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***International
Labour
Organization (ILO)***

- On 02.04.2026, according to the news on the website of the ILO, ILO and UNHCR formalized cooperation in Türkiye to advance decent work and economic inclusion.
Source:
<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-and-unhcr-formalize-cooperation-t%C3%BCrkiye-advance-decent-work-and>
(Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 03.04.2026, according to the news on the website of the ILO, ILO Office for Türkiye organized a workshop to assess the preliminary findings of the study titled “Roma in Working Life: Access to Fundamental Labour Rights and Decent Work.”
Source:
<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/workshop-ilo-and-eu-strengthen-access-roma-communities-decent-work-t%C3%BCrkiye>
(Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 09.04.2026, according to the news on the website of the ILO, a new ILO report called for a decisive strengthening of social protection systems worldwide, warning that current gaps in coverage, adequacy, and financing are

leaving millions of workers unprotected in an increasingly volatile global economy.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-calls-stronger-social-protection-changing-world-work> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, according to the news on the website of the ILO, ILO Governing Body concluded its 356th Session.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/gb/gb356/ilo-governing-body-concluded-its-356th-session> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 16.04.2026, according to the news on the website of the ILO, ILO called for stronger social protection for all workers affected by climate change.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-calls-stronger-social-protection-all-workers-affected-climate-change> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, according to the news on the website of the ILO, Sheng Li has been appointed Deputy Director-General of ILO.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/sheng-li-appointed-ilo-deputy-director-general> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 27.04.2026, according to the news which appeared on the website of the ILO, an ILO report found that more than half of the world's economies face governance conditions that create uncertainty for business and

investment, highlighting that governance gains are fragile and declines more common than progress.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/governance-remains-stagnant-decline-more-common-progress-ilo-report-says>
(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 01.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Human Rights Council concluded its sixty-first regular session after adopting 38 resolutions.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/human-rights-council-concludes-sixty-first-regular-session-after-adopting-38> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 01.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, High Commissioner Türk warned of deepening clampdown on freedom of expression across Middle East.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/turk-warns-deepening-clampdown-freedom-expression-across-middle-east> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 02.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release saying that Israel's death penalty law constituted a discriminatory regime of capital punishment.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/israels-death-penalty-law-constitutes-discriminatory-regime-capital>
(Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- According to the news which on the website of OHCHR appeared on 07.04.2026, a group of experts was to hold a conference on humanitarian action, remedy and responsibility in a unilateral sanctions environment at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 9 and 10 April 2026.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/conference-negative-impact-sanctions-humanitarian-action-palais-des-nations> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 08.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Commission of Inquiry said that regional conflict had eclipsed the surge in human rights violations against Palestinians.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/regional-conflict-has-eclipsed-surge-human-rights-violations-against> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 08.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, High Commissioner Türk condemned deadly wave of Israeli strikes on Lebanon.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/turk-condemns-deadly-wave-israeli-strikes-lebanon> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 10.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Iran Fact-Finding Mission called on parties to the devastating regional

conflict to end hostilities and investigate alleged violations, and strongly condemns violent rhetoric.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/iran-fact-finding-mission-calls-parties-devastating-regional-conflict-end> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 10.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk said that six months since the announcement of a ceasefire in Gaza, Palestinians across the strip were still unsafe, as Israeli attacks continue routinely.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/palestinians-across-gaza-unsafe-six-months-ceasefire-announcement-says-turk> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Committee against Torture opened its eighty-fourth session in Geneva and re-elected Claude Heller as Chair of the Committee.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/committee-against-torture-opens-eighty-fourth-session-geneva-re-elects> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a draft thematic study on AI, Cultural rights, and the Right to development by the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/ongoing-studies/artificial-intelligence-cultural-rights-and-right-development-thematic>
(Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination opened its 117th session in Geneva and elected Gün Kut as Chair.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-opens-one-hundred-and>
(Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a draft thematic study on peace, security, and the right to development by the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development was released.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/ongoing-studies/peace-and-security-and-right-development-draft-thematic-study-expert>
(Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release warning that the draft antisemitism law in France could seriously undermine free expression and other human rights.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/france-draft-antisemitism-law-could-seriously-undermine-free-expression-and> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

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- On 15.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release condemning Israel's unprecedented bombing in Lebanon after ceasefire announcement and demanded immediate halt to hostilities.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/un-experts-condemn-israels-unprecedented-bombing-lebanon-after-ceasefire> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 16.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts published a press release demanding accountability for trafficking allegations in "Epstein files," and warned of continuing violence of patriarchal power systems.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/un-experts-demand-accountability-trafficking-allegations-epstein-files-warn> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- According to the news which appeared on the website of OHCHR on 16.04.2026, UN experts would meet in New York from 21 to 23 April to mark 40 years since the adoption of the Declaration on the Right to Development.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/un-experts-hold-new-york-session-marking-40-years-right-development> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 16.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
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presented Subcommittee’s annual report to the Committee against Torture.

