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<p><b>NAME OF THE INSTITUTION / MONITORING PERIOD</b></p>	<p><b>01.02.2024-01.03.2024</b></p>
<p><b>International Labour Organization (ILO)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 09.02.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that ILO released 2024 Report of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations and the report outlines the extent to which ILO Member States have fulfilled their obligations under international labour standards’ obligations. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/applying-and-promoting-international-labour-standards/committee-of-experts-on-the-application-of-conventions-and-recommendations/WCMS_911126/lang--en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/applying-and-promoting-international-labour-standards/committee-of-experts-on-the-application-of-conventions-and-recommendations/WCMS_911126/lang--en/index.htm</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 13.02.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that millions of young people in the developing world acquire skills through apprenticeships in the informal economy and in many countries, greatly outnumber youth acquiring skills through formal technical and vocational education and training. Additionally, it was stated that the new ILO labour standard on quality apprenticeships has focused attention on the need to upgrade training and learning to strengthen apprenticeships in the informal economy. Related to that, the podcast titled “Informal apprenticeships and the future of work” was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ilo.org/employment/Informationresources/covid-19/other/WCMS_910382/lang--en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/employment/Informationresources/covid-19/other/WCMS_910382/lang--en/index.htm</a></li> </ul>

	<p>(Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 14.02.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that according to the new data released by the International Labour Organization (ILO), Save the Children and UNICEF, 1.4 billion children globally are missing out on basic social protection and fewer than 1-in-10 children in low-income countries have access to child benefits, leaving them vulnerable to disease, education gaps, poor nutrition, poverty and inequality.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_912130/lang--en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_912130/lang--en/index.htm</a>  (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.02.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, on World Day of Social Justice, ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Hounbo, said in his statement that there is a unique opportunity to bend the arc of history in favour of social justice and to put social needs at the same level as economic and environmental concerns. Aforementioned statement was also shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS_912935/lang--en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS_912935/lang--en/index.htm</a>  (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>Office of the United Nations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.02.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts condemn killing and silencing of</li> </ul>

<p><b>High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</b></p>	<p>journalists in Gaza and UN Experts said that Israel’s military operation in Gaza, has become the deadliest, most dangerous conflict for journalists in recent history.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/gaza-un-experts-condemn-killing-and-silencing-journalists">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/gaza-un-experts-condemn-killing-and-silencing-journalists</a>  (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that during its 95th session in January 2024, the Committee on the Rights of the Child had decided to draft a general comment on children’s rights to access to justice and effective remedies and Draft General Comment No. 27 was published.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/general-comments-and-recommendations/draft-general-comment-no-27-childrens-rights-access">https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/general-comments-and-recommendations/draft-general-comment-no-27-childrens-rights-access</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that the Committee on the Rights of the Child that afternoon had held its fifteenth informal meeting with States.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/02/committee-rights-child-holds-fifteenth-informal-meeting-states">https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/02/committee-rights-child-holds-fifteenth-informal-meeting-states</a>  (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.02.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts expressed that States must reinstate and strengthen support to UNRWA amid unfolding genocide in Gaza.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/states-must-reinstate-and-strengthen-support-unrwa-amid-unfolding-genocide">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/states-must-reinstate-and-strengthen-support-unrwa-amid-unfolding-genocide</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at Human Rights Council Intersessional Panel discussion, was shared. According to that, Türk expressed that policies on drugs must advance rights, including to health.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/policies-drugs-must-advance-rights-including-health-turk-says">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/policies-drugs-must-advance-rights-including-health-turk-says</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 05.02.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Expert had alarmed by new emerging exploitative practices of online child sexual abuse. Ahead of Safer Internet Day (6 February 2024), the statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on sale and sexual exploitation of children was shared.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-expert-alarmed-new-emerging-exploitative-practices-online-child-sexual">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-expert-alarmed-new-emerging-exploitative-practices-online-child-sexual</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 06.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at Geneva, was shared. Türk outlined how to build and nourish peace in that statement.</li></ul>
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	<p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/high-commissioner-outlines-how-build-and-nourish-peace">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/high-commissioner-outlines-how-build-and-nourish-peace</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 06.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Nada Al-Nashif, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, at the International Conference on “Food Justice from a Human Rights Perspective: Challenges of Reality and Future Stakes”, was shared.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/food-justice-human-rights-perspective">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/food-justice-human-rights-perspective</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 06.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the publication titled “Civic Space &amp; Tech Brief: Encryption” was published.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/civic-space-tech-brief-encryption-0">https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/civic-space-tech-brief-encryption-0</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement about children in Gaza of Ann Skelton, Chair of the Child Rights Committee (CRC), at the CRC press conference on 8 February 2024 was shared.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/child-rights-committee-statement-children-gaza">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/child-rights-committee-statement-children-gaza</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>
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- On 08.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement, at Geneva, about widespread destruction by Israeli Defence Forces of civilian infrastructure in Gaza, of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/widespread-destruction-israeli-defence-forces-civilian-infrastructure-gaza>

(Access Date: 23.02.2024)

- On 09.02.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts warned about that Israel's alleged undercover killings in occupied West Bank Hospital may amount to extrajudicial killings and war crimes.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/israels-alleged-undercover-killings-occupied-west-bank-hospital-may-amount> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)

