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The practice of female genital cutting (FGC), also called female genital mutilation (FGM) or FGM/C, is a human rights and gender equality issue. FGC violates a host of human rights principles including non-discrimination on the basis of sex, the right to bodily integrity, the right to life, and the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. More...

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The girl lies in a half-conscious state, her legs wedged wide apart, her exposed genitals splayed. By her shoulders, a man and woman are stationed to prevent her from stirring. Standing over her naked body, the man in charge brandishes the metal instrument in his hand. More...

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Mutilation for sale: FGM offices discovered in Cairo
CAIRO: A mere 50 EGP ($6.39) is enough to pay for a procedure to mutilate the genitals of young girls in a Cairo market, an undercover investigation discovered. In the Souq al-Goma’a (Friday Market) in al-Sayeda Aishia district, a reporter from Youm7 discovered three shops where female genital mutilation, a practice which removes part or most of a woman or girl’s external genitalia, including her clitoris, was being performed. More...

Gambia: She She She - Girls Agenda, for My Sister Summer Camp On FGM Under Way
The Girls Agenda and For My Sister organization recently opened a 10 -day summer camp in Manduar village in the West Coast Region for 50 girls on
The International Network to Analyze, Communicate and Transform the Campaign against FGM/C (INTACT), is an international group of researchers, scholars, and activists committed to bringing scientific evidence to bear on the campaign to end FGM/C. INTACT serves as a forum for FGM/C debate and helps bridge gaps in knowledge and information relevant to FGM/C on the local and the international levels. INTACT helps communicate lessons learned, disseminate research, and promotes the utilization of research findings to assist in the campaign against FGM/C. INTACT is managed by the Population Council.