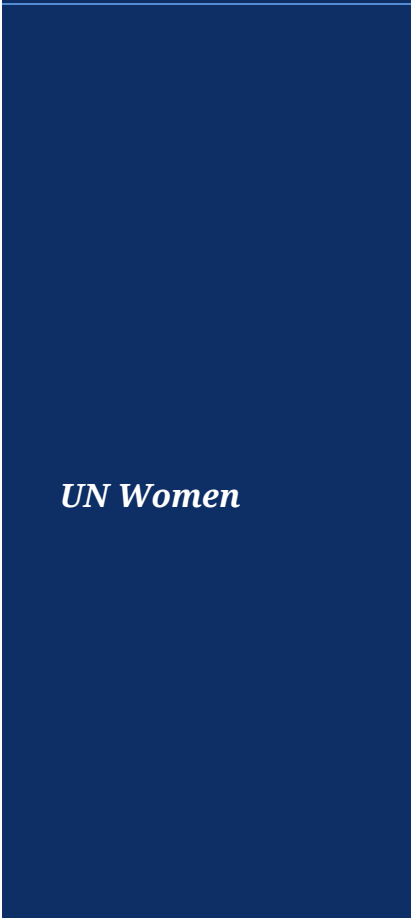
Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/vice-chair-subcommittee-prevention-torture-presents-annual-report> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 20.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts called for immediate suspension of EU-Israel trade agreement as ‘minimum requirement’ under international law.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/un-experts-call-immediate-suspension-eu-israel-trade-agreement-minimum> (Access Date: 21.04.2026)



UN Women

- On 10.04.2026, on the website of the Organization, “*UN Women statement on the impact of the recent military escalation in the Middle East on women and girls*” was published.

Source:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/statement/2026/04/un-women-statement-on-the-impact-of-the-recent-military-escalation-in-the-middle-east-on-women-and-girls> (Access Date: 22.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, on the website of the Organization, a statement regarding the mounting death toll of women and girls in Lebanon -at least 252 women have been killed and 1,120 injured- since the escalation of hostilities on 2 March was published.

Source:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/statement/2026/04/more-than-250-women-killed-in-lebanon-over-past-seven-weeks> (Access Date: 22.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, on the website of the Organization, “*Remarks by Anna Mutavati, UN Women Regional Director for East and Southern Africa, on Sudan’s war on women and girls, as conflict enters fourth year*” was published.

Source:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-briefing/2026/04/remarks-by-anna-mutavati-un-women-regional-director-for-east-and-southern-africa-on-sudans-war-on-women-and-girls-as-conflict-enters-fourth-year> (Access Date: 22.04.2026)

- On 17.04.2026, on the website of the Organization, a new analysis entitled, “*Advocacy brief: The cost of war in Gaza on women and girls*” was published. According to the Brief, more than 38,000 women and girls—over 22,000 women and 16,000 girls—were killed in Gaza between October 2023 and December 2025, representing an average of at least 47 women and girls killed per day.

Source:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2026/04/advocacy-brief-the-cost-of-war-in-gaza-on-women-and-girls> (Access Date: 22.04.2026)

- On 27.04.2026, on the website of the Organization, a statement by Anna Mutavati, UN Women Regional Director for East and Southern Africa, was published. After a five-day mission in South Sudan, she reported that nearly 60 percent of those displaced since the

start of the year were women and girls—an average of 104 every hour—and that many were surviving on wild plants, with some going days without anything to eat.

Source:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/statement/2026/04/more-than-100-women-and-girls-displaced-every-hour-in-south-sudan-some-going-days-without-food>
(Access Date: 22.04.2026)

- On 07.04.2026, UNICEF issued a statement expressing profound alarm over the escalating hostilities in the Middle East and their catastrophic impact on children. The statement highlighted that child are bearing the brunt of the violence, facing direct threats to their lives, physical injury, and severe psychological distress. UNICEF urgently called on all parties to adhere to international humanitarian law, immediately cease hostilities, and ensure the protection of children and critical civilian infrastructure, such as schools and hospitals.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-statement-hostilities-middle-east>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 09.04.2026, UNICEF issued a statement expressing profound alarm over the intensification of hostilities in Lebanon and their devastating, inhumane toll on children. The statement highlighted that a recent wave of bombardments resulted in the deaths of 33 children and left 153 injured in just a matter of minutes. UNICEF reported that since 2 March, more than 600 children have been killed or injured, while over one million people, including approximately 390,000 children, have been forced to flee their homes. The

organization urgently reiterated that international humanitarian law must be upheld, demanding an immediate end to the use of explosive weapons in densely populated areas and calling for the protection of all civilians and critical infrastructure.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-statement-intensified-strikes-lebanon-and-devastating-impact-children>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, UNICEF issued a statement reporting that at least 245 children were killed or maimed in Sudan during the first 90 days of 2026, marking a 50 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2025. The statement highlighted that drone attacks have become the leading cause of harm, accounting for nearly 80 per cent of all recorded child casualties this year. With three years of unrelenting conflict displacing over 5 million children and devastating critical infrastructure like homes, schools, and hospitals, UNICEF called on all parties to the conflict to immediately end these grave violations, adhere to international law, and ensure safe, rapid, and unimpeded humanitarian access across the country.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/least-245-child-casualties-sudan-first-90-days-2026>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 17.04.2026, UNICEF issued a statement expressing its outrage over the killing of two drivers contracted by the agency to deliver clean water to families in the Gaza Strip. The victims were killed by Israeli fire during a routine operation at the Mansoura water

