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<i>International Labour Organization (ILO)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.01.2026, according to the news on the website of ILO, ILO launched a user-friendly publication to simplify the complex terminology linking labour rights, trade and supply chains. Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/practical-guide-explains-key-terms-labour-rights-supply-chains-and-trade (Access Date: 19.01.2026) - On 11.01.2026, according to the news on the website of ILO, a new IRENA-ILO report found that global renewable energy jobs reached 16.6 million in 2024 but growth slowed. It called for stronger public action to build domestic supply chains and ensure a more inclusive workforce. Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/new-report-calls-stronger-public-role-building-domestic-supply-chains-and (Access Date: 19.01.2026) - On 12.01.2026, according to the news on the website of ILO, the ILO Office for Türkiye aims to raise awareness among agricultural labour intermediaries, strengthen efforts to combat child labour in seasonal agriculture, and promote responsible practices that contribute

to preventing child labour on the ground through a training programme organized in Şanlıurfa.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/training-agricultural-intermediaries-strengthens-combat-against-child> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 12.01.2026, according to the news on the website of ILO, a training programme organized by the ILO Office for Türkiye aims to strengthen the role of teachers in the fight against child labour by supporting uninterrupted access to education for children from seasonal agricultural worker families.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/teachers-t%C3%BCrkkiye-empowered-support-children%E2%80%99s-access-education> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, according to the news on the website of ILO, a new report from ILO claims that global job quality stagnates despite resilient growth. Challenges persist, especially for youth and women, the Employment and Social Trends 2026 report warns.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/global-job-quality-stagnates-despite-resilient-growth> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 15.01.2026, according to the news on the website of ILO, an ILO senior researcher explained how the Standard Tools for Analysing Trafficking in Persons (STATIP) project, created with support from the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office), is

strengthening global data and research, using new tools and partnerships to better measure trafficking and identify what prevention works on the occasion of Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/human-trafficking-prevention-month-making-invisible-visible> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 19.01.2026, according to the news on the website of ILO, the recently updated section of the ILO Repository on Cross-Border Social Dialogue with the newly concluded, or renewed, Transnational Company Agreements (TCAs) identified environmental issues and technological changes as priorities.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/transnational-company-agreements-2025-focused-fundamental-rights-safety>
(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 02.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Thematic report no. A/HRC/61/42, Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: Charter of Rights of Victims and Survivors - Report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Alice Jill Edwards was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematic-reports/ahrc6142-torture-and-other-cruel-inhuman-or-degrading-treatment-or>
(Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 03.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Fact-Finding Mission expressed grave concern following US military intervention and called for accountability for human rights violations and crimes in Venezuela.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/venezuela-un-fact-finding-mission-expresses-grave-concern-following-us>
(Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 07.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a press release about the UN report chronicling intensification of decades of severe racial discrimination by Israel in occupied West Bank was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/un-report-chronicles-intensification-decades-severe-racial-discrimination>
(Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 08.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a press release regarding how international human rights law must guide any future transition in Venezuela was released.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/international-human-rights-law-must-guide-any-future-transition-venezuela>
(Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 10.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a press release regarding UN Fact-Finding Mission calling for immediate restoration of internet access and adherence to

international human rights law in Iran was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/iran-un-fact-finding-mission-calls-immediate-restoration-internet-access-and> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 12.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the UN Venezuela Fact-Finding Mission made a statement on the release of political prisoners.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2026/01/statement-un-venezuela-fact-finding-mission-release-political> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 13.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Equality and Quality in Disability-Inclusive Human Support Provision (EQUIP): Foundational Papers and Checklist was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/equality-and-quality-disability-inclusive-human-support-provision> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release urging United States to respect international law and right to self-determination regarding Greenland.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/greenland-un-experts-urge-united-states-respect-international-law-and-right> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 15.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release saying that the United States had to respect right to life and urgently review lethal-force practices at sea, abroad and at home.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/united-states-must-respect-right-life-and-urgently-review-lethal-force>
(Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 15.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release saying that Israel's ban on 37 aid groups makes life unbearable for genocide survivors in Palestine.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/israel-ban-37-aid-groups-makes-life-unbearable-genocide-survivors-palestine> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026, according to the news which appeared on the website of OHCHR, Human Rights Council would hold a special session to address the deteriorating human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran on 23 January 2026.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/01/human-rights-council-hold-special-session-address-deteriorating-human> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the report titled "Human

