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A **Canadian** government study found that Canuck teens know less about safe sex today than in 1989—and half of the country’s ninth-graders think AIDS is curable.

**Britain**, whose universal health care is open to new arrivals, may begin screening immigrants for HIV and barring those who test positive.

**Brazil** has authorized the importation of generic HIV meds for its free national AIDS program after price negotiations with the drugs’ patent-holders broke down.

**Myanmar**, which only recently admitted prostitution’s existence and let the national press use the word condom, now distributes condoms to sex workers.

**Chinese** health official Ma Shiwen was sentenced to 10 years in jail for “leaking state secrets”—giving activists documents on Henan province’s AIDS epidemic.

Life expectancy in **Zimbabwe** has plummeted to 33 years from 67.5 years since the epidemic’s onset, the UN reports.

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