- On 11.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at European Union Foreign Affairs Council, was shared. Türk told EU Ministers that the key to development that works and lasts is rights.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/key-development-works-and-lasts-rights-turk-tells-eu-ministers> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 12.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement on Israeli operation into Rafah, of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/un-high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-israeli-operation">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/un-high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-israeli-operation</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</li> <li>- On 12.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk had urged EU leaders to approve a ground-breaking agreement on business and human rights, amid reports that support for the measure may now be in question in the European Council. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-human-rights-chief-urges-eu-leaders-approve-key-business-and-human-rights">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-human-rights-chief-urges-eu-leaders-approve-key-business-and-human-rights</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</li> <li>- On 13.02.2024, according to news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts expressed that enabling human rights defenders and peaceful protests vital for achieving ceasefire and lasting peace. The statement of UN Experts was also shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/israelopt-enabling-human-rights-defenders-and-peaceful-protests-vital-achieving">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/israelopt-enabling-human-rights-defenders-and-peaceful-protests-vital-achieving</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</li> <li>- On 13.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was announced that the revised Fact Sheet No. 26 that explores the mandate</li></ul>
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	<p>and functioning of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/fact-sheets/fact-sheet-no-26-rev-1-working-group-arbitrary-detention">https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/fact-sheets/fact-sheet-no-26-rev-1-working-group-arbitrary-detention</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 14.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, was shared and according to that, he expressed that human rights must be at the core of generative AI technologies.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/human-rights-must-be-core-generative-ai-technologies-says-turk">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/human-rights-must-be-core-generative-ai-technologies-says-turk</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 15.02.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts expressed that Israel’s symbolic “ban” must not distract from atrocity crimes in Gaza. The statement of UN Experts was also shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/israels-symbolic-ban-must-not-distract-atrocity-crimes-gaza-un-expert">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/israels-symbolic-ban-must-not-distract-atrocity-crimes-gaza-un-expert</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 15.02.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Office concerned by pattern of Israeli raids on Gaza medical facilities. The statement of UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani was also shared.</p>
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	<p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/un-human-rights-concerned-pattern-israeli-raids-gaza-medical-facilities">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/un-human-rights-concerned-pattern-israeli-raids-gaza-medical-facilities</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 15.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women’s (CEDAW) statement related to Gaza was shared and according to that, Committee expresses that when mothers have to bury at least 7,700 children, very basic principles are challenged. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/gaza-when-mothers-have-bury-least-7700-children-very-basic-principles-are">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/gaza-when-mothers-have-bury-least-7700-children-very-basic-principles-are</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</li><li>- On 19.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts’s statement related to Israel/ Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) was shared and it was stated that UN Experts appalled by reported human rights violations against Palestinian women and girls. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/israelopt-un-experts-appalled-reported-human-rights-violations-against">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/israelopt-un-experts-appalled-reported-human-rights-violations-against</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</li><li>- On 19.02.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls has prepared the document, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 15/23 and 50/18, containing input for the discussion on the draft articles on prevention and</li></ul>
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	<p>punishment of crimes against humanity, which are currently under review by the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. The aforementioned document was also shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/ahrcwgl1401-draft-articles-prevention-and-punishment-crimes-against">https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/ahrcwgl1401-draft-articles-prevention-and-punishment-crimes-against</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 21.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, statement titled “Civilians in Gaza in extreme peril while the world watches on: Ten requirements to avoid an even worse catastrophe” by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/statement-principals-inter-agency-standing-committee-civilians-gaza">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/statement-principals-inter-agency-standing-committee-civilians-gaza</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 23.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of UN Experts was shared and in the statement, they expressed that arms exports to Israel must stop immediately.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/arms-exports-israel-must-stop-immediately-un-experts">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/arms-exports-israel-must-stop-immediately-un-experts</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 23.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, advance unedited version of the Report of OHCHR, titled “Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East</p>
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	<p>Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice” was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/reports/ahrc5528-human-rights-situation-occupied-palestinian-territory-including-east">https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/reports/ahrc5528-human-rights-situation-occupied-palestinian-territory-including-east</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 23.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that the Report titled “Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice” calls for accountability, justice for violations by all parties in OPT and Israel.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-report-calls-accountability-justice-violations-all-parties-opt-and-israel">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-report-calls-accountability-justice-violations-all-parties-opt-and-israel</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 26.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that opening the Human Rights Council, Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights launched new human rights solutions. The aforementioned statement that made at 55th session of Türk was also shared.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/opening-human-rights-council-turk-launches-new-human-rights">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/opening-human-rights-council-turk-launches-new-human-rights</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 26.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, Vision Statement titled “Human Rights: A Path for Solutions” offered by the</li></ul>
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	<p>United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk was published.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/outcome-documents/human-rights-path-solutions">https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/outcome-documents/human-rights-path-solutions</a>  (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 26.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the video statement at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared. According to the news, in his statement, he insisted that ending statelessness is achievable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/ending-statelessness-achievable-turk-insists">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/ending-statelessness-achievable-turk-insists</a>  (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 26.02.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement at 55th session of the Human Rights Council, of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared. According to the news, in his statement, Türk called for firm commitments on disability inclusion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/turk-calls-firm-commitments-disability-inclusion">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/02/turk-calls-firm-commitments-disability-inclusion</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 22.02.2024, on the website of the SPT, it was stated that the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture will visit Albania, Gabon, Honduras and Mongolia in the first half of</li> </ul>

	<p>2024, and Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Greece and Nigeria in the second half of this year.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-torture-prevention-body-confirms-missions-albania-bolivia-democratic">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-torture-prevention-body-confirms-missions-albania-bolivia-democratic</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, it was stated, in UNICEF State of Palestine Chief of Communication Jonathan Crickx’s remarks at a press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, that at least 17,000 children -1% of the overall displaced population- were estimated to be unaccompanied or separated from their parents in the Gaza Strip.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/stories-loss-and-grief-least-17000-children-are-estimated-be-unaccompanied-or">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/stories-loss-and-grief-least-17000-children-are-estimated-be-unaccompanied-or</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, a Joint Statement by UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell, OHCHR High Commissioner Volker Türk, UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus regarding “International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation” was shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/putting-survivors-forefront-global-movement-end-female-genital-mutilation">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/putting-survivors-forefront-global-movement-end-female-genital-mutilation</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p>

- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, it was stated that one year after the deadliest earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria's recent history, the impacts of the catastrophe continue to reverberate for children; across Syria, almost 7.5 million children remain in need of humanitarian assistance, the situation for the affected children in Türkiye continues to improve, but there is still much to be done, and UNICEF was planning to reach the 1.7 million most vulnerable children in 2024.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/one-year-after-devastating-earthquakes-hit-t%C3%BCrkiye-and-syria-consequences-continue> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)

- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, a statement by Regina De Dominicis, Regional Director for UNICEF Europe and Central Asia regarding the children being killed and injured (at least nine children have reportedly been killed and 37 injured) in Ukraine was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/two-month-old-baby-ninth-child-reportedly-killed-ukraine-year-attacks-intensify> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)

- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, a statement by Debora Comini, UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific, regarding the deaths of four school children and two teachers as the result of an air strike on two schools in eastern Myanmar, was shared.

