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December's Top Stories:

Human Rights Groups Call for Weapons Embargo in Congo

Three AP partners joined dozens of human rights organizations in asking the UN to strengthen its arms embargo on the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Peace Fellow's Work in Guatemala Gets Attention

AP Peace Fellow Heidi McKinnon, who recently returned from Guatemala, was interviewed on Santa Fe Radio Café, a local radio show broadcast in New Mexico. Ms McKinnon also spoke at Human Rights Day events in Albuquerque.

BOSFAM Founder Joins Call to Prevent Genocide

Beba Hadzic, founder of Bosnian Family (BOSFAM), was one of 24 genocide survivors to sign a recent letter urging the international community to prevent mass atrocities and protect those facing slaughter.

Governments Sign Cluster Bomb Ban

Nearly 100 UN member governments signed an international treaty this month banning the use of cluster bombs. Survivor Corps (formerly the Landmine Surivors' Network), a strategic partner of AP, has been a strong advocate of the ban.

Women's Network Releases First Domestic Violence Study in Kosovo

The Kosova Women's Network has completed the country's first in-depth study of domestic violence. The study found 43 percent of citizens surveyed had experienced domestic violence in their lives.

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