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FGM in the News

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It Has Killed My Mother



Burkina Faso: L'Association JEUNEE/BF en Croisade Contre les MGF

Le Lundi, 17 Juillet 2017, la commune de Samorougouan dans la province du Kénédougou a abrité la cérémonie de lancement de la « caravane des jeunes

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Ethiopia: Luxembourg Association Hires Gynaecologists for Programme in Africa



Fondation Espoir, a foundation under the aegis of Fondation de Luxembourg, has hired four new gynaecologists to care for girls and women subjected to Female Genital Mutilation or Cutting (FGM/C) in rural areas of Ethiopia.

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Ghana: Only 36 per cent of Pregnant Women Deliver at Hospitals



The Yagbonwura Jakpa Sulemana Rutumba Boresa, President of the Northern Region House of Chiefs in speech read on his behalf said, FGM, Early Child Marriages, certain aspects of widowhood rites and witch camps were very key areas of socio-cultural practices that needed to be addressed urgently.

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Kenya: Kakuma Refugees Fighting FGM Stigma Through Short Films



Aminah Rwimo came to Kenya nine years ago working at a hospital inside Kakuma refugee camp and what she witnessed when it came to female genital mutilation (FGM) moved her so much she decided to do something to help the best way she knew how, through film.

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Five Kenyan girls are to be flown to Google headquarters in California, U.S.A, after inventing "I-cut", an app to end FGM. I-cut connects girls at risk of FGM with rescue centres and gives legal and medical help to those who have been cut.

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Kenya: 30 Samburu Girls Rescued from FGM, Early Marriage Back to School



More than 30 Samburu girls who had been forcefully circumcised and married off to older men have returned to school following their rescue. The girls on Tuesday narrated their ordeal in the hands of elderly men.

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France: Exposition 'Mariées Trop Jeunes' de la Photojournaliste Américaine Stephanie Sinclair



Stephanie Sinclair a pu rentrer chez des exciseuses indonésiennes, immortaliser les larmes de douleur d'une petite fille de 8 ans après l'excision, fouler les terres de Sierra Leone pour rencontrer des jeunes mères de 13 ans, assister à des mariages traditionnels en Afghanistan, en Inde ou au Yémen.

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France: Campagne de Communication pour Lutter Contre le Mariage Forcé et l'Excision

Les grandes vacances sont la période où les risques de mutilations sexuelles féminines comme les risques de mariages

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Germany: Huge Increase' in Female Genital Mutilation



UK: Police Fear Young Girls Are Being 'Taken on Holidays for FGM'



forcés sont les plus accrus, rappelle le secrétariat d'État chargé de l'Égalité entre

les femmes et les hommes. Sous prétexte d'un voyage dans le pays d'origine de leurs parents, de nombreuses adolescentes peuvent s'en trouver victime.

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There are now more than 58,000 women affected by FGM, 10,000 more than the year before. The estimate was published by the women's rights organization, Terre des Femmes, who said the increase was largely due to the influx of migrants from countries where FGM is practiced. [Watch video](#)

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Canada: We're Not Doing Enough to Stop FGM



Patrols are being stepped up at London airports amid fears children are being taken on 'holiday' for FGM. Police say they will target flights to-and-from countries where the prevalence of cutting young girls is high, such as Guinea, Somalia and Sudan.

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According to a draft of Canada's new Citizenship Guide, the paragraph which advises newcomers that FGM is not accepted in Canada — and that "those guilty of (this crime) are severely punished under Canada's criminal laws" — will be removed. If I had to guess why, I'd suggest it's because of three other words in that paragraph: "barbaric cultural practices".

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In late June, Maine's Senate unanimously passed L.D. 745, a bill banning the practice; but just two days later, Democrats in the House, joined by three Republicans, voted it down. That came after the American Civil Liberties Union got involved and convinced lawmakers to instead create an education and outreach program aimed at stopping the practice in immigrant communities.

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