program ... advisor, and Megan Granski, Bellevue/ NYU Program for Survivors of Torture.


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Apr 30, 2015 - “This calculated undermining of professional ethics is unprecedented in the history of U.S. medical practice and shows how the CIA torture ...”

6. Physicians for Human Rights - Documenting Torture ...

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Physicians for Human Rights: The Manual on Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or ...

7. Physicians for Human Rights - Experts

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Human Rights Watch

A bipartisan study finding “indisputable” evidence of torture for which the highest United
States officials bear responsibility should spur the US government to ...

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   May 13, 2015 - (Hong Kong) – Chinese government measures since 2009 to curb torture by police and wrongful convictions have not gone far enough to ...

3. **Libya: Widespread Torture in Detention | Human Rights Watch**
   
   
   Human Rights Watch
   
   Jun 17, 2015 - Government ministers, military commanders, and prison directors should immediately declare a no-tolerance policy against torture and hold ...

4. **single senior official accountable - Human Rights Watch**
   
   [action.hrw.org/](http://action.hrw.org/)ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1908&ea.campaign.id...
   
   Sign the petition calling on the Obama administration to order a full criminal investigation into torture and other serious abuses authorized by George W. Bush, ...

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   The torture captured on video is only the tip of the iceberg, since local ... Human Rights Watch said today on the International Day in Support of ...

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   [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com) › World › China
   
   The Guardian
   
   May 13, 2015 - Human Rights Watch report says detainees electrocuted, shackled to chairs, starved and deprived of sleep to elicit confessions. [Torture | Human Rights First](http://www.hrw.org/.../china-torture-police-dodges-reforms)
Human Rights First

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9. Human Rights Watch report says torture, interrogation still...

The Globe and Mail

May 13, 2015 - On October 13, they detained Yu Wensheng, a lawyer with 13 years experience working primarily on corporate civil conflicts.

10. [PDF] General Recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on ...

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for H...

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   Nov 26, 2014 - Torture, spying and net neutrality and more make this year's list. ... When the U.S. funds torturers, the corporate media bury the story, or worse, ...

4. **Glenn Greenwald: US Media 'Purposely And Systematically'**
   
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   The Huffington Post
   
   Dec 19, 2014 - [The media's] justification for this is, "Well, it's not up for us to resolve debates. ... [the fact that] we don't hear from the victims of torture, because to hear .... out there, but this shows how controlled the main stream media can be.

5. **These people tortured to obtain false information to go to ...**
Paul Burney, a United States Army psychiatrist assigned to interrogations in Guantánamo Bay that summer of 2002, told Army investigators of...

6. Media "Whitewash" Integral Role of Torture in US Intelligence

Mar 2, 2015 - Although both the corporate and progressive press focused public attention on the Senate Intelligence Committee's December 2014 report on ...

7. Mainstream Media Scream: MSNBC blames ISIS torture on ...

Sep 2, 2014 - This week's Mainstream Media Scream features two MSNBC newsies blaming ... issue and they're going to torture our hostages with that knowledge. ... So, the U.S. should be inhibited from pursuing information from terrorists ...

8. Torture, Intelligence and Sousveillance in the War on ...

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9. Unveiling the Rhetoric of Torture: Abu Ghraib and American ...

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U.S. soldiers, simultaneously distance the United States from wrongdoing with ... after the Abu Ghraib photographs were aired in the U.S. mainstream media, ...

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Dec 9, 2014 - 9 – Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) today issued the following statement on a Senate Intelligence ... “The United States must not engage in torture.

The Bernie Sanders-Hillary Clinton Difference: One ...

Dec 11, 2014 - The differences between Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton on ...Torture.
Sanders: “A great nation must be prepared to acknowledge its errors...

Members of Congress react to CIA ‘torture’ report...

Dec 9, 2014 - “Not only is torture wrong, but it doesn't work,” Reid also tweeted, expressing ... Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., called the findings of the report, “An ugly ...

Torture report splits 2016 Democrats - CNNPolitics.com

Dec 11, 2014 - The release of the CIA torture report on Tuesday, detailing brutal ... Bernie Sanders issued a statement on Tuesday after the torture report was ...

Bernie Sanders: Torture Report Is 'Enormously Disturbing ...

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Where is Hillary Clinton on torture? | MSNBC

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