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<p>NAME OF THE INSTITUTION / MONITORING PERIOD</p>	<p>01.05.2024-01.06.2024</p>
<p>International Labour Organization (ILO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.05.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for Türkiye conducted a pivotal training session on “Reporting Obligations on Ratified ILO Conventions”, aiming to bolster compliance and accountability among public institutions and labour organizations. Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-seminar-sheds-light-reporting-duties-turkiyes-ratified-labour (Access Date: 29.05.2024) - On 13.05.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, the closing of the “I’m Trained for My Job” Program, funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) of the US Government and implemented jointly by the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for Türkiye and the Youth Deal Cooperative, was held on 9 May in İzmir. In that news, this program was entitled as a hope for decent and sustainable livelihoods and social cohesion in Türkiye. Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/hope-decent-and-sustainable-livelihoods-and-social-cohesion-turkiye-im (Access Date: 29.05.2024)

- On 13.05.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, in a concerted effort to bolster the formalization and inclusivity of waste management practices within Türkiye's green economy sector, officials from the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for Türkiye have initiated a series of crucial engagements with waste pickers. According to that news, these interventions in that context encompass a range of activities, including meetings, technical advisory sessions, and training sessions.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-promotes-decent-work-waste-pickers-turkiye> (Access Date: 29.05.2024)

- On 22.05.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, in order to contribute to the equal, fair and inclusive attitude towards persons with disabilities in the world of work and to ensure that they are not only considered solely based on their disabilities but with their skills and competencies, the ILO Office for Türkiye organized “Training for Personal Competency Development for Persons with Disabilities”, “Training for Companies for Inclusive Communication and Selecting Successful People with Disabilities” on 14, 16 May and a Barrier-Free Career Meeting on 21 May in Ankara. According to the news, the events organized within the scope of the Project on “Promoting Decent Work for Syrians under Temporary Protection and Turkish Citizens” and in cooperation with Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR) Private Employment Agency Engelsizkariyer.com, will continue in Adana in June and Gaziantep in July.

Source:

	<p>https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-project-boosts-and-advocates-inclusive-employment-opportunities-people (Access Date: 29.05.2024)</p>
<p>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts said that child immigration detention must be prohibited following adoption of EU migration and asylum pact. According to the news, UN Experts stated that detention of migrant and asylum-seeking children because of their or their parents' migration status is never in the best interest of a child and always a violation of children's rights and they also stated that in the absence of a unified regional prohibition, EU Member States should explicitly prohibit immigration detention of children in their national legislation, and ultimately put an end to this practice for all other migrants. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/child-immigration-detention-must-be-prohibited-following-adoption-eu (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 03.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances would hold its 133rd Session in Warsaw, Poland, from 6 to 10 May 2024 and a total of 586 cases from 30 countries would be examined, as well as the review of 64 cases tantamount to enforced disappearances perpetrated by three non-state actors. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/media-advisories/2024/05/enforced-disappearance-un-experts-group-review-586-cases-30-countries (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 06.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts condemned the continued and systematic onslaught of violence committed against Palestinians in Gaza, with most victims being women and children over the past seven months.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/onslaught-violence-against-women-and-children-gaza-unacceptable-un-experts> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 06.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Tlaleng Mofokeng, the Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health, said that a 2016 UN Security Council resolution strongly condemning attacks against medical facilities and personnel in conflict situations has largely been ignored. According to the Rapporteur, urgent action is needed to implement the resolution and the statement of her was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/impunity-attacks-medical-facilities-and-health-workers-must-end-says-un> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 07.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts expressed concern about the impact on women survivors of sexual violence of a court decision overturning the 2020 rape conviction of Hollywood film producer Harvey Weinstein. According to the news, the