Rights in Humanitarian Action: Protecting lives, preserving dignity" was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/reports/human-rights-humanitarian-action-protecting-lives-preserving-dignity>

(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release stating that Israel's continuous assaults on Birzeit University were an attack on education itself.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/israels-continuous-assaults-birzeit-university-are-attack-education-itself>

(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 23.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk on Friday called on the United States to ensure that its migration policies and enforcement practices respect human dignity and due process rights, decrying the dehumanising portrayal and harmful treatment of migrants and refugees.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/usa-migrant-crackdown-un-human-rights-chief-decries-dehumanisation-harmful>

(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 23.01.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a flyer about human rights, terrorism and counter-terrorism was published.

Source:

	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/human-rights-terrorism-and-counter-terrorism-flyer (Access Date: 27.01.2026)</p>
<p><i>UN Women</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 26.01.2026, on the website of UN Women, a new brief, entitled “Delivering as one: United nations system progress on ending violence against women and girls (2019-2024)” was published. Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2026/01/brief-delivering-as-one-united-nations-system-progress-on-ending-violence-against-women-and-girls-2019-2024 (Access Date: 27.01.2026)
<p><i>Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.01.2026, according to the statement published on the SPT website, SPT experts will visit Mexico from 25 to 30 January 2026 to consider steps taken by Mexico to strengthen anti-torture safeguards since the previous visit, and to assess the impact of those measures on protection for people in detention. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/01/mexico-un-torture-prevention-body-returns-seeking-concrete-progress (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

***UN International
Children's
Emergency Fund
(UNICEF)***

- On 02.01.2026, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), including UNICEF, issued a statement urging Israeli authorities to revoke a planned ban on international NGOs operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). The statement highlighted the essential role of NGOs in delivering humanitarian assistance in the region and called for continued principled humanitarian action.
Source:
<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/inter-agency-standing-committee-iasc-statement-revoke-planned-international-ngo-ban>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)
- On 09.01.2026, UNICEF issued a statement outlining that, children in Sudan are facing a deepening humanitarian and protection crisis more than 1,000 days into the conflict. The statement described widespread violations of international law, mass displacement, and severe threats to children's survival and wellbeing, calling for urgent action to protect children and uphold their rights.
Source:
<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-sudan-have-endured-1000-days-agony> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)
- On 11.01.2026, UNICEF released a statement expressing deep concern over children and adolescents in Iran. The organization urged all parties to take every measure to protect children from violence and harm, and to respect their rights, including the right to life and safety.
Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-calls-protection-children-and-adolescents-amid-public-unrest-iran-0>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 13.01.2026, UNICEF released remarks noting that more than 100 children had been killed in Gaza since the early October ceasefire, equivalent to roughly one child every day even during the ceasefire period. UNICEF stressed that survival conditions remain dire, with ongoing violence and severe humanitarian needs.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/during-gazas-ceasefire-children-keep-being-killed>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 16.01.2026, UNICEF published remarks about the harsh winter conditions in Ukraine, where intense strikes and damaged infrastructure left millions of families, including children, without heating, electricity, and water. UNICEF described survival conditions in freezing temperatures and highlighted the physical and psychological impacts on children.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/under-fire-and-freezing-children-ukraine-endure-harshest-winter-war>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, UNICEF published a situation report on the North Darfur and Kordofan Crisis in Sudan, providing updates on humanitarian conditions, ongoing displacement, funding needs, and the status of services for children affected by the conflict.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/media/178401/file/Sudan-Flash-Kordofan-Crisis-22-January-2026.pdf>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, UNICEF reported that recreational kits (including materials like notebooks and crayons) had been allowed into the Gaza Strip after more than two years of restrictions, supporting the learning and wellbeing of children, including those with disabilities, amid ongoing crisis conditions.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/recreational-supplies-get-gaza-after-two-years-unicef> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, UNICEF and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) signed a protocol to strengthen youth engagement and community resilience in Cameroon, with training and resources for young people to support emergency preparedness, child rights, and climate risk responses.

