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Some 3,500 U.S. HIVers and activists kicked off the Campaign to End AIDS—and their shoes. They left 8,500 pairs outside the **White House** May 5 to signify the daily number of global AIDS deaths.

On May 2, **Brazil** became the first country to reject a $40 million U.S.AIDS grant—because it required recipient orgs nationwide to condemn prostitution, legal in Brazil.

ACT UP **Paris** members doused pharma giant Pfizer's French headquarters with blood April 26, protesting the company's testing of potentially harmful experimental drugs on ailing HIVers.

**Uganda**'s Anglican Bishop Jackson Nzerebende Tembo rejected a Pennsylvania diocese's $350,000 donation for AIDS programs March 18,citing that diocese's support of the Episcopal Church's first gay bishop, also an American.

In March, **Iran**'s fundamentalist Islamic government announced an unusually progressive plan to build 105 free health centers, offering needle exchange, methadone treatment, condoms and HAART.

**Singapore** barred a gay Los Angeles– based Christian-pop duo from an April 3 AIDS awareness concert, arguing that the performance would promote homosexuality.

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