filling point in northern Gaza, an incident that also left two other individuals injured. UNICEF emphasized that the facility is the only operational filling point for the Mekorot water supply line serving Gaza City and is essential for sustaining hundreds of thousands of people. Following the attack, UNICEF suspended all onsite activities and called on Israeli authorities to immediately investigate the incident, ensure full accountability, and uphold the obligation under international humanitarian law to protect civilians, aid workers, and critical infrastructure.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-killing-two-water-truck-drivers-gaza-strip-0>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell delivered remarks at the Humanitarian Dialogue, highlighting the unprecedented scale of crises currently facing children worldwide. Russell emphasized that conflicts, climate disasters, and the erosion of international norms are creating a “perfect storm” that threatens the survival and development of millions. She underscored the critical need for renewed commitment to international humanitarian law, safer access for aid workers, and increased funding for long-term recovery efforts. The remarks called for global solidarity to move beyond crisis response and invest in strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities to ensure every child’s right to a safe future.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-catherine-russells-remarks-humanitarian-dialogue>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 23.04.2026, UNICEF, in collaboration with WHO and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, issued a statement announcing that “The Big Catch-Up” initiative has successfully delivered over 100 million vaccine doses to an estimated 18.3 million children across 36 countries. The statement highlighted that this historic effort targeted children who missed routine immunizations due to pandemic-related disruptions, reaching 12.3 million “zero-dose” children who had never received any vaccine. While celebrating the program's success in narrowing critical immunity gaps, the agencies emphasized the need for sustained investment in routine immunization systems to prevent the resurgence of preventable diseases like measles and polio.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/largest-catch-initiative-delivers-over-100-million-childhood-vaccinations>

(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 24.04.2026, UNICEF, together with the UN, EU, and international partners, issued a statement regarding the Global Report on Food Crises 2026, warning that acute food insecurity and malnutrition remain at alarmingly high levels. The statement revealed that acute hunger has doubled over the past decade, with approximately 266 million people in 47 countries facing high levels of food insecurity in 2025, driven primarily by conflict, climate shocks, and economic instability. Highlighting that famine was declared in two conflict affected areas last year for the first time in the report's history, the partners called for urgent political action and increased investment to

address the structural causes of hunger and protect the most vulnerable children.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/acute-food-insecurity-and-malnutrition-remain-alarmingly-high-crises-deepen-un-eu>

(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 26.04.2026, UNICEF issued a statement highlighting the enduring resilience of children in the Central Sahel region, specifically Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, amidst a worsening multidimensional crisis. The statement detailed how over 9.5 million children are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance due to escalating conflict, climate change, and high food prices, which have led to mass school closures and the displacement of millions. While praising the extraordinary courage of children and local communities, UNICEF called for sustained international support and flexible funding to ensure the delivery of essential services like education, healthcare, and protection.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/enduring-resilience-children-central-sahel-midst-crisis> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

*UN Committee on
the Elimination of
Discrimination
against Women
(CEDAW)*

- On 21.04.2026, according to the news published on the website of CEDAW, pursuant to Article 6 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Committee reiterated that all forms of exploitation in prostitution are incompatible with the human rights of women and girls. It was stated that the Committee remains consistent in its call for the strengthening of the

protection of girls and women from all forms of trafficking.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/04/un-womens-rights-committee-reaffirms-protection-girls-prostitution-and> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)

- On 01.04.2026, GANHRI issued a statement following its 2026 Annual Conference, committing National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to concrete actions to promote and protect human rights in the digital space. The statement emphasized the critical need for NHRIs to monitor and report on the state of online civic space and the human rights impacts of digital technologies. NHRIs pledged to advocate for appropriate laws, policies, and practices, with a specific focus on protecting human rights defenders and vulnerable groups from digital threats and surveillance, thereby ensuring that digital advancements do not undermine fundamental human rights.

Source:

<https://ganhri.org/nhris-take-on-digital-challenges-to-protect-human-rights/> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

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

- On 07.04.2026, CPT held high-level talks in Azerbaijan to discuss the implementation of long-standing recommendations regarding the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty. The discussions focused on ill-treatment, improving prison conditions, and ensuring robust safeguards for detainees. The committee emphasized the necessity of prompt and independent investigations into all allegations of torture and emphasized the importance of full cooperation with the CPT to

align national practices with European standards.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-holds-high-level-talks-in-azerbaijan>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 09.04.2026, CPT published its report on the 2025 periodic visit to Ukraine. The findings highlight the immense challenges faced by the national prison system amidst the ongoing conflict. While acknowledging the authorities' efforts to maintain order, the committee expressed concern over overcrowding, inadequate health care provision, and reports of physical ill-treatment by staff in certain facilities. The report includes detailed recommendations aimed at protecting the human rights of prisoners and ensuring that all detention centers meet the minimum international standards for humane treatment during the war.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-the-report-on-its-2025-visit-to-ukraine>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, CPT announced its program of periodic visits to eight Council of Europe member states scheduled for 2027. These visits are a core part of the committee's mandate to monitor the situation of persons deprived of their liberty through regular, unannounced, and ad-hoc visits. By engaging in ongoing dialogue with national authorities, the CPT aims to identify gaps in protection and provide constructive feedback to prevent ill-treatment and torture in police stations, prisons,