Source:

<https://tika.gov.tr/kamerunda-tika-ile-unicef-arasinda-is-birligi-protokolu-imzalandi/>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 26.01.2026, UNICEF issued a statement in the form of remarks by Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban at a noon briefing following his fifth visit to Gaza and the West Bank. The remarks highlighted that while a fragile ceasefire has led to some improvements in children's lives, more humanitarian aid entering Gaza, increased food availability, clean water, winter blankets, and resumed

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immunizations, the situation remains extremely precarious and deadly for many children.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-deputy-executive-director-ted-chaibans-remarks-todays-noon-briefing-following>

(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 09.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee would review the Maldives, Ghana, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Colombia, Spain, and Malaysia during its sessions to be held in Geneva between January 12 and 30.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/media-advisories/2026/01/un-child-rights-committee-review-maldives-ghana-pakistan-ethiopia-colombia>

(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 13.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee had completed its review of the sixth and seventh combined periodic reports of the Maldives under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/01/experts-committee-rights-child-praise-maldives-child-protection-laws-ask>

(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee had completed its review of the sixth and seventh combined periodic reports of

Ghana under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/01/experts-committee-rights-child-commend-ghana-childrens-model-summit> (Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 16.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee had completed its review of the sixth and seventh combined periodic reports of Pakistan under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its initial report under the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/01/experts-committee-rights-child-praise-pakistans-protections-best> (Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 21.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee had completed its review of the sixth and seventh combined periodic reports of Colombia under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/01/experts-committee-rights-child-commend-colombia-child-focused-climate> (Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee had completed its review of the sixth and seventh combined periodic reports of Spain under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/media-advisories/2026/01/experts-committee-rights-child-commend-spain-legislation-protecting>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 23.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee had completed its review of the second to forth combined periodic reports of Malaysia under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/media-advisories/2026/01/experts-committee-rights-child-commend-malaysia-progress-maternal-and>
(Access Date: 28.01.2026)

- On 26.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee had completed its review of the sixth and seventh combined periodic reports of Ethiopia under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/01/experts-committee-rights-child-commend-ethiopia-law-providing-free>
(Access Date: 28.01.2026)

- The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) published details on its website about the GANHRI 2026 Annual Meeting. The event will be held in person from 30 March to 1 April 2026 at the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland. The Annual Meeting brings together National Human Rights Institutions from around the world and is organized in partnership with the Office of

European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. It will include the GANHRI Bureau meeting, the General Assembly, Knowledge Exchanges, the Annual Conference, and side-events with regional meetings. Participation is open to all GANHRI members and invited observers.

Source:

<https://ganhri.org/event/ganhri-2026-annual-meeting/> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, the Council of Europe's European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) published a statement following its visit to France, where it once again deplored severe prison overcrowding and deteriorating conditions in places of detention. The Committee visited 14 police and gendarmerie detention facilities, four prisons, and the Valentine-Marseille detention centre for children, noting significant overcrowding and related hardships. In its response, French authorities outlined plans to strengthen training for law enforcement, prison, and healthcare personnel and carry out renovations and improvements to address the issues highlighted by the CPT.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/anti-torture-committee-once-again-deplores-prison-overcrowding-and-worsening-detention-conditions>

(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

***United Nations
Development
Programme
(UNDP)***

***European Union
Agency for
Fundamental
Rights (FRA)***

- On 13.01.2026, according to the UNDP website, the Government of Belgium announced a multiannual contribution of EUR 30 million to UNDP's core resources for 2025–2028, reaffirming its support for sustainable development, crisis response, and implementation of UNDP's strategic plan. Belgium's funding is intended to enable UNDP to flexibly respond to crises and advance human development agendas such as effective governance and resilience
Source:
<https://www.undp.org/news/belgiums-new-funding-undp-advance-innovative-development-solutions>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)
- On 19.01.2026, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced that it will relocate a substantial share of positions currently based at its headquarters in New York to other locations, primarily Bonn, Germany and Madrid, Spain. The move aims to adapt to an evolving development landscape, strengthen partnerships, and position personnel closer to communities UNDP serves.
Source:
<https://www.undp.org/press-releases/un-development-programme-relocate-substantial-share-new-york-based-posts>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)
- On 15.01.2026, on the website of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), it was announced that FRA visited reception facilities for new arrivals in Sicily, with the purpose to collect information about good practices and challenges in preparation of the

implementation of the EU's Migration and Asylum Pact.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2026/fra-visits-sicilian-reception-facilities>

(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA, the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate on European standardisation related to artificial intelligence (AI).

