



Doctors doing Harm

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Google Physicians Involved in Torture

- About 3,910,000 results in 0.37 seconds
- CIA made doctors torture suspected terrorists after 9/11, taskforce finds.

The Guardian Monday 4 November 2013

- Drs from non-democratic & democratic countries are involved in torture.

Torture 2008;18(3):161-75

Why HPs Are Involved In Torture?

- HPs not trained in addressing human rights issues of detainees
- Told the mantra "first do no harm" doesn't apply to people who aren't ill
- Conflict of interest
- Lack moral courage

Torture More than a Face



Much More than Physical

- Sleep deprivation
- Solitary confinement
- Threats
- Withdrawal of food & water
- Exposure to extreme temperatures
- Water boarding



Torture of Khiam POW

- Case control study-118 POW
- Lack food/water 68% (most common)
- Solitary confinement 61%
- Denial medical Rx. 42%

Social Science and Medicine 2003; 57:1249-57.

Torture by Deprivation

“Hunger is humiliating and more difficult than death... I would consider it a feast when I was given the yolk of an egg”

Khiam POW







Torture-A Universal Issue

Google : 74,500,000

Torture: Accompanied Mankind



AUBMC- Pioneer Work

- First paper on Arab tortured prisoners
- US army envoy to discuss work
- US funding

How Many Children You've Killed?



Liberating Tortured Lebanese POW



The case of the Lebanese hostages of war. International Journal of Mental Health Nursing. 2010; 19, 83–91

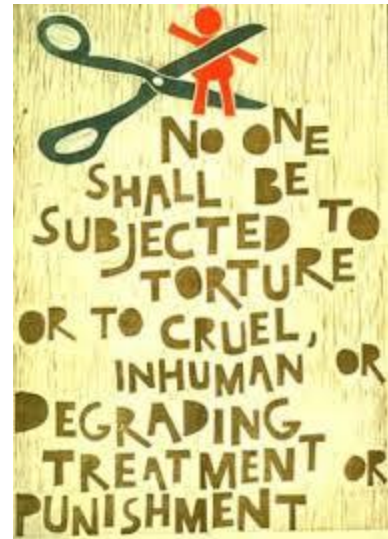
MDs & Torture



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Don't kill a breadwinner or injured,
Don't harm a handicapped
Don't harm or rape the women





NO ONE
SHALL BE
SUBJECTED TO
TORTURE
OR TO CRUEL,
INHUMAN OR
DEGRADING
TREATMENT OR
PUNISHMENT

Definition

The action or practice of inflicting severe pain on someone as a punishment or in order to force them to do or say something.

