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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Worlds apart – the challenges for girls*

The Guardian lists the discrimination girls face from the moment of conception through education, health, marriage and employment #DayoftheGirl

**CRITICAL READS**

- **Still No Woman at the Helm of the UN**
  (Open Democracy; 9 min. read) - Antonio Guterres’s election as the new UN Secretary-General is a stark illustration of how male-dominated decision-making means that female leadership is not just rare, but virtually inconceivable. Though there is still no woman at the helm of the UN, we hope Guterres will adopt a progressive feminist agenda!

- **Nations Can Now Deliver the Paris Agreement by Supporting Cities**
  (Huffington Post; 9 min. read) - The Paris Agreement crossed the last threshold after a total of 74 countries accounting for 58.82 percent of global emissions fast-tracked ratification. Cities need to put forward local commitments and many metropolises have already delivered ambitious climate action.

- **Hurricane-ravaged Haiti Has ‘Alarming’ Levels of Hunger and Malnutrition**
  (The Guardian; 4 min. read) - Hurricane Matthew, the most severe Atlantic tropical storm in years, has become a second humanitarian disaster for Haiti in just six years. Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of disasters at an alarming rate.

- **Why Central America’s Drought Is Harder On Women**
  (Americas Quarterly; 4 min. read) - Central America is in the middle of its worst drought in more than 30 years, threatening food security in countries that already suffer high levels of poverty and malnutrition. Once again, women are bearing the heaviest burden.

- **In Rural Rajasthan, Women’s Empowerment is Male-dominated**
  (The Indian Express; 6 min. read) - In rural Rajasthan, patriarchy has not been on the decline, the mere form has changed: “The same father who would have dictated the marriage of his daughter at the age of 14 a decade ago, is now dictating the marriage of his daughter at 16.”

- **Court Files on Murdered Honduran Activist Berta Cáceres Stolen**
  (teleSUR; 2 min. read) - The case files on the murder of Honduras’s Berta Cáceres have been stolen, further impeding a popularly-discredited investigation of the renowned indigenous environmental activist.

- **A Woman’s Work is Never Done**
  (Fair Observer; 6 mins. read) - In the Middle East and North Africa, women are excelling on the community level. Despite this and higher levels of education, women remain far behind men in employment and earnings.

**CLIMATE HOPE**

Want to Save the Rainforest on the Cheap? Give Land to the Indigenous,
Report Says (Thomson Reuters Foundation; 2 min. read) - Giving indigenous people formal land title deeds is a cost-effective strategy to preserve South America’s endangered rainforest.

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