**Source:**



<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-and-teachers-killed-air-strikes-schools-eastern-myanmar>

(Access Date: 26.02.2024)

- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, it was stated that as a result of Sudan's war, which hit the 300-day mark, widespread malnutrition, the world's largest child displacement crisis, and a shattered health system threaten to kill far more children than the armed conflict itself.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/record-numbers-children-seek-life-saving-care-sudan-war-drives-worlds-worst>

(Access Date: 26.02.2024)

- On 09.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, a statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on Rafah, Gaza, urgently calling on the parties to refrain from military escalation in Rafah Governorate in Gaza where over 600,000 children and their families have been displaced, was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-rafah-gaza>

(Access Date: 26.02.2024)

- On 13.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, a document prepared in the scope of "Disrupting Harm" project implemented by ECPAT, INTERPOL and UNICEF and generates national evidence on online child sexual exploitation and abuse, entitled "Child Safety Online" regarding how to ensure that children who are subjected to sexual exploitation

and abuse online can access justice and legal remedies, was published.

**Source:**

<https://safeonline.global/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/DH-data-insights-7-EVAC-131223.pdf> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)

- On 21.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, a statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), that includes UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk among others, entitled “Civilians in Gaza in extreme peril while the world watches on: Ten requirements to avoid an even worse catastrophe” was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-principals-inter-agency-standing-committee-civilians-gaza-extreme-peril> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)

- On 22.02.2024, on the website of the UNICEF, a press release by UNICEF and the World Food Programme (WFP), calling for immediate action to protect children and families caught in the escalating violence in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where an increasing number of people, including children, have been wounded or killed, and calling on all parties to the conflict to prioritize the protection of civilians and allow humanitarian agencies to do their work, was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-and-wfp-demand-action-protect-children-and-unfettered-humanitarian-access> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)

<p><b>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.02.2024, on the website of the UNDP, it was stated that the wounds of the earthquake that took place in Türkiye in 2023 have begun to heal. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.undp.org/blog/overcoming-unthinkable">https://www.undp.org/blog/overcoming-unthinkable</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 16.02.2024, on the website of the UNDP, it was stated that the 2023-2024 Human Development Report (HDR) titled “Breaking the Crisis: Redesigning cooperation in a polarized world” will be published on 13 March 2024. According to the news, the report offers ways forward that do not ignore different interests or ideas, but rely on reimagining collaboration to work with them to deliver global public goods that will benefit us all. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://hdr.undp.org/content/202324-human-development-report-will-be-launched-13-march-2024">https://hdr.undp.org/content/202324-human-development-report-will-be-launched-13-march-2024</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li> </ul>
<p><b>UN Women</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.02.2024, on the Twitter account of the UN Women, it was stated that 1 million women and girls have been displaced in Gaza. According to the news, UN Women called for a humanitarian ceasefire and access to humanitarian assistance for people struggling to survive under difficult conditions. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/175307078340697723">https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/175307078340697723</a> <u>3</u> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 06.02.2024, on the Twitter account of the UN Women, it was stated that UN Women Egypt and the Egyptian Red Crescent sent aid to those in need of humanitarian assistance in Gaza, including a variety of basic necessities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/175471239103028840">https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/175471239103028840</a>  <u>0</u> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 16.02.2024, on the website of CEDAW, it was stated that Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) had closed its eighty-seventh session that day after adopting concluding observations on the reports of the Central African Republic, Djibouti, Greece, Italy, Niger, Oman, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/02/committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-closes-eighty-seventh-session">https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/02/committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-closes-eighty-seventh-session</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 19.02.2024, on the website of CEDAW, it was stated that CEDAW issued its findings on the Central African Republic, Djibouti, Greece, Italy, Niger, Oman, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, that day after reviewing these eight States parties during its latest session.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-womens-rights-committee-publishes-findings-central-african-republic-0">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-womens-rights-committee-publishes-findings-central-african-republic-0</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>

<p><b>Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.02.2024, on the website of GANHRI, it was stated that the 55th session of the UN Human Rights Council will take place in person, from 26 February to 5 April 2024 at the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva. According to that, national human rights institutions that are accredited in full compliance with the Paris Principles may attend in person, engage in all agenda items with oral or written interventions, and participate in and host side events and other meetings on the Council sidelines. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ganhri.org/55th-human-rights-council-session/">https://ganhri.org/55th-human-rights-council-session/</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</li>   <li>- According to the given information on the website of GANHRI, “The GANHRI 2024 Annual Meeting” will be held in person in Geneva on 6-7-8 May in UN Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland and it will include the Bureau Meeting, the General Assembly, a knowledge exchange of good practices for NHRIs and an Annual Conference. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ganhri.org/event/ganhri-2024-annual-meeting/">https://ganhri.org/event/ganhri-2024-annual-meeting/</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</li> </ul>
<p><b>European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the CPT, the Council of Europe’s Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment published the report on its ad hoc visit to the United Kingdom (UK) in March/April 2023, together with the response of the UK authorities. <b>Source:</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>Punishment (CPT)</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2023-ad-hoc-visit-to-the-united-kingdom-on-immigration-detention">https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2023-ad-hoc-visit-to-the-united-kingdom-on-immigration-detention</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 22.02.2024, on the website of the CPT, CPT published the report on its visit to Poland carried out from 21 March to 1 April 2022 together with the Government’s response. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-poland">https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-poland</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li> <li>- On 23.02.2024, on the website of the CPT, it was stated that the delegation of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) carried out an ad hoc visit to Lithuania from 12 to 22 February 2024. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-visits-lithuania">https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-visits-lithuania</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li> </ul>
<p><b>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.02.2024, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA had joined the plenary meeting of the Council of Europe’s Committee on artificial intelligence (CAI) as a part of the EU Delegation. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fra-joins-council-europe-ai-committee-meeting">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fra-joins-council-europe-ai-committee-meeting</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</li> </ul>

- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA had joined an expert roundtable on the European Border and Coast Guard Agency's (Frontex) legal and non-judicial accountability in light of recent case law of the EU Court of Justice (CJEU), and presented the Agency's perspective on the issue.

**Source:**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/experts-discuss-accountability-european-border-and-coast-guard-agency>

(Access Date: 27.02.2024)

- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA had published its update of the accreditation status and mandates of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs). According to the update, since December 2022, no NHRI changed their accreditation status and 11 applied for accreditation or re-accreditation, and some mandates changed.

**Source:**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/nhri-status-update-out-now>

(Access Date: 27.02.2024)

- On 17.02.2024, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA contributed to training in Predeal, Romania to better protect children as victims of crime and make criminal proceedings more child-friendly. At the training, FRA focused on international standards of child-friendly justice and specific procedural safeguards when children are involved in criminal proceedings, and addressed the specific situation of Roma children.