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2026/fra-signs-memorandum-understanding-cen-cenelec>

(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 21.01.2026, on the X account of FRA, it was announced that FRA would host an online launch event on January 29th for its upcoming report, entitled "Fundamental rights and housing in the EU's climate and energy transition."

Source:

<https://x.com/EURightsAgency/status/2013881881566003555> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, on the website of FRA, a new report, entitled "Regulating online terrorist content – Balancing public safety and fundamental rights" was published.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2025/regulating-online-terrorist-content>

(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

***Directorate
General Human
Rights and Rule
of Law of Council
of Europe***

- On 28.01.2026, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would host a consultation meeting in Vienna focusing on strengthening integrated child protection systems, enhancing cross-border cooperation and sharing promising practices, with contributions from representatives of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children, the European Commission, Eurochild, the European Social Network, UNICEF, and other key experts.
Source:
<https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2026/european-consultation-meeting-integrated-child-protection> (Access Date: 28.01.2026)

- On 21.01.2026, on the website of Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe, it was announced that the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR) has published its 2025 conclusions concerning 25 member countries. In these legal assessments it was observed that the performance of signatory countries in terms of key work-related rights protected by the European Social Charter had shortcomings in the guarantee of labour rights.
Source:
<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/european-committee-of-social-rights-highlights-key-gaps-in-labour-rights-protection-across-europe> (Access Date: 28.01.2026)
- On 28.01.2026, on the website of Directorate General, it was announced that, to mark Data Protection Day 2026, the Council of Europe would host an online event, featuring four data-protection supervisory authorities from different continents.

***OSCE Office for
Democratic
Institutions and
Human Rights
(ODIHR)***

***Australian
Human Rights
Commission***

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/new-challenges-for-data-protection-in-a-changing-geopolitical-landscape-1>

(Access Date: 28.01.2026)

- On 16.01.2026, a post shared on the ODIHR X account emphasized that adults and children from all walks of life can be victims of human trafficking. The post announced the publication of the guide "Survivor-Centred Indicators for the Identification of Victims and Survivors of Trafficking," which was prepared based on the knowledge, expertise, and lived experiences of ISTAC leaders to address gaps in victim identification.

Source:

https://x.com/osce_odihr/status/2012092454791520716 (Access Date: 29.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026, a post shared on the ODIHR X account announced the publication of a guide titled "Disability Quotas in Parliamentary Elections." This guide examines three different types of quotas—reserved seats, legislated quotas, and party quotas—designed to increase the representation of persons with disabilities in national parliaments, as well as the functioning of these mechanisms.

Source:

https://x.com/osce_odihr/status/2013583738362270070 (Access Date: 29.01.2026)

- On 07.01.2026, a video was shared on the Commission's YouTube account containing comments by the Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Rosemary Kayess, regarding

the federal review of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYEXIuDwT8I> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 09.01.2026, a news article was shared on the Commission's official website announcing that the Australian Government had established a Royal Commission following the anti-Semitic Bondi terrorist attack.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/search-listing-media-releases/race/commission-welcomes-the-announcement-of-the-royal-commission>
(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, news was shared on the Commission's X account that a podcast episode titled "Let's Talk about Aging" was released, in which Australian Human Rights Commission President Hugh de Kretser had an extensive conversation about aging and human rights with Age Discrimination Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald.

Source:

<https://x.com/AusHumanRights/status/2011243910945726524> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 23.01.2026 on the Commission's LinkedIn account, an opinion piece published in The Mandarin newspaper Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Katie Kiss was shared. Kiss stated "We need decisive, sustained action by governments, employers and leaders across our education, health, justice and media sectors to eradicate racism in all its forms, against First Peoples,

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Human Rights
Commission of
Great Britain***

migrants, and religious and cultural communities exposed to its harm.”

