

United Church appeals B.C. court ruling

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VANCOUVER - Shocking tales of murder and medical experimentation at British Columbia residential schools were revealed at an inquiry held by the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM) in Vancouver last month.

Eyewitness accounts by students of the Port Alberni residential school in particular are unprecedented.

For example, many are reporting highly questionable procedures being performed on young students. One group remembers very long needles being inserted into tissues of young boys, and that one of them subsequently

died.

IHRAAM director Rudy James says that these stories need further investigation on. "I think there are undoubtedly several points of very serious interest to us. This was heart-rending evidence, very serious charges that we are trying to assess," says James.

IHRAAM is currently compiling information gathered at the tribunal into an executive summary that will be presented to the High Commissioner of the United Nations in a meeting in London, England at the end of July.

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