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ICJ: *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*

The ICJ concluded that the specific course Israel chose for the wall in the occupied territories was not necessary to attain its security objectives. It found that its construction constitutes breaches by Israel of international humanitarian law and human rights law.

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Supreme Court of Israel: *Beit Sourik Village Council v. the Government of Israel*

The Supreme Court of Israel ordered that the route of sections of a wall in the area of the West Bank be changed in order to avoid unnecessary hardship to the local Palestinian population. The Court found that the injuries to Palestinians were not proportionate, and that they could be substantially decreased by an alternate route.

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Special Court for Sierra Leone: *Prosecutor v. Sam Hinga Norman*

The Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone held that the recruitment of child soldiers is a crime and a violation of international law.

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United States Supreme Court: *Shafiq Rasul v. George W. Bush*

The U.S. Supreme Court held that U.S. District Courts have jurisdiction to hear petitions challenging the legality of detention of foreign nationals captured abroad in connection with armed conflict and incarcerated at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals: *Osbaldo Torres v. the State of Oklahoma*

The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals ordered Torres's execution date to be stayed pending further order of the Court. The Court granted Torres's request for an evidentiary hearing and remanded to the District Court for a hearing to determine whether Torres was prejudiced by Oklahoma's violation of his Vienna Convention rights in failing to inform him, after he was detained, that he had the right to contact the Mexican consulate.

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