Source:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/australian-human-rights-commission/posts/?feedView=all&viewAsMember=true> (Access Date:26.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, a news article was shared on the Commission's official website stating that the Commission had provided advice to members of the House of Lords ahead of the committee stage reading of the Crime and Policing Bill.
Source:
<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/news/lords-warned-crime-and-policing-bill-must-not-restrict-right-peaceful-protest> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 27.01.2026 it was reported on the Commission's official website that a study would be carried out, developed in cooperation with fire and rescue services, police forces and the armed forces, which aimed to address and prevent race and sex-based discrimination, harassment, and victimisation within the uniformed services of Great Britain.
Source:
<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/our-work-uniformed-services>
(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

Danish Institute for Human Rights

- On 22.01.2026, on the website of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, a new report, entitled "*Human rights perspectives on human trafficking - An analysis of selected aspects of Denmark's efforts to combat human trafficking*" was published.

Source:

<https://menneskeret.dk/viden/udgivelser/menneskeretlige-perspektiver-paa-menneskehandelsomraadet>

(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 25.01.2026, on the website of the Institute, a new report that benchmarks 23 of the largest private Danish financial institutions documented alignment or lack thereof with the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), entitled "*Documenting respect for human rights in the financial sector 2025*" was published.

Source:

<https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/documenting-respect-human-rights-financial-sector-2025> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

German Institute for Human Rights

- In January 2026, publications titled "The Institute's Critique of Racism in Practice", "Implementation of Human Rights for Older Women", and "Draft Law Aimed at Strengthening the Rights of Victims of Severe Violence and Sexual Crimes to Receive Psychosocial Support During Legal Proceedings" were shared on the Institute's official website.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/publikationen/detail/entwurf-eines-gesetzes-zur-staerkung-der-rechte->

auf-psychosoziale-prozessbegleitung
<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/publikationen/detail/die-menschen-rechte-fuer-aeltere-frauen-durchsetzen>
<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/publikationen/detail/rassismuskritik-in-der-praxis>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 06.01.2026 on Institute's official website, a statement emphasizing that protection against and support in dealing with discrimination and racism is an integral and central component of the Institute's internal processes and work was published. The statement also included assessments aimed at ensuring more sensitive recruitment procedures and effective complaint procedures to combat discrimination.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/zum-umgang-mit-macht-und-rassismuskritik-in-organisationen> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 16.02.2026 in a post on the Institute's social media account, it was stated that disabled women need better protection from violence, and that the United Nations (UN) Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities found the situation in Germany worrying and, citing Article 16 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, called for a comprehensive strategy for protection against violence.

Source:

<https://bsky.app/profile/dimr.bsky.social/post/3mcjlmglph22h> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 23.01.2026 on Institute's official website, the views submitted by the Institute's Violence Based on Sex Reporting Unit, Human Trafficking Reporting Unit, and UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Monitoring Unit as part of a stakeholder consultation process regarding the draft law "Strengthening the Rights of Victims of Particularly Serious Violence and Sexual Crimes to Receive Psychosocial Support During Legal Proceedings" published by the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection in November 2025 were published.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/psychosoziale-prozessbegleitung-begruessenswerte-fortschritte-mit-verbleibenden-schutzluecken>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 24.01.2026, the Institute's LinkedIn account shared news that Naile Tanış, Head of the Institute's Human Trafficking Reporting Unit, gave a presentation at a conference on further developing the human trafficking cooperation agreement, organized by the KOBI- Human Trafficking Consulting Center on January 22, 2026. The purpose of the presentation was to provide expert support to the development process of the cooperation agreement in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and to give concrete impetus to sustainable cooperation between authorities and expert consulting centers.

Source:

https://de.linkedin.com/posts/deutsches-institut-fuer-menschenrechte_mit-dem-ziel-den-entwicklungsprozess-der-activity-7420484668791083008-jkVI
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

Georgian Ombudsman

- On 14.01.2026, according to the news on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, the Public Defender of Georgia submitted an alternative report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which was prepared in response to the list of issues submitted by the Committee in relation to Georgia's third periodic report.

Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelma-gaeros-ekonomikuri-sotsialuri-da-kulturuli-uflebebis-komitets-alternatiuli-angarishi-tsarudgina> (Access Date: 19.01.2026)

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)

- On 06.01.2026, the Commission's official website published a news stating that Chief Commissioner Liam Herrick had sent a letter to Minister of State Emer Higgins regarding the recent research by the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency entitled "Care places = places of safety? Violence against persons with disabilities in institutions". The letter focused on the urgently needed reforms in law, policy and practice to combat the prevalence and persistence of various forms of financial, physical, emotional and sexual abuse in all types of institutions in Ireland.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/publications/letter-to-minister-of-state-emer-higgins-on-eufra-research-into-violence-against-persons-with-disabilities-in-institutions>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 19.01.2026, the official website of the Commission shared the news that the Commission welcomes today's important

decision of the Supreme Court, which ruled that the state's failure to provide a spouse pension to a "qualified cohabitant" person is incompatible with the Constitution in a trial in which it participated as an *amicus curiae*.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/news-press/irish-human-rights-and-equality-commission-welcomes-high-court-judgment-finding-in-favour-of-the-pension-rights-for-surviving-unmarried-partner> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 19.01.2026, the Commission posted on its LinkedIn account that Ireland's human rights record would be reviewed by the UN Human Rights Council later that year. The post also mentioned that the Commission had invited civil society to a capacity-building event, where Director Deirdre Malone welcomed participants with the following words: "Never has this work been more essential both at home and globally. National Human Rights Organisations are now a crucial bulwark against the erosion of human rights, the backsliding of democracy and the creeping destruction of the rule of law in many countries worldwide. We must take every opportunity and use every tool at our disposal in our defence and promotion of human rights and equality."

Source:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/irish-human-rights-and-equality-commission/posts/> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026, the official website of the Commission shared the news that the Commission, in the capacity of National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking, published its observations on the proposed legislation on

human trafficking in Criminal Law (Sexual Crimes, Domestic Violence and International Documents) Bill ahead of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice of the General Scheme.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/news-press/commission-raises-serious-concerns-over-protection-of-human-trafficking-victims-ahead-of-justice-committee-scrutiny> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026 on the Commission's official website, news stating that the Commission welcomed the agreement of the State Examinations Commission to prepare and implement an Equality Action Plan aimed at strengthening equal access to state examinations for visually impaired students was published.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/news-press/commission-welcomes-state-examinations-commissions-agreement-to-undertake-equality-action-plan-on-accessibility-of-state-examinations>
(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, a news was shared on the Commission's official website expressing the Commission's significant concerns regarding the recently published 2026 International Protection Draft Law, specifically mentioning that core equality and human rights safeguards are unclear or absent.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/news-press/irish-human-rights-and-equality-commission-responds-to-international-protection-bill-warning-key-equality-safeguards-remain-unclear>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)

- On 12.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's website, the ICHR discussed with the Palestinian police ways to enhance cooperation and training programs for 2026.
Source:
<https://www.ichr.ps/public/page/125063>
(Access Date: 28.01.2026)

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)-Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)

- On 06.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's X account, IPHRC and the OIC Union of News Agencies (UNA) held a joint interactive event to launch the "Jeddah Declaration 2025 for Youth Empowerment, Development and Peace" adopted by the Commission during its 26th Session held in Jeddah.
Source:
<https://x.com/OICIPHRC/status/2008586502457225274> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)
- On 13.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, OIC and UNHCR signed a new strategic action plan (2026–2030) to strengthen humanitarian response.
Source:
<https://new.oic-oci.org/SitePages/NewsDetail.aspx?Item=3268>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)
- On 15.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC strongly condemned the storming of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque by the extremist Israeli Minister of National Security, Itamar Ben Gvir, under the

protection of the Israeli occupation forces, considering it an extension of the violations and illegal plans aimed at changing the historical and legal status of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Source:

<https://new.oic-oci.org/SitePages/NewsDetail.aspx?Item=3275>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 18.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC welcomed the start of the second phase of the comprehensive peace plan under UN Security Council Resolution 2803, as well as the announcement of the formation of the Palestinian committee to administer the Gaza Strip as a temporary transitional body.

Source:

<https://new.oic-oci.org/SitePages/NewsDetail.aspx?Item=3276>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 21.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the OIC has condemned in the strongest terms the Israeli occupation forces' storming and demolition of facilities belonging to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) in occupied Jerusalem, considering this a dangerous escalation and a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and its resolutions, the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, and the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

Source:

<https://new.oic-oci.org/SitePages/NewsDetail.aspx?Item=3291>
(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 24.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's X account on the occasion of the International Day of Education, bearing in mind this year's theme "the power of youth in co-creating education", in line with the Jeddah Declaration 2025, the IPHRC called for empowering youth through education.

