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Florida and California suspend legalized murder.

The death penalty is legalized murder. Amnesty International goes one step further, by saying the "death penalty is the most extreme form of torture: it is a cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, and a violation of the right to life as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)." It should not have taken this week's widely publicized botched execution of Angel Diaz to slow down the execution machine, through a judicial suspension of executions in California, and an executive suspension of executions in Florida. Fortunately, the anti-death penalty momentum is much stronger than when I started working against the death penalty more earnestly with my law school's Amnesty International group. Jon Katz.

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