psychiatric institutions, and other places of detention across the continent.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/the-council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-announces-periodic-visits-to-eight-countries-in-2027>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 15.04.2026, CPT called on member states to prioritize the improvement of prison conditions and implement robust measures to prevent police ill-treatment. Highlighting a recurring trend in several recent reports, the committee emphasized that systemic neglect, lack of effective training for law enforcement, and insufficient oversight mechanisms significantly increase the risk of fundamental rights violations. The committee urged governments to invest in modern detention infrastructure and to foster a culture of respect for human rights within all agencies responsible for the deprivation of liberty.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-calls-for-improving-prison-conditions-and-further-action-to-prevent-police-ill-treatment-1>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 23.04.2026, CPT published the report on its November-December 2024 visit to Serbia. The report raised concerns regarding instances of physical ill-treatment and inadequate material conditions in certain correctional facilities. While acknowledging positive developments in specific areas, the committee strongly recommended that the Serbian authorities take immediate action to strengthen safeguards against ill-treatment during police custody and ensure that the prison system

*United Nations
Development
Programme (UNDP)*

provides adequate living standards and health care for all inmates, in accordance with the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-november-december-2024-visit-to-serbia> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 01.04.2026, UNDP released a report highlighting the enduring and strategic partnership between Türkiye and the organization to advance sustainable development. The news outlined the successful implementation of joint initiatives focused on climate action, disaster resilience, and the promotion of inclusive social and economic growth. The report emphasized that through ongoing collaboration, both parties have strengthened institutional capacities and fostered innovative solutions to address regional challenges, reaffirming a shared commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensuring long-term prosperity for all communities.

Source:

<https://www.undp.org/news/turkiye-maintains-its-partnership-undp-advance-sustainable-development>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, UNDP issued a warning stating that the ongoing military escalation in the Middle East could push more than 30 million additional people into poverty worldwide. The statement highlighted that regional conflicts disrupt global supply chains, energy markets, and economic stability, disproportionately

affecting the most vulnerable populations in developing nations. UNDP emphasized that the socioeconomic fallout of these hostilities threatens progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), calling for immediate diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions and a robust international response to mitigate the long-term economic impacts of the conflict on global poverty levels.

Source:

<https://www.undp.org/press-releases/military-escalation-middle-east-could-push-more-30-million-people-poverty-worldwide-un-development-programme-warns>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

*European Union
Agency for
Fundamental Rights
(FRA)*

- On 14.04.2026, on the website of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), a new report that presents selected lessons learnt from the Agency's decade-long experience at the hotspots in Greece and Italy, and highlights the necessary steps to ensure that screening, reception and asylum processes respect fundamental rights, protect vulnerable people and operate with transparency, entitled "*Operationalising the Pact on Migration and Asylum: Experiences from the hotspot approach*" was published.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2026/implementing-migration-and-asylum-pact-lessons-learnt-hotspot-approach> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 16.04.2026, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA took part in an expert group meeting organised by the World Health Organization, and gave a presentation on interviewer training methods based on the agency's experiences of implementing large-

scale data collection on violence against women.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2026/fra-contributes-who-expert-meeting-violence-against-women> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 20.04.2026, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA Director participated in the Privacy Symposium 2026 opening session in Venice, and delivered a keynote address on AI Governance.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/speech/2026/privacy-symposium-conference-2026>
(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 21.04.2026, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would speak at two events organised as part of the European Parliament's Roma Week, one focusing on civil society monitoring of Roma inclusion, and the other looking at the challenges and opportunities for Roma in the EU enlargement region.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2026/supporting-roma-week-european-parliament>
(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 21.04.2026, on the website of FRA, a new publication- first in the series- that takes stock of the situation of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, looks at key developments as well as ongoing problems and new areas of concern between January 2025 and the end of March 2026, entitled "*Migration and Fundamental Rights: FRA Bulletin under Article 10 (2) (h) of the Asylum and Migration*

	<p><i>Management Regulation (EU) 2024/1351</i>” was shared. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2026/migration-bulletin-1-2026 (Access Date: 27.04.2026)</p>
<p><i>Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.04.2026, on the website of Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe, “<i>Statement by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Alain Berset for World Health Day on 7 April</i>” was published. Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/an-investment-in-health-protection-is-an-investment-in-democracy (Access Date: 27.04.2026)
<p><i>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.04.2026, on the ODIHR website, a post was published on the occasion of International Roma Day, emphasizing the need to address the discrimination and exclusion faced by Roma and Sinti communities. The publication highlighted that building trust between law enforcement and these communities is vital in the context of security and respect for human rights. It further noted that ODIHR organizes police trainings within this scope and announced that it will publish new practical guidelines in 2026 to support law enforcement agencies. Source: https://odihhr.osce.org/odihhr/663109 (Access Date: 28.04.2026)
<p><i>Australian Human Rights Commission</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.04.2026, the Commission's website published news that a new amendment to the Disability Discrimination Act would prevent life insurance companies from charging higher fees, denying coverage, or treating individuals