	<p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/training-protect-children-victims-crime">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/training-protect-children-victims-crime</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 21.02.2024, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA would take part in train-the-trainer sessions in Romania, which is aimed at prosecutors, law enforcement and other relevant professionals, on tackling hate crime.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/training-combating-hate-crime">https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/training-combating-hate-crime</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 22.02.2024, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA would give the opening speech and take part in the “Leave no one behind: Victims’ Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals” symposium hosted by Victim Support Europe.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/symposium-explore-victims-rights-and-sustainable-development-goals">https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/symposium-explore-victims-rights-and-sustainable-development-goals</a>  (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the ENNHRI, it was announced that the election of a new ENNHRI Chair and two new Board Members had been made following the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting organized by ENNHRI. According to the news, the Chair of ENNHRI, who will take office on 1 March 2024, was Louise Holck from the Danish Institute for Human Rights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p>



<https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/new-ennhri-chair-and-board-members-elected-at-extraordinary-general-assembly/>

(Access Date: 23.02.2024)

- On 13.02.2024, on the Twitter account of the ENNHRI, it was stated that the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive is important for protecting human rights and the environment in the global supply chain and invites EU Member States to vote for its adoption.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1757435230720262433>

(Access Date: 23.02.2024)

- On 20.02.2024, on the Twitter account of the ENNHRI, it was stated that a roundtable on “Rule of law, democracy and human rights in EU enlargement countries” was held with the participation of representatives of NHRIs from EU enlargement countries, Members of the European Parliament, representatives of European institutions and representatives of civil society organizations.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1750523326588739742>

(Access Date: 23.02.2024)

- On 21.02.2024, on the Twitter account of the ENNHRI, it was stated that the closing meeting of the project on “Supporting National Human Rights Institutions in monitoring the fundamental rights dimension of fundamental rights and the rule of law” was held.

**Source:**

	<p><a href="https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1760231816512815275">https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1760231816512815275</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 09.02.2024, on the Twitter account of the EQUINET, the “Minimal Guidelines on Improving Complaints Data Collection by Equality Bodies” have been published to improve the comparability of complaints data collected by Equality Bodies across Europe, to develop a standardized and consistent approach to the collection of complaints data collected by Equality Bodies and to provide practical guidance to Equality Bodies on minimum and easy-to-implement adjustments to their existing complaints data collection practices to ensure comparability and improve the comprehensiveness and quality of complaints data.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1755956143652852184">https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1755956143652852184</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.02.2024, on the website of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, it was stated that the CRC held its fifteenth informal meeting with States, during which it discussed the Committee's draft general comment on the realization of the rights of the child through access to justice and effective remedies, communication and simplified reporting procedures, and its work to promote the rights of the child.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/02/committee-rights-child-holds-fifteenth-informal-meeting-states">https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/02/committee-rights-child-holds-fifteenth-informal-meeting-states</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the CRC published its findings on Bulgaria, Congo, Lithuania, the Russian Federation, Senegal and South Africa. According to the news, the findings included the Committee's main concerns and recommendations on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as positive developments. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-child-rights-committee-publishes-findings-bulgaria-congo-lithuania">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/un-child-rights-committee-publishes-findings-bulgaria-congo-lithuania</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the statement of the CRC on children in Gaza was published. In the statement, it was stated that 27,585 Palestinians have been killed and 66,978 Palestinians have been injured since October 7, and emphasized that most of those killed and injured are children. It also stated that in the news that, on average more than ten children in Gaza lose one or both legs every day, that almost all of the 1.2 million children there are in need of mental health and psychosocial support, and that children in Gaza need the attention and action of the international community. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/child-rights-committee-statement-children-gaza">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/child-rights-committee-statement-children-gaza</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Directorate General Human Rights and Rule</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the Directorate, it was announced that the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</li> </ul>

<p><b>of Law of Council of Europe</b></p>	<p>(CPT) has published the report on its March/April 2023 ad hoc visit to the United Kingdom (UK) on immigration detention, together with the response of the UK authorities.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2023-ad-hoc-visit-to-the-united-kingdom-on-immigration-detention">https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2023-ad-hoc-visit-to-the-united-kingdom-on-immigration-detention</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the Directorate, it was announced that Council of Europe Committee of Ministers' Chairmanship of Liechtenstein, in collaboration with the Department for the Execution of Judgments, would organize a High-Level Conference, "Of Unsound Mind: Convention-compliant approaches to the execution of judgments concerning involuntary detention and treatment on mental health grounds".</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/advance-notice-high-level-conference-in-march-2024-on-execution-of-judgments-concerning-involuntary-detention-and-treatment-on-mental-health-grounds">https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/advance-notice-high-level-conference-in-march-2024-on-execution-of-judgments-concerning-involuntary-detention-and-treatment-on-mental-health-grounds</a>  (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 22.02.2024, on the website of the Directorate, it was announced that the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) had published the report on its visit to Poland carried out from 21 March to 1 April 2022, together with the Government's response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p>
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	<p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-poland">https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-poland</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that the decision of Kyrgyzstan’s parliament, the Jogorku Kenesh, to proceed towards the adoption of the so-called “foreign representatives” bill is of great concern. According to the news, ODIHR Director Matteo Mecacci said that “If this legislation is adopted, I am worried it would have an overwhelmingly negative impact on civil society, human rights defenders, and the media in Kyrgyzstan. We call on the Parliament to reconsider this bill and stand ready to provide our support.” <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/562449">https://www.osce.org/odihr/562449</a> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that the international election observation mission to the early presidential election in Azerbaijan totalled 335 observers from 42 countries, comprising 256 ODIHR-deployed experts and long-term and short-term observers, and 79 from the OSCE. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/562494">https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/562494</a> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 19.02.2024, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that the election experts from the OSCE ODIHR presented the final reports and recommendations of the observation missions to the 2023 early parliamentary elections as well as the presidential election in Montenegro. According to the news,</li> </ul>