	<p>Experts also said that the decision would further weaken the confidence of victims in seeking and obtaining justice.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/harvey-weinsteins-quashed-rape-conviction-sends-disturbing-message-women (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 10.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts expressed utter dismay over statements made by United States and Israeli officials threatening to retaliate against the International Criminal Court (ICC), its officials and members of their families and they said that threats against the ICC promote a culture of impunity.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/israelgaza-threats-against-icc-promote-culture-impunity-say-un-experts (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 10.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts warned about that the Israeli military's ground operation targeting eastern Rafah is a culmination of a seven-month long campaign to forcibly transfer and destroy Gaza's population.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/israels-rafah-invasion-must-stop-now-say-un-expert (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 10.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, comment by UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk on Gaza crossings was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/comment-un-human-rights-chief-volker-turk-gaza-crossings (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 12.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, urgent call for ceasefire and release of hostages was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/05/urgent-call-ceasefire-and-release-hostages (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 13.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the study titled “Hate Speech and Incitement to Hatred in the Electoral Context” was published. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/hate-speech-and-incitement-hatred-electoral-context (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 13.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 13th World Conference of the International Ombudsman Institute was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/05/high-commissioner-addresses-international-ombudsman-institute-conference (Access Date: 27.05.2024)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 13.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Reem Alsalem, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, welcomed the European Parliament’s adoption of the first European Union Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence as a first comprehensive legal instrument to tackle violence against women and girls, but said some critical shortcomings must be addressed. Also, Special Rapporteur’s statement was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/european-directive-combating-violence-against-women-and-domestic-violence (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 13.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 25th Session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/05/right-development-key-solution-world-crisis-says-high-commissioner (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 14.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN independent Experts said that with the proliferation of war and violent conflicts around the world, students and young people are at the forefront of calling for change and their statement related to this was shared. Source:
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	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/repression-peaceful-international-solidarity-demonstrations-against-human (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 15.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at Intersessional panel discussion of the Human Rights Council on Migrants in transit and access to justice was shared. According to that, Türk urged rights of migrants in transit are upheld. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/05/human-rights-council-intersessional-panel-high-commissioner-urges-rights (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 16.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the death of a renowned Palestinian orthopedic surgeon after nearly four months in detention was “horrifying”, an UN Expert said, demanding an independent international investigation into the circumstances of his demise. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/un-expert-horrified-death-gazan-orthopedic-surgeon-israeli-detention (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 20.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 14th Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing was shared. Source:
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<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/05/high-commissioner-calls-stronger-global-commitment-rights-older> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 22.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, “A Guide on How to Connect with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on The Sale, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse of Children” of United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/updated-child-friendly-booklet-mandate-and-how-connect-united-nations> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 23.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that OHCHR supports the drafting of a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communication Technologies for Criminal Purposes and encourages States to agree a text that complies fully with international law, including international human rights law. Additionally, Informative Note on “Human rights and the draft Cybercrime Convention” was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/human-rights-and-draft-cybercrime-convention>
(Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 23.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Alice Jill Edwards, has urged the Government of Israel to investigate

	<p>multiple allegations of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment against detained Palestinians since 7 October 2023 and Special Rapporteur’s statement was shared.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/israel-un-expert-calls-probe-allegations-torture-and-mistreatment-against (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 23.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that UN Human Rights Chief welcomed resolution to commemorate 1995 genocide in Srebrenica and his press release was shared.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/un-human-rights-chief-welcomes-resolution-commemorate-1995-genocide (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 24.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, a video message of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights at “International Economic Law and Human Rights: From Conflict to Cooperation”, Vienna School of International Studies was shared. According to that, he said that urgent transition towards “Human Rights Economy” needed.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/05/urgent-transition-towards-human-rights-economy-needed-says-high (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p>
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- On 27.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that Palestinians with disabilities subject to unbearable consequences of the ongoing hostilities and violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/05/palestinians-disabilities-subject-unbearable-consequences-ongoing-hostilities> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 27.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) said that people with disabilities in Gaza have been put in extreme distress with the expectation that they will be the first and the next to be killed because of the limited opportunities to flee or take part in evacuations due to their impairment.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/gaza-palestinians-disabilities-fear-being-killed-first-says-un-committee> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 27.05.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk voiced his horror at the further loss of civilian life in Gaza, after Israeli air strikes hit a camp for displaced people in the southern city of Rafah. Türk's press release was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/gaza-turk-voices-horror-loss-life-camp-after-israeli-strikes>
(Access Date: 27.05.2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 30.05.2024, on the website of OHCHR, “OHCHR Toolkit on Strengthening Human Rights in Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Policy” was published. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/ohchr-toolkit-strengthening-human-rights-counter-terrorism-strategy (Access Date: 30.05.2024)</p>
<p>OHCHR Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.05.2024, according to the news on the website of CMW, UN Experts stated that child immigration detention must be prohibited following adoption of EU migration and asylum pact. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/child-immigration-detention-must-be-prohibited-following-adoption-eu (Access Date: 22.05.2024)</p>
<p>UN Women</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.05.2024, an interview was published on UN Women’s website. According to the interview Bolivian environmental journalist Miriam Jemio emphasized that access to information is crucial for democracy, especially in the context of the climate crisis. Jemio highlights the challenges of disinformation, the specific impacts of climate change on women, and the safety concerns journalists face. She advocated for accurate reporting to enable informed public action and stressed that state protection is essential for journalists. Jemio also underscored the importance of covering indigenous issues to reflect their socio-environmental struggles. <p>Source:</p>

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/interview/2024/05/access-to-information-is-the-basis-of-democracy> (Access Date: 22.05.2024)

- On 06.05.2024, a news story was released on UN Women’s website that is about a documentary series of UN Women. It was stated in the story that UN Women’s new documentary series “UNSILENCED: Stories of Survival, Hope and Activism” highlights the experiences of women who have survived violence and are advocating for change. The series, narrated by Goodwill Ambassadors Nicole Kidman and Marion Reimers, features stories from 16 countries, showcasing survivors, activists, and service providers. It aims to raise awareness about violence against women and girls and inspire action. The series is available on Waterbear and YouTube, covering diverse issues such as domestic abuse, legal challenges, and activist movements.