unfairly based on genetic test results. The news stated that the Commission welcomed this reform and would continue its efforts to ensure fair treatment across all types of insurance.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/media-releases/disability-rights/new-protections-end-genetic-discrimination-in-life-insurance> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 15.04.2026, the Commission's website announced the publication of a report titled "The Struggle to Be Seen, The Power of Being Heard," as part of the Seen & Heard project, which is privately funded by the Australian Government. The report stated that it reflects the voices and experiences of hundreds of people from Jewish, Muslim, Palestinian, Arab, and Israeli communities in Australia, and that it is the most comprehensive report of its kind since October 7, 2023.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/media-releases/rights-and-freedoms/commission-set-to-mark-40-years-of-promoting-and-protecting-human-rights> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 02.04.2026, according to the news shared on Commission's X account, new guidance principles for accessible transportation were published.

Source:

<https://x.com/EHRC/status/2039598913577943442> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 07.04.2026, the Commission shared a post on its social media account recommending that

political parties, candidates, and campaign organizers read the guide prepared by the Commission on freedom of expression and respectful discourse ahead of the upcoming elections.

Source:

<https://x.com/EHRC/status/2041410782055870801> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 08.04.2026, on the website of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, it was announced that Muhammet Ecevit Carti, Deputy President of the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye (HREIT) and Louise Holck, director of Danish Institute for Human Rights signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), establishing a framework for strengthened cooperation between the two national human rights institutions.

Source:

<https://www.humanrights.dk/news/danish-institute-human-rights-signs-memorandum-understanding-human-rights-equality-institution> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 15.04.2026, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that The Danish Institute for Human Rights would be launching a new “*Global Visiting Researcher Programme*” to strengthen and develop research collaborations with academics primarily based in the global South and other underrepresented regions.

Source:

<https://www.humanrights.dk/news/danish-institute-human-rights-launches-global-visiting-researcher-program> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

*Committee on the
Elimination of
Racial
Discrimination
(CERD)*

- On 13.04.2026, on the website of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), it was announced that the Committee opened its 117th session in Geneva, during which it would review anti-discrimination efforts by Burkina Faso, Cuba, Cyprus, Serbia, Slovenia and Uzbekistan, and examine individual communications under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, under the Chairmanship of Gün Kut, the Committee member representing Türkiye.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-opens-one-hundred-and>
(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 15.04.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee concluded its consideration of the combined sixth to ninth periodic reports of Serbia with Committee Experts commending the State on establishing a follow-up office for the recommendations of United Nations human rights mechanisms, and asking questions on structural discrimination against the Roma and the detention of asylum seekers and migrants.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-serbias-human> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 16.04.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee concluded its consideration of the

combined twelfth to fourteenth periodic reports of Slovenia with Committee Experts welcoming the State's laws and institutions tackling discrimination, and asking questions on the impact of the 2025 act on public safety and on measures to address the disparities faced by the Roma.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-welcome-slovenias> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 17.04.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee concluded its consideration of the twenty-fifth periodic report of Cyprus with Committee Experts commending the State on strengthening its Ombudsperson and asking questions on measures to address racist hate speech, including against Black football players, and discrimination stemming from restrictions on movement of the Turkish Cypriots and other foreigners from the north to the south of the country.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-cyprus> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee concluded its consideration of the combined thirteenth and fourteenth periodic reports of Uzbekistan with Committee Experts welcoming the State party's draft equality and non-discrimination bill, while raising questions on restrictive Uzbek citizenship laws

leading to statelessness and efforts to ensure equal education for Roma/Lyuli children.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-welcome-uzbekistans> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 23.04.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee concluded its consideration of the combined twentieth to twenty-fourth periodic reports of Burkina Faso, with Committee Experts commending the State on its employment initiatives for refugees, and asking questions on the ethnically motivated agrarian conflict between farmers and herders and reported discrimination against the Peuhl community.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-burkina-fasos> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 24.04.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Committee concluded its consideration of the combined twenty-second to twenty-sixth periodic reports of Cuba with Committee Experts commending the State's national programme against racial discrimination and raising issues concerning limited access to basic services for people of African descent and hate speech.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2026/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-cubas> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 02.04.2026, a news article was published on the Institute's website stating that the existing Directive (EU) 2024/1712, which amends the directive combating human trafficking, must be transposed into national law by July 15, 2026. According to the report, the directive in question expands the definition of human trafficking to include exploitative forms such as forced marriage, illegal adoption, and forced surrogacy, and requires member states to improve the identification and support of trafficking victims. To this end, states must strengthen their structures and institutions to combat human trafficking and protect victims.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/unterstuetzung-fuer-betroffene-von-menschenhandelaenderuebergreifend-sichern>

(Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 02.04.2026, the Institute's social media account posted a message stating that digital gender-based violence is a rapidly growing social problem with serious consequences, including for democracy. The post stated that the Institute's "Violence Against Women Monitoring Report" shows that violence against women and girls is spreading to the digital sphere through the internet, social media, location-tracking devices, and generative artificial intelligence, and that it is developing its own dynamics there.