	<p>priority recommendations in ODIHR’s observation reports included the need for electoral reforms to address the gaps and inconsistencies in election-related legislation, protecting the integrity of voter data, providing for effective oversight of media coverage of the campaign, increasing transparency in election dispute resolution, ensuring appropriate access for disabled voters to the electoral process, and making affirmative measures for women’s participation in political life more effective.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/montenegro/562947">https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/montenegro/562947</a>  (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>OHCHR Working Group on Business and Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' Working Group on Business and Human Rights, a statement was issued encouraging EU Member States with reservations on the adoption of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive to adopt the Directive due to its role in implementing the UNGPs, its potential to ensure consistency and broad human rights protections, and its potential impact on the development of a legally binding instrument on business and human rights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/business/workinggroupbusiness/20240207-Corporate-Sustainability-Due-Diligence-Directive.pdf">https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/business/workinggroupbusiness/20240207-Corporate-Sustainability-Due-Diligence-Directive.pdf</a>  (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>Australian Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the AHRC welcomed the appointment of Giridharan Sivaraman as the new Race Discrimination</li> </ul>

<p><b>Commission (AHRC)</b></p>	<p>Commissioner. According to the news, Sivaraman’s distinguished legal career has seen him lead significant cases in workplace and discrimination law, which, coupled with his public advocacy for the rights for racially marginalized communities, has led to tangible results that have improved and empowered people’s lives.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/commissioner-welcomes-new-race-discrimination-commissioner">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/commissioner-welcomes-new-race-discrimination-commissioner</a>  (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the AHRC paid tribute to Lowitja O'Donoghue. According to the news, Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar AO said: "In my life, as is true for countless others, Lowitja O’Donoghue has been a towering figure of social justice, committed to guaranteeing our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights are recognized and responded to by Australia. She will be remembered always as a remarkable woman who lived across a sweeping history and changing times, tirelessly working with conviction, great integrity and dignity to pursue our rights. <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/tribute-lowitja-odonoghue">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/tribute-lowitja-odonoghue</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> </li> <li>- On 06.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the AHRC welcomed the appointment of Robert Fitzgerald AM as the new Age Discrimination Commissioner. According to the news, Commission President, said that “For much of his adult life, and with high distinction, </li> </ul>
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	<p>Mr Fitzgerald has served his communities, state, and country to better the lives of the most vulnerable. As a highly respected lawyer, human rights and social justice advocate, and a leading figure in the anti-discrimination space who has held several significant Commissioner positions, he is the perfect person to take on this role to help advance the rights of older people.”</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/commissioner-welcomes-new-age-discrimination-commissioner">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/commissioner-welcomes-new-age-discrimination-commissioner</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 13.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the AHRC welcomed the Federal Government’s announcement about a new position will be created for a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Commissioner. According to the news, Indigenous children are almost eleven times more likely to be in out-of-home care than non-Indigenous children. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner said in the news that: “First Nations children continue to be removed from their families at disproportionate rates– disrupting their connection to community and culture.”</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/ahrc-welcomes-announcement-national-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/ahrc-welcomes-announcement-national-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 19.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the AHRC will undertake further anti-racism work to support communities in Australia affected by the war in Gaza and the Middle East, supported by a \$2 million grant from the</li></ul>
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	<p>Commonwealth. According to the news the grant responds to an increase in racism targeting Palestinian, Muslim, Arab, and Jewish communities within Australia since the outbreak of the conflict.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/anti-racism-grant-support-communities-affected-war-gaza">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/anti-racism-grant-support-communities-affected-war-gaza</a>  (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 14.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the High Court was ruled that the University of Bristol failed to make reasonable adjustments for a 20-year-old female student who suffered social anxiety. In addition to this, the court also determined that she had been indirectly discriminated against and discriminated against on the grounds of disability. According to the news, the Commission stated that the EHRC assisted the court in determining how universities should approach their duty to make reasonable adjustments, bearing in mind the anticipatory nature of that duty. It was also emphasized in the news that this case will help ensure universities benefit from clearer guidance on their duties under the Equality Act, when they arise, and where the competence standard exception can be applied.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/university-bristol-v-abrahart-equality-watchdog-responds-judgment-landmark-case">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/university-bristol-v-abrahart-equality-watchdog-responds-judgment-landmark-case</a>  (Access Date: 20.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the EHRC served a British company which is operating holiday parks in the UK with an unlawful act notice after an</li> </ul>

	<p>investigation found multiple instances of race discrimination against Irish travellers at the holiday park operator. It was emphasized in the news that, the EHRC gave recommendations to the company after an investigation. According to the investigation, the company must produce an action plan, which is enforceable in court under section 22 of the Equality Act 2006 with criminal sanctions for failure to comply, to set out how they intend to meet these recommendations.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/news/pontins-served-unlawful-act-notice-equality-watchdog-after-race-discrimination">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/news/pontins-served-unlawful-act-notice-equality-watchdog-after-race-discrimination</a> (Access Date: 20.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>The Danish Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute would conduct an independent review of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in light of a series of allegations questioning the neutrality of the agency's personnel and operations, upon the request of Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, and UNRWA.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.humanrights.dk/news/danish-institute-human-rights-participates-independent-review-unrwa">https://www.humanrights.dk/news/danish-institute-human-rights-participates-independent-review-unrwa</a>  (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that Director of the Institute, Louise Holck, has been elected as new Chair of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), and would be taking on the new role on March 1, 2024.</li> </ul>

**Source:**

<https://www.humanrights.dk/news/louise-holck-elected-new-ennhri-chair> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)

- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute launched a new publication entitled, “A Human Rights Due Diligence guide for companies in the fisheries value chain” that would support companies in navigating the impending Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDDD), enable them to convert their business operations in the fisheries sector into catalysts for human rights enhancement, provide practical advice on applying the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights within the fisheries sector and identify key human rights and environmental issues across the value chain.

**Source:**

<https://www.humanrights.dk/news/launching-lifeline-guiding-fisheries-towards-human-rights-due-diligence>

(Access Date: 26.02.2024)

- On 09.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute published a new analysis reviewing how the use of facial recognition interferes with the right to privacy and data protection, and recommended that it is only used with clear and precise authority in the Police and Judicial Administration Act.

