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The Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission ("the Commission") found Ethiopia liable for failure to take effective measures to prevent the rape of women in the towns of Barentu and Teseney. In respect of Eritrea's claim of unlawful aerial bombardment, the Commission found that Ethiopia conducted an indiscriminate and disproportionate bombing campaign in violation of customary international humanitarian law. Although generally rejecting Eritrea's claim concerning aerial bombardment, the Commission did conclude that the aerial bombing attacks by Ethiopia against the Harsile water reservoir were in violation of customary international humanitarian law.

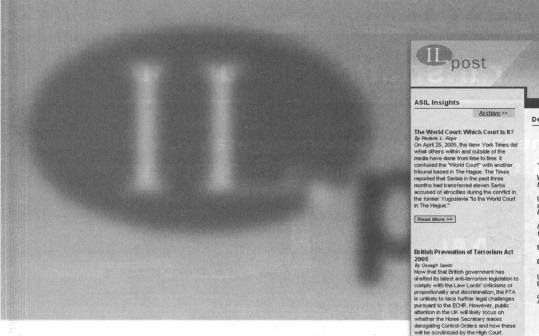
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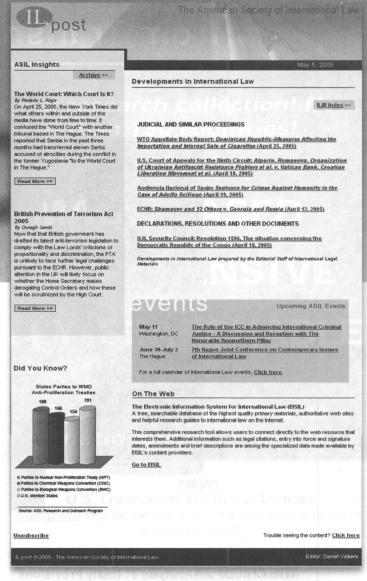
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Secretary of State for the Home Department (Respondent) (Conjoined Appeals)
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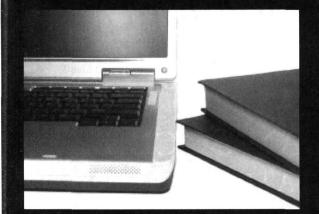


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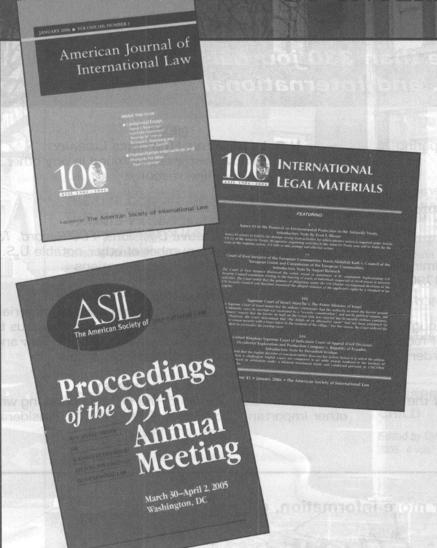
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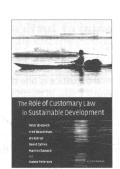
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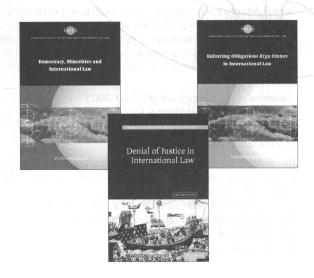
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