Source:

<https://bsky.app/profile/dimr.bsky.social/post/3miipti2ku22s> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 08.04.2026, the Institute's website published a news stating that the Lower Saxony State Parliament would be discussing whether to establish a coordinating body for child-friendly justice on April 8, 2026. The news noted that the Institute welcomed efforts to make court processes child-friendly.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/gerichtliche-verfahren-kindgerecht-gestalten>

(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- According to the news which appeared on the website of Georgian Ombudsman on 06.04.2026, First Deputy Public Defender Tamar Gvaramadze participated in the events of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) held in Geneva between March 30 and April 1, as well as in the conferences and meetings held in parallel.

Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-pirvelmoadgilem-zhenevashi-gamartul-ghonisdziebebshi-miigho-monatsileoba>

(Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, according to the news on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, the Public Defender of Georgia, Levan Ioseliani, and the First Deputy Public Defender, Tamar Gvaramadze, met with the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Michael O. Flaherty.

Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/260414072113sakhalkho-damtsveli-evropis-sabchos-adamianis-uflebata-komisars-shekhvda> (Access Date: 15.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, a letter sent by Chief Commissioner Liam Herrick to the Minister of State regarding the General Framework of the 2025 Disability (Amendment) Bill was shared on the Commission's website.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/publications/letter-from-ihrec-to-the-minister-of-state-re-general-scheme-for-disability-amendment-bill-2025> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 15.04.2026, the Commission published its statement on the 2026 International Protection Bill on its website. This Bill aims to transpose the EU Migration and Asylum Pact into Irish law by June 2026. While the Commission acknowledges a number of significant changes to the Bill, it cautions that important human rights concerns remain.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/news-press/significant-human-rights-concerns-remain-as-international-protection-bill-passes-final-oireachtas-stages> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 17.04.2026, the Commission's website announced the publication of proposals submitted for Ireland's next Universal Periodic Review. The proposals reportedly called for stronger progress in areas such as housing, healthcare, women's, people with disabilities' and minorities' rights, as well as progress on environmental justice and the Occupied Territories Act.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/publications/submission-to-the-fourth-universal-periodic-review-cycle-for-ireland> (Access Date: 20.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, the Commission's LinkedIn account shared news that it had met with human rights law experts from academia, civil society, law firms, and the judiciary to discuss what should be done to safeguard the integrity of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) system in the long term. The news also mentioned that in a few weeks, European political leaders would meet in Moldova to discuss a Political Declaration on the ECHR.

Source:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/irish-human-rights-and-equality-commission_yesterday-we-welcomed-human-rights-law-experts-activity-7452372804341166080-QAdl/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFOkQJABsK0R0BEfk6e4lnM0ISz49_hMUo
(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 24.04.2026, the Commission's LinkedIn account shared news that Chief Commissioner Liam Herrick was in Geneva for the Commission's reaccreditation in terms of compliance with the UN Paris Principles.

Source:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/irish-human-rights-and-equality-commission_today-chief-commissioner-liam-herrickis-activity-7453087709486645249-7M4y/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFOkQJABsK0R0BEfk6e4lnM0ISz49_hMUo
(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

*The Independent
Commission for
Human Rights of
Palestine (ICHR)*

- On 05.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's website, during a workshop on the role of youth institutions organized by the ICHR, the active participation of young people in planning and decision-making processes especially after the war of extermination recommended.

Source:

<https://www.ichr.ps/public/page/125110>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 06.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's website, the Palestinian Coalition against Torture strongly condemned the Israeli Knesset's approval of a law authorizing the execution of Palestinian prisoners. According to the statement, this law emerged in the context of the occupation's ongoing policies of torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of prisoners.

Source:

<https://www.ichr.ps/public/page/125111>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 07.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's website, the Director General of the ICHR, called for a comprehensive national movement in response to the systematic terrorism of settlers, and for activating the human rights track, despite its limitations, through international advocacy, in addition to seeking to prosecute those responsible before the International Criminal Court and European courts.

Source:

<https://www.ichr.ps/public/page/125112>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

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

- On 21.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's website, the ICHR has issued a guidance bulletin on police conduct during municipal and general elections. The bulletin emphasizes the crucial role of the police in ensuring elections free from violence, intimidation, and coercion.

Source:

<https://www.ichr.ps/public/page/125121>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's website, the ICHR organized a meeting titled "Environmental Destruction as a Weapon: The Destruction of the Environment by the Occupation Forces During the Genocide in the Gaza Strip and its Impact on Public Health".

Source:

<https://www.ichr.ps/public/page/125123>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 01.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the OIC welcomed the consensus adoption by the 61st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council of a resolution entitled "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons based on religion or belief".