**Source:**

<https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/politiets-brug-ansigtsgenkendelse> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute submitted a mid-term report to the mechanism, as an independent assessment of the Kingdom of Denmark’s progress in the implementation of recommendations from the third Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in May 2021. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/upr-mid-term-report-third-cycle-denmark">https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/upr-mid-term-report-third-cycle-denmark</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 15.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute called upon the EU Member States and European legislators to pass the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD). <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.humanrights.dk/news/eu-should-pass-important-law-advancing-responsible-business-conduct">https://www.humanrights.dk/news/eu-should-pass-important-law-advancing-responsible-business-conduct</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 17.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute, along with the Center for Digital Pedagogy and Astralis were launching campaigns and training courses to prevent and combat sexism in gaming. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/indsats-sexisme-gaming-rulles-paa-tvaers-danmark">https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/indsats-sexisme-gaming-rulles-paa-tvaers-danmark</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li> </ul>
<p><b>German Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that the Institute, in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, held three</li> </ul>

	<p>technical discussions in 2023 with experts from civil society, administration and science for preparation and follow-up to the 13th meeting of UN Open-ended Working Group on Aging (OEWG-A). According to the news, a report which contains the findings from these three technical discussions have been documented and published.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/negative-altersbilder-beeintraechtigen-die-rechte-aelterer-menschen">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/negative-altersbilder-beeintraechtigen-die-rechte-aelterer-menschen</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 06.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that the Institute had urged the German Government and all other EU member states to vote in favour of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive in the final vote. It was emphasized in the news that the EU directive is critical to safeguard and protect human rights and the environment in global supply chains.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/eu-member-states-should-agree-to-eu-due-diligence-directive">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/eu-member-states-should-agree-to-eu-due-diligence-directive</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 14.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that in many cases women fleeing gender-based persecution do not receive asylum protection. According to the news, with its ruling of January 16, 2024, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) made it clear that gender-based violence in all forms can lead to refugee protection. It was stated in the news that according to the ECJ, violence against women can constitute grounds for</li></ul>
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	<p>persecution under the EU Qualifications Directive (RL 2011/95) and the directive must be interpreted in accordance with the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention).</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/anererkennung-geschlechtsspezifischer-verfolgung-als-fluchtgrund">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/anererkennung-geschlechtsspezifischer-verfolgung-als-fluchtgrund</a>  (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 16.02.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that after lengthy negotiations, the EU supply chain law is in danger of failing in the short term, due to the German government's abstention in the EU Council. Information about the related law and its advantages also shared in the news.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/eu-supply-chain-act-important-contribution-to-the-protection-of-human-rights-and-the-environment">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/eu-supply-chain-act-important-contribution-to-the-protection-of-human-rights-and-the-environment</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the Ombudsman, a recommendation relating to the identification of discrimination on multiple grounds (gender and marital status) was published. It was noted in the news that an employee has the right to return to the same job and enjoy the same working conditions after the end of maternity or adoption leave, and also to benefit from any improved working conditions that she would have been entitled to if she had not taken leave. The Ombudsman suggested the implementation of an equality policy in the</li> </ul>

	<p>company to prevent any potential discriminatory treatment based on gender, pregnancy, and marital status.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelma-shromit-urtiertobashi-mravali-nishnit-diskriminatsia-daadgina">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelma-shromit-urtiertobashi-mravali-nishnit-diskriminatsia-daadgina</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13-14 February 2024, on the website of the Ombudsman, it was stated that the seminar called “Human Security Monitoring - Gender-Sensitive Monitoring Tool” was held for the employees of the Ombudsman Office and representatives of non-governmental organizations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/seminari-adamianis-usaftrkhoebis-monitoringi-genderulad-sensitiuri-monitoringis-instrumenti">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/seminari-adamianis-usaftrkhoebis-monitoringi-genderulad-sensitiuri-monitoringis-instrumenti</a> (Access Date: 27.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the Commission submitted its report to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (the Committee) as part of Ireland’s fourth periodic review and ahead of an oral dialogue between the Committee and State representatives in February, in which the Committee will assess compliance with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights. According to the news, in their parallel report, IHREC express their concern about the overall trajectory of ESC rights in Ireland, despite the country’s economic development since the last periodic review in 2015. It was also stated in the news that IHREC had noted the State’s continuing failure to address the root causes of the enduring crises in health, housing, poverty and the cost of living with forward looking, innovative</li> </ul>

	<p>and sustainable solutions, resorting instead to short-term, emergency and temporary measures.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/housing-homelessness-and-extreme-poverty-crises-violate-economic-social-and-cultural-rights-in-ireland-commission-reports-to-un/">https://www.ihrec.ie/housing-homelessness-and-extreme-poverty-crises-violate-economic-social-and-cultural-rights-in-ireland-commission-reports-to-un/</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the oral dialogue between the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and State representatives took place in Geneva, in which the Committee assessed Ireland’s protection of economic, social and cultural rights. According to the news, IHREC called for critical changes, including policy frameworks with human rights at their core and these frameworks must challenge perspectives which frame basic entitlements as charity, should be informed by rigorous and disaggregated data, and they must be fully and effectively implemented.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/critical-changes-needed-to-reduce-poverty-to-ensure-greater-access-to-housing-healthcare-education-and-social-protection-commission-tells-un-in-geneva/">https://www.ihrec.ie/critical-changes-needed-to-reduce-poverty-to-ensure-greater-access-to-housing-healthcare-education-and-social-protection-commission-tells-un-in-geneva/</a> (Access Date: 22.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>French National Consultative Commission On Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the Deputy Francesca Pasquini and the CNCDH organized the seminar called Violent deaths of children: moving from “news stories” to social fact.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/seminaire-sur-les-morts-violentes-denfants">https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/seminaire-sur-les-morts-violentes-denfants</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</p>



<p><b>The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 11.02.2024, on the website of the ICHR, it was stated that the ICHR, together with Palestinian human rights and non-governmental organizations, called on the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Karim Khan, for urgent preventive intervention in response to Israel's latest threats to occupy Rafah. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9283.html">https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9283.html</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 24.02.2024, on the website of the ICHR, it was stated that the ICHR called on all relevant institutions and human rights organizations to focus on the suffering of Palestinian prisoners and advocate for their protection and immediate release. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9475.html">https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9475.html</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li>   <li>- On 25.02.2024, on the website of the ICHR, it was stated that the ICHR was deeply concerned that the World Food Program continues to suspend the distribution of humanitarian aid to the northern part of the Gaza Strip for the fifth consecutive day. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9485.html">https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9485.html</a> (Access Date: 26.02.2024)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Organization of Islamic</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, a message was published to mark the “World Interfaith Harmony Week</li> </ul>