Source:

<https://x.com/OICIPHRC/status/2015029858330423318> (Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 28.01.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's X account on the occasion of the International Day of Peaceful Coexistence, the IPHRC emphasized that true peace cannot be achieved without justice, accountability and respect for human rights.

Source:

<https://x.com/OICIPHRC/status/2016459649617166711> (Access Date: 28.01.2026)

- On 02.01.2026, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, humanitarian aid workers in Gaza continue to provide support to the most vulnerable families despite harsh winter conditions. It was reported that in the region, where stormy weather has increased needs, more than one million people still require emergency shelter assistance.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-sudan-10>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 05.01.2026, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that the humanitarian situation in Venezuela continues to deteriorate and that approximately 7.9 million people, equivalent to more than a quarter of the population, are in need of urgent assistance.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-venezuela-occupied-palestinian-territory-sudan-ukraine>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 12.01.2026, on the website of the OCHA, the content of the briefing delivered to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine by Ramesh Rajasingham, Head of the OCHA Geneva and Director of the Humanitarian Sector Division, on behalf of Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was published. In the briefing, the OCHA urged the Security Council to protect people from attacks in Ukraine.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/ocha-urges-security-council-protect-people-attacks-ukraine> (Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, on the website of the Committee, the content of the briefing delivered to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine by Ramesh Rajasingham, Head of the OCHA Geneva and Director of the Humanitarian Sector Division,

on behalf of Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was published. In the briefing, OCHA requested the Security Council to save the legacy of Yemen's children and families.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/ocha-asks-security-council-save-legacy-yemens-children-and-their-families> (Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, the OCHA warned that insecurity has increased in the occupied Palestinian territory, including airstrikes, shelling and armed clashes, leading to civilian casualties.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-haiti-yemen>
(Access Date: 23.01. 2026)

- On 22.01.2026, on the website of the OCHA, the content of the briefing delivered to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Syria by Edem Wosornu, Director, Crisis Response Division of the OCHA, on behalf of Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was published. The briefing stated that the OCHA calls on the Security Council to provide "*adequate and sustainable*" humanitarian funding for Syria.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/security-council-ocha-asks-sufficient-sustained-humanitarian-funding-syria>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, a Humanitarian Situation Update Report concerning the Gaza Strip was published. According to the OCHA's report, due to the limited increase in humanitarian assistance, people across the Gaza Strip were facing difficulties in meeting their needs.
Source:
<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-sudan-south-sudan>
(Access Date: 23.01.2026)
- On 23.01.2026, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that hundreds of thousands of people in Gaza were living in camps for internally displaced persons and were exposed to cold and rainy winter conditions.
Source:
<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-afghanistan-nigeria-syria-mozambique>
(Access Date: 28.01.2026)
- On 17.01.2026, according to the news on the website of the NHRC, the NHRC, represented by its Chairperson Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah, took part in the proceedings of the 25th General Assembly of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions, held in Manama, Bahrain.
Source:
<https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/during-her-participation-in-the-general-assembly-of-the-arab-network-in-bahrain-maryam-al-attiyah-pioneering-roles-of-the-arab-network-in-strengthening-national-human-rights->

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(Access Date: 23.01.2026)

- On 19.01.2026, it was announced on the website of the Committee that the Fourth National Human Rights Forum, jointly organized by the Qatar National Human Rights Committee and the Ministry of Interior, commenced on 19.01.2026 under the theme "*Human Rights at the Heart of Drug Control: Challenges and Prospects for Sustainable Solutions.*" and lasted for two days.

Source:

<https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/organized-by-nhrc-in-partnership-with-the-ministry-of-interior-the-national-human-rights-forum-kicks-off-todaynhrcAt86/page>

(Access Date: 23.01. 2026)

- On 02.01.2026, a statement was shared on the X account of the Agency's Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, regarding Israel's new restrictions on international NGOs, stating that these restrictions further compromising the humanitarian operation in the Gaza Strip. The statement noted that these restrictions, following the anti-UNRWA legislation, are part of a troubling pattern of disregard for international humanitarian law and increasing impediments to aid operations.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNLazzarini/status/2007056794015891831> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 09.01.2026 a post was shared on the X account of the Agency's Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, stating that the Commissioner had held in-depth and insightful meetings in Ankara regarding the situation of

Palestinian refugees and support for the Agency. The post also expressed the welcome for the establishment of a UNRWA liaison office in Ankara to build a stronger partnership with Turkish institutions and the public.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNLazzarini/status/2009675801172627485> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 12.01.2026, the Agency's official website published a news item stating that the Commissioner had informed the Pope about the urgent need for global support to protect education and vital services for Palestinian refugees.