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7646>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 04.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the Secretary-General of the OIC, sent letters to several international parties and institutions,

including Secretary-General of the United Nations, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, expressing the OIC's rejection and condemnation of the Israeli Knesset's passage of the law to execute Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7655>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 05.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye, organized a seminar on 5th April 2026 to commemorate the United Nations International Day of Zero Waste, which was proclaimed by the United Nations in 2022 on the initiative of the Republic of Türkiye and 105 other countries.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7658>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 06.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC participated in the Young Climate Volunteers Camp, organized by the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7671>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

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- On 07.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, on the occasion of World Health Day 2026, the OIC reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to contribute to work in forging meaningful partnerships for advancing health and well-being for all across its Member States.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7678>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 08.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC, the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (LAS) and the African Union Commission (AUC) expressed its strong condemnation of the extremist "minister" in the Israeli occupation government, Itamar Ben-Gvir, storming the courtyards of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque under the tight protection of the Israeli occupation forces.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7689>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 10.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC has condemned in the strongest terms the approval by the Israeli occupation government of 34 new colonial settlements in the occupied West Bank, in flagrant violation of international law and relevant UN Security Council resolutions, particularly Resolution 2334.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7698>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

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- On 17.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, on the occasion of Palestinian Prisoners' Day, the General Secretariat of the OIC expressed deep concern over the deteriorating conditions of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli occupation prisons, numbering more than 9500 prisoners, including 73 female prisoners and 350 children, in addition to detainees from the Gaza Strip, whose number is unknown.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7726>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 18.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC participated in the fifth edition of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum. According to the statement, the delegation held a number of important bilateral meetings aimed at strengthening relations and expanding areas of cooperation and partnership with a number of international organizations and institutions.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7733>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 20.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC participated in the ninth meeting of the International Coalition for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution. According to the statement, the General Secretariat reiterated the OIC's firm commitment to cooperate and partner with the international coalition to take concrete and effective steps to enable the Palestinian people to exercise their legitimate rights, primarily
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their right to self-determination, and to establish their independent state on the 4 June 1967 borders, with East Al-Quds (Jerusalem) as its capital.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7746>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 23.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Commission's X account, the IPHRC expressed its deep concern regarding the continued deterioration of the situation of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar, given the ongoing systematic discrimination, denial of citizenship, and violence they face.

Source:

https://x.com/OIC_IPHRC/status/2047352906098102777

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 25.04.2026, according to the statement published on the Organization's website, the General Secretariat of the OIC strongly condemned the decision of the Israeli occupation authorities to approve the establishment of a Jewish school in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the occupied city of Al-Quds (Jerusalem). According to the statement, this approval emerged within the framework of the Judaisation policy aimed at changing the character of the city.

Source:

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/7760>

(Access Date: 27.04.2026)

*United Nations Office
for the Coordination of
Humanitarian Affairs
(OCHA)*

- On 01.04.2026, according to the news published on the website of the OCHA, Fletcher and Under-Secretary-General Alexander De Croo, the Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP), had visited Syria to

advance humanitarian aid and recovery efforts.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-lebanon-syria-iran-occupied-palestinian-territory> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 02.04.2026, according to the news published on the website of the OCHA, a statement by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was shared. In the statement, Fletcher noted that Syria could be the "*success story*" the world needs then.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-says-syria-could-be-success-story-world-needs-now> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 08.04.2026, on the website of the OCHA, a statement delivered by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, to the Security Council pursuant to resolution 2730 (2024) on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of United Nations and associated personnel. In the statement, Fletcher demanded accountability for the killing of more than 1,000 aid workers in the last 3 years, often at the hands of Member States.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/over-1000-aid-workers-killed-3-years-often-hands-member-states-un-relief-chief-demands>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 08.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OCHA, a statement by Tom Fletcher,

Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was released, calling for urgent action to better protect humanitarian workers.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-protection-humanitarians-middle-east-lebanon-occupied-palestinian-territory>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 09.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OCHA, six months after the ceasefire agreement in Gaza, the humanitarian scale-up led by the UN and its partners remained constrained, leaving people in dire conditions.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-lebanon-occupied-palestinian-territory-sudan-un-humanitarian-flights>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, on the website of OCHA, a statement by Denise Brown, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, marking the third anniversary of the war in Sudan and noting that more than 9 million people had been forced to leave their homes within the country, was published.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/sudan-three-years-crisis-world-cannot-ignore>

(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, on the website of the OCHA, a statement by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, was published.
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Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-three-years-sudan-remains-test-world-failing>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 15.04.2026, on the website of the OCHA, a speech by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, at the International Humanitarian Conference for Sudan, was published.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-sudan-atrocities-laboratory>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, on the website of the OCHA, a briefing to the Security Council by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on the humanitarian situation in Syria was published. In his briefing, Fletcher urged the Security Council to sustain support for Syria's reconstruction process.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-urges-security-council-sustain-support-syria-it-rebuilds> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 24.04.2026, according to the news on the website of OCHA, a new map released by OCHA the day before showing the access restrictions that Israeli forces had set up across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The map shows that restrictions on the movement and access of Palestinians across the West Bank have been tightened.

Source:

*Qatar National
Human Rights
Committee (NHRC)*

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-lebanon-occupied-palestinian-territory-1>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 13.04.2026, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the Qatar National Human Rights Committee had launched its annual educational campaign targeting primary, preparatory, and secondary schools, as well as universities. It was stated that, within the scope of the campaign, training would be provided introducing the Committee's objectives, mission and vision, in addition to explaining the fundamental principles of human rights.