<p><b>Cooperation (OIC)- Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)</b></p>	<p>2024”. The message emphasized the importance of protecting universal human rights norms and principles, and the need to maintain tolerance and peace between different religions and cultures. It was highlighted that Islamic culture is founded on the equality of all human beings, regardless of color, language, religion, or race. The Commission has expressed concern regarding the rise in racism, including collective hatred and discrimination against the Palestinian people, who have been subjected to war crimes. The Commission has called on Member States and the international community to work together towards building a peaceful society based on mutual respect and acceptance, and to combat ideologies that undermine it.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://oic-iphrc.org/home/article/566">https://oic-iphrc.org/home/article/566</a>  (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 06.02.2024, on the website of the Commission, the Commission published a message to mark “International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2024”. The Commission acknowledged that harmful practices such as female genital mutilation are incompatible with Islamic principles and called for legislative and administrative measures to eradicate them. The Commission also expressed support for international resolutions aimed at eliminating such practices. It is suggested that governments, civil society, religious leaders and communities intensify their efforts to promote awareness and implement legislative measures to put an end to all harmful practices, including FGM.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://oic-iphrc.org/home/article/567">https://oic-iphrc.org/home/article/567</a>  (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>
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<p><b>United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that thousands of Palestinians were fleeing towards Rafah town. UNRWA stated that people were facing a serious shelter crisis, and Nasser and Al-Amal hospitals were operating with minimal functionality, indicating a crisis in the health system. UNICEF estimates that there are currently 17,000 unaccompanied and separated children, with over 1 million children requiring psychological support. It is imperative that a ceasefire is implemented to provide the necessary support for these vulnerable children.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-yemen-ethiopia-central-african-republic">https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-yemen-ethiopia-central-african-republic</a> (Access Date: 20.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was published that a humanitarian aid convoy in Gaza was shot at, fortunately resulting in no injuries. Thomas White, Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, made an announcement regarding this on his social media account. As per the news, it has been reported that a limited number of 13 hospitals out of 36 in Gaza are currently operational. There are ongoing violent clashes in the vicinity of Nasser and Al-Amal hospitals in Khan Younis, and a significant number of around 6,000 patients are awaiting evacuation from Gaza for treatment. It has been observed that only 10 (16%) of the 61 planned humanitarian missions in the northern Gaza Valley were authorised last month, primarily for food distribution, but not for other water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services or hospital supplies.</li> </ul>

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-abyei-sudan> (Access Date: 20.02.2024)

- On 06.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that an article regarding the earthquakes that occurred in Türkiye and Syria on 6 February 2023 was released. The article stated that families are still experiencing the effects of the earthquake and thousands of homes, hospitals, mosques, and churches destroyed or damaged in both countries. In Syria, 16.7 million people require assistance due to the ongoing conflict, and more than 43,000 people have been displaced by the earthquake and are unable to return home. It was noted that humanitarian assistance will continue to thousands of people in need in Syria, including those affected by the earthquake.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/one-year-anniversary-earthquakes-turkiye-syria-un-relief-chief-pledges-continued-support> (Access Date: 20.02.2024)

- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that the OCHA had issued a warning about a severe food shortage in Gaza. It was reported that the health system is facing challenges, and water, sanitation, and hygiene services are being provided with limited means due to water cuts. It was also mentioned that children under the age of five, as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women, are at risk of malnutrition. According to the news report, there have been instances where the entry of humanitarian aid to Gaza has been restricted by Israeli forces, which has resulted in only 16% of the planned aid being delivered.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-sudan-ukraine-democratic-republic-congo> (Access Date: 20.02.2024)

- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that the Office was deeply concerned about the growing humanitarian crisis in the Masisi region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It was stated that at least 130,000 people were displaced due to the clashes between the Congolese Army and the M23 armed militias; 630,000 previously displaced people in Masisi were prevented from accessing even basic medical treatment as well as other assistance due to the increasing security threat, and it was emphasised that the possibility of escalation of the clashes in the region is high.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-sudan-ukraine-democratic-republic-congo> (Access Date: 20.02.2024)

- On 07.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, a statement by Martin Griffiths, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator was published. The statement highlighted the challenging living conditions faced by over half of Gaza's population residing in Rafah, a town with 250,000 inhabitants, due to lack of access to basic necessities. The situation was described as dire and in need of urgent attention. Griffiths conveyed his deep concern for the families seeking safety. He referred to the Gaza Ministry of Health's report of over 27,500 fatalities and cautioned that

	<p>the ongoing fighting in Rafah would lead to further loss of life and impede humanitarian aid efforts. He stressed that this war must stop.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-crisis-enters-fifth-month-further-fighting-rafah-risks-claiming-more-lives-and">https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-crisis-enters-fifth-month-further-fighting-rafah-risks-claiming-more-lives-and</a> (Access Date: 20.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 09.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that the scarcity of basic necessities such as clean water, food, health services and sanitation in Gaza have led to preventable diseases and deaths. Jamie McGoldrick, the Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, stated that there is an urgent requirement for fuel, generators, and spare parts to guarantee access to clean water. He also noted that the water purification plant in southern Gaza is only operating at 15% of its capacity.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-ukraine-democratic-republic-congo">https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-ukraine-democratic-republic-congo</a> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 09.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, news expressing concern about the unrest in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, and other major cities was published. According to the UN Human Rights Office, more than 1,100 people were killed or injured in January 2024, making it the deadliest month in the last two years. It has been reported that a considerable number of individuals, amounting to 313,000, were displaced due to security threats. The events had a significant impact on daily</p>
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life, resulting in the temporary closure of over 1,000 schools and a 25% increase in food prices.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-ukraine-democratic-republic-congo>

(Access Date: 21.02.2024)

- On 12.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths shared on his social media account that more than 1 million people are suffering unthinkable pain in Rafah town, their homes have been destroyed, streets mined, and neighbourhoods shelled. They've been struggling with bombardment, hunger, and disease for months. Mr. Griffiths expressed concern on his social media account, asking "Where are they supposed to go? How they are they supposed to stay safe?" He emphasized that there is nowhere left to go in Gaza, civilians must be protected and their essential needs, including shelter, food and health, must be met.

**Sources:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-sudan-syria>

(Access Date: 21.02.2024)

<https://twitter.com/UNReliefChief/status/1756086625623294186?s=20> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)

- On 12.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, expressed concern on his social media account about the

telecommunications outage in Sudan. He stated that this situation is preventing people from accessing essential services and transferring funds, which necessitates humanitarian response. Griffiths called on all those involved to urgently restore the communication network in Sudan.