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-commissioner-general-briefing-pope-urgent-need-global-support>

(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, the Agency's official website published a news stating that Israeli forces raided the UNRWA health center in East Jerusalem, that Israeli authorities subsequently ordered the center closed for 30 days, depriving Palestinian refugees of access to basic health services, and that these actions undermine international law and threaten refugee services.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-commissioner-general-israeli-actions-undermine-international-law>

(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 19.01.2026, the Agency's official website published a statement detailing how, during the more than two years of war in the Gaza Strip, children have repeatedly been denied

the vaccinations they need to protect themselves from preventable diseases. The statement noted that this situation, coupled with inadequate water and sanitation in overcrowded shelters and the collapse of the health system, has further exacerbated already record-high disease risks.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-commissioner-general-gaza-protecting-gaza%E2%80%99s-children-amid-war> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026, the Agency's official website published a news stating that Israeli forces raided UNRWA Headquarters, a United Nations compound in East Jerusalem, and that bulldozers entered the compound and began demolishing buildings inside under the watch of lawmakers and a member of the government. The news stated that these actions contradicted the International Court of Justice's ruling, which reaffirmed that Israel is obligated under international law to facilitate the Agency's operations, not hinder or prevent them.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-commissioner-general-unprecedented-violation-un-premises> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 20.01.2026, the Agency's official website published a statement declaring that the occupied West Bank was experiencing its worst humanitarian crisis since 1967. The statement noted that a year had passed since the start of Israel's "Iron Wall" military operation and that 33,000 people had been forcibly displaced from Palestinian refugee camps in the north.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-commissioner-general-occupied-west-bank-grip-its-most-severe>

(Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 21.01.2026, Agency Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini posted a statement on his X account, contradicting media reports, stating that the Israeli government does not own or have rights to the property in East Jerusalem where the Agency's Sheikh Jarrah settlement is located. The statement clarified that the Agency has leased the land from the Jordanian government since 1952 and that it has now been confiscated in a clear violation of international law.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNLazzarini/status/2013858006509768790> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 22.01.2026, the Agency's official website published news that a multi-year strategic partnership agreement had been signed between the Government of the Republic of Iraq and the Agency to strengthen their support for Palestinian refugees during a critical period.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/news-releases/iraq-and-unrwa-sign-multi-year-strategic-partnership-agreement>

(Access Date: 26.01.2026)

- On 25.01.2026, the Agency's official website published a statement noting that Palestinian journalists, along with humanitarian aid workers, have paid a heavy price, with over 230 journalists killed. The statement also

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mentioned that international journalists have been banned from independently entering Gaza since the beginning of the conflict, that this ban has fueled disinformation campaigns and polarized narratives, and that the ban on international journalists has lasted far too long.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-commissioner-general-gaza%E2%80%99s-ban-international-journalists-fuels> (Access Date: 27.01.2026)

- On 14.01.2026, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, the Russian Federation has intensified its attacks on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine, particularly energy infrastructure that leaving millions of civilians without essential services.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner-/the-commissioner-condemns-the-attacks-on-ukrainian-energy-infrastructure-and-appeals-for-urgent-humanitarian-support>

(Access Date: 28.01.2026)

- On 19.01.2026, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, Commissioner O'Flaherty visited Italy from 12 to 16 January and urged national authorities to make progress on eradicating child poverty and to strengthen the country's human rights architecture, including by establishing an independent national human rights institution.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner-/italy-council-of-europe-commissioner-calls-for-renewed-action-to-break-the-cycle-of-child-poverty-and-ensure-the-protection-of-everyone-s-human-rights>

(Access Date: 28.01.2026)

- On 28.01.2026, on the website of Commissioner, Commissioner's shout out headed "Efficiency through dignity: why Europe's return policies need human rights" was published.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/efficiency-through-dignity-why-europe-s-return-policies-need-human-rights>

(Access Date: 28.01.2026)