Source:

<https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/under-the-slogan-towards-a-society-aware-of-its-rights-the-national-human-rights-committee-launches-its-annual-human-rights-awareness-campaignnhrcpjnO/page>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, according to the news published on the website of the Committee, a meeting was held at the Committee's headquarters with a delegation from the Al Jazeera Center for Public Liberties and Human Rights, headed by Sarah Al-Qahtani, Director of Corporate Communications and International Relations at the Al Jazeera Media Network. During the meeting, the Secretary-General of the Committee, Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali, emphasized the importance of cooperation and joint work between the Committee and media institutions, and highlighted the flexibility that characterizes the collaboration between the NHRC and the Al Jazeera Center for Public Liberties and Human Rights.

Source:

*United Nations
Relief and Works
Agency for Palestine
Refugees in the near
East (UNRWA)*

<https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/during-a-meeting-with-a-delegation-from-al-jazeera-media-network-al-jamali-working-within-the-framework-of-cooperation-memoranda-provides-an-institutional-approach-to-promoting-a-human-rights-culturenhrcOaTY/page>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 02.04.2026, the Agency's X account shared excerpts from a statement made by the Agency's former Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, at his final press conference before the end of his term. In his speech, Lazzarini stated, "As the world's attention shifts to the wider conflict in the Middle East, there is a risk that the worsening situation in the occupied Palestinian territories will be pushed into the background. We cannot allow this."

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/2039583653500518449> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 03.04.2026, the Agency's X account posted information stating that millions of people continue to be displaced across Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon, and that the scale of population displacement in the occupied West Bank is one of the largest since 1967.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/2040021853587091510> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 03.04.2026, the Agency's X account posted that on his first day in office, the Agency's Commissioner-General ad interim, Christian F. Saunders, personally witnessed how UNRWA

operates in one of the emergency shelters in Lebanon.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/2039946018955866558> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, the Agency's X account shared news that the Agency's Commissioner-General ad interim, Christian F. Saunders, met with staff, partners, government officials, and Palestinian refugee communities during a four-day visit to Syria to see firsthand the impact of the Agency's work.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/2046831540026347706> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 27.04.2026, the Agency's X account posted a message regarding the spread of rodents and other pests in the Gaza Strip, stating that it has become a serious public health problem. The post noted that overcrowded shelters, inadequate waste management, and restrictions on the entry of pesticides, equipment, and fuel are accelerating health risks, particularly in areas inhabited by displaced persons, and that the risk of infectious disease outbreaks continues to increase.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/2048719021864870310> (Access Date: 27.04.2026)

- On 14.04.2026, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, in a letter addressed to the Minister of Interior of Poland, Commissioner O’Flaherty expressed concern that the Polish authorities are applying legislation which provides for the temporarily suspension of access to asylum at the Poland-Belarus border in every case in which border guards deem a person to have crossed the border irregularly.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/poland-commissioner-concerned-over-suspension-of-asylum-and-removal-practices>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 21.04.2026, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, following his visit to Georgia from 14 to 15 April 2026, Commissioner O’Flaherty called for law enforcement accountability and sustained support for the human rights of internally displaced persons.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/georgia-commissioner-o-flaherty-calls-for-law-enforcement-accountability-repeal-of-restrictive-foreign-influence-laws-and-sustained-support-for-the-human-rights-of-internally-displaced-persons>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 22.04.2026, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, presenting his 2025 Annual Activity Report to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Commissioner O’Flaherty warned that Europe, and the rest of the world, is no longer merely in an "era of change" but is

***Council of Europe
Convention on
Action against
Trafficking in
Human Beings
(GRETA)***

experiencing a profound "change of era" that threatens the very foundations of human rights law and practice.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/in-the-midst-of-a-change-of-era-council-of-europe-commissioner-urges-action-to-reclaim-the-treasure-of-human-rights-that-we-risk-losing> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 04.04.2026, according to the news published on the website of GRETA, a GRETA delegation carried out an evaluation visit to Poland from 30 March to 3 April 2026, as part of the fourth evaluation round of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-carries-out-its-fourth-evaluation-visit-to-poland>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 07.04.2026, according to the news published on the website of the GRETA, approximately 35 representatives of Swiss government agencies, public bodies and civil society met in Bern on 7 April 2026 to discuss the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against trafficking in Human Beings. During the meeting, the third evaluation report published by GRETA and the related recommendation of the Committee of the Parties were discussed.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/switzerland-round-table-to-discuss-progress-in-combating-human-trafficking> (Access Date: 24.04.2026)

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- On 15.04.2026, according to the news published on the website of the GRETA, approximately 30 representatives of Italian government agencies, public bodies and civil society met in Rome on 15 April 2026 to discuss the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against trafficking in Human Beings. During the meeting, the third evaluation report published by GRETA and the related recommendation of the Committee of the Parties were discussed.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/italy-round-table-to-discuss-progress-in-combating-human-trafficking>
(Access Date: 24.04.2026)

- On 21.04.2026, on the website of GRETA, the speech delivered by GRETA's President Conny Rijken at the 26th OSCE Conference against Trafficking in Persons, held in Vienna on April 20-21, 2026, was published.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-president-addresses-the-26th-osce-alliance-against-trafficking-conference-calling-for-stronger-action-against-trafficking-for-criminal-exploitation>
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