**Sources:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-sudan-syria>

(Access Date: 21.02.2024)

<https://twitter.com/UNReliefChief/status/1756707578594120176?s=20> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)

- On 13.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated in the report that a significant number of school buildings in Gaza were affected by the recent events. Out of the total 536 school buildings, 162 were directly targeted, resulting in the destruction of 26 schools. This has impacted 175,000 students and 6,500 teachers, with around 55% of the school buildings in Gaza will require either full reconstruction or major rehabilitation.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-haiti> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)

- On 14.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that a briefing on the humanitarian situation in Yemen given to the UNSC by Ms. Edem Wosornu on behalf of UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths was reported. In summary, the briefing suggests that despite the ongoing conflict in Yemen, a political solution remains feasible. However, the humanitarian crisis persists due to the



	<p>conflict, with 17.6 million people at risk of severe food insecurity by 2024. Additionally, there is concern about the deepening of the crisis due to the economic crisis and sanctions. The Council members were invited to call on all concerned parties to de-escalate tensions and promote peace.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/yemen-ocha-urges-security-council-choose-path-de-escalation-and-peace">https://www.unocha.org/news/yemen-ocha-urges-security-council-choose-path-de-escalation-and-peace</a> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 15.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that the recent airstrikes in southern Lebanon resulted in the loss of at least 39 civilian lives, according to the UN Human Rights Office. Furthermore, the escalating hostilities in southern Lebanon have displaced more than 88,000 people were displaced, according to the International Organization for Migration. OCHA emphasized the significance of protecting civilian infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-lebanon-ukraine">https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-lebanon-ukraine</a> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</p> <p>- On 15.02.2024, OCHA released a report on Sudan titled “Ten Months of Conflict”. According to the report, clashes between the Sudanese Army Forces and Rapid Support Forces that began on 15th April 2023 resulted in the displacement of 8 million people. Out of this number, 1.8 million migrated to neighbouring countries, particularly Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. The report also highlighted that approximately 4 million children were displaced, which is the</p>
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	<p>highest child displacement crisis in the world. It was stated that 65 per cent of the country’s population was deprived of health services and 80 per cent of the existing hospitals had become unusable. The report also highlights the high risk of loss of life due to the cholera epidemic. In addition, the report notes that 17.7 million people are facing an acute hunger crisis, with a 4.9 million out of this figure at emergency level. Furthermore, over 700 thousand children have been exposed to malnutrition, and some have been killed or seriously injured due to conflicts.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://reliefweb.int/report/sudan/sudan-ten-months-conflict-key-facts-and-figures-15-february-2024">https://reliefweb.int/report/sudan/sudan-ten-months-conflict-key-facts-and-figures-15-february-2024</a>  (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.02.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that following a four-week siege by the Israeli army, the situation in Al Amal Hospital is still critical and the needs are still on going. It is also stated that the UN Population Fund warned that people of Gaza, including 50,000 pregnant women, were facing starvation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-6">https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-6</a> (Access Date: 21.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.02.2024, on the website of the NHRC, it was stated that “The International Conference on Food Justice from a Human Rights Perspective” was organized by the Qatar National Human Rights Committee on 6-7 February 2024 in Doha, Qatar. The conference was held in partnership with esteemed organizations such as UNDP, IFAD, League of Arab States, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the</li> </ul>

	<p>Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. It was attended by a significant number of experts and almost a thousand representatives from public and civil society organizations. The meeting addressed a range of important topics, such as global food waste, the impact of climate change on the environment, the issue of obesity, sustainable agriculture and food policies, the preservation of traditional production methods, the use of the right to food as a political tool, and the ongoing conflict and attacks on Gaza by Israel. The declaration issued at the end of the meeting emphasized the importance of ensuring freedom from hunger and the right to adequate and sustainable food, which should be enshrined in fundamental human rights texts. It was suggested that the market mechanism should be developed in a fair and stable manner, rather than being solely growth and profit-oriented. Additionally, it was noted that greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change, should be harmonized with the net zero emission target. It is declared that millions of Palestinians are penalized by being deprived of their basic right to life. Furthermore, it has been observed that the decision of certain countries to withdraw their support for UNRWA could exacerbate this situation, and therefore it has been recommended that UNRWA should be provided with the necessary support. It has been stressed that the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their own state must be respected. The recommendations emphasized the significance of avoiding the use of food as a weapon of war and take steps to facilitate the entry of sufficient, reliable, sustainable and unhindered aid and basic goods into Gaza. A committee will be formed to follow up on the recommendations made by the participants and to ensure the develop of the four-year implementation plan. During the discussion, the significance of collaboration among</p>
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	<p>governments, national human rights institutions, and civil society organizations in the implementation of the right to food was emphasized. Additionally, the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in mitigating the severity of crises and disasters was highlighted, and the common links between food crises and climate change was pointed out. It was suggested that the relevant states protect the right to food as a constitutional right.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/doha-declaration-on-food-justice-underscores-measures-to-protect-right-to-foodnhrc892p/page">https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/doha-declaration-on-food-justice-underscores-measures-to-protect-right-to-foodnhrc892p/page</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>
<p><b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the near East (UNRWA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.02.2024, on the website of the Agency, it was stated that an independent Review Group was appointed by the UNRWA Commissioner-General to assess the neutrality of the Agency's work and respond to allegations. The Review Group will assess the effectiveness, appropriateness, and adequacy of the Agency's existing mechanisms and procedures to ensure impartiality and make recommendations. It is expected that the final report will be completed by March 2024. The success of the investigation is of great importance, particularly in light of the allegations against UNRWA following the events of 7 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-secretary-general-%E2%80%93-unrwa">https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-secretary-general-%E2%80%93-unrwa</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.02.2024, on the website of the Agency, it was stated that Philippe Lazzarini, the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, released a statement. In his statement, Lazzarini expressed</li> </ul>

	<p>concern about the potential impact of a large-scale military operation in Rafah on civilians and their displacement. He also highlighted the significant number of casualties, with over 100,000 people, equivalent to 5% of the population, having been killed, wounded or missing, and emphasized the urgent need for support. He stated that since the beginning of the war, more than 150 UN installations have been hit, many of them completely destroyed, and hundreds of people have been killed and thousands have been injured.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-media-philippe-lazzarini-unwra-commissioner-general">https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-media-philippe-lazzarini-unwra-commissioner-general</a> (Access Date: 23.02.2024)</p>
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