Source:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/feature-story/2023/10/documentary-series-shares-stories-of-womens-survival-hope-and-activism> (Access Date: 22.05.2024)

- On 06.05.2024, a press release was posted on UN Women’s website. In the press release, UN Women warned intensified military operations in Rafah will worsen the already dire situation for its 700,000 women and girls. According to the new data, 93% of women feel unsafe, with over half requiring urgent medical attention. Since the war began, over 10,000 women have died, leaving many children orphaned. The conflict has led to severe physical and mental health issues among women, including complications during pregnancy and

	<p>increased caregiving burdens. In the press release, UN Women called for an immediate ceasefire and safe humanitarian aid access.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2024/05/intensified-military-operations-will-bring-increased-death-and-despair-for-rafahs-700000-women-and-girls (Access Date: 22.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 09.05.2024, an article was released on UN Women’s website, on UN Women reports on the tragic death of Amani Al Derbi, a psychotherapist and mother, and her four children in Gaza due to an airstrike. It was stated in the article that Amani's story, shared in November 2023, illustrated the relentless danger faced by civilians amid the conflict. It was also said in the post that her death underscores the severe impact of the ongoing war on women and children in Gaza, highlighting the urgent need for a ceasefire and humanitarian intervention. UN Women called for international action to protect and support affected civilians in the article. <p>Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/feature-story/2024/05/silenced-voices-amanis-death-in-gaza (Access Date: 22.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 14.05.2024, a news story was published on UN Women’s website. The UN Women’s story highlighted the efforts to rebuild the women's movement in Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover. It was said in the story that through the “Rebuilding the Women’s Movement in Afghanistan” program, UN Women supports 113 women-led organizations
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	<p>across 19 provinces with training, capacity-building, and seed funding. These initiatives help women establish and sustain small businesses, enhancing their economic independence and social resilience, the program has positively impacted many, including providing employment and empowering women to support their communities amidst challenging conditions.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/feature-story/2024/05/rebuilding-the-womens-movement-in-afghanistan (Access Date: 22.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 22.05.2024, an article was posted on UN Women’s website. The UN Women article discusses how artificial intelligence (AI) can perpetuate gender biases present in society, leading to inequalities in areas like healthcare, employment, and credit. It highlighted the need for more women in AI development, diverse datasets, and inclusive AI governance. Addressing these biases requires prioritizing gender equality in AI design and regulation. The article called for global cooperation to ensure AI benefits all and emphasizes the importance of including gender perspectives in the Global Digital Compact. <p>Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/explainer/2024/05/artificial-intelligence-and-gender-equality (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 24.05.2024, an interview was published on UN Women’s website. The interview with Lieutenant Colonel Rubana Nowshin Mithila highlighted the vital role of women in UN peacekeeping. As one of Bangladesh's first female military officers, she emphasizes the unique strengths women bring to
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	<p>peacekeeping missions, such as detailed planning and addressing the specific needs of women and girls in conflict zones. Despite facing challenges and stereotypes, she asserts that women peacekeepers are mentally and physically robust. She advocates for greater gender-sensitive accommodations and the inclusion of more women in leadership roles.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/interview/2024/05/women-peacekeepers-are-stronger-than-you-think (Access Date: 29.05.2024)</p>
<p>UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.05.2024, on the Committee's website, the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT) announced that the (SPT) would visit Mongolia for a second time from 5 to 16 May 2024 to assess the country's implementation of the recommendations made following its visit to Mongolia in 2017. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/un-torture-prevention-body-revisit-mongolia (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.05.2024, on the Committee's website, The UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) published an article reporting that SPT had made unannounced visits to prisons, detention centres, arrest centres, police cells, sobering facilities, psychiatric institutions and homes for the elderly and children during its recent visit to Mongolia from 5 to 16 May. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/un-torture-prevention-body-revisit-mongolia (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>

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

- On 09.05.2024, in a press release that was posted on UNICEF's website, UNICEF reported that nearly one million people in Kenya, Burundi, Tanzania, and Somalia are affected by unprecedented heavy rains and flooding, exacerbated by the El Niño climate phenomenon. The floods have caused deaths, displacement, and significant damage to homes, schools, and infrastructure. It is stressed in the press release that, UNICEF is providing emergency relief, including clean water, hygiene kits, and medical supplies, and is working to ensure the continuity of education and protection services for children and vulnerable communities.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/almost-1-million-people-kenya-burundi-tanzania-and-somalia-affected-unprecedented> (Access Date: 22.05.2024)

- On 13.05.2024, a statement was made on the UNICEF's website. In the statement, UNICEF reported that nearly 2,000 children have been killed or injured since the escalation of the war in Ukraine over two years ago, with an average of two child casualties per day. It is stated in the statement that beyond physical harm, many children suffer severe mental health issues due to the violence. Nearly half of the school-aged children are missing out on in-person education. According to the statement, UNICEF is working to provide educational support, mental health services, and calling for an immediate ceasefire to protect children and ensure their safety and well-being.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/nearly-2000-children-killed-or-injured-escalation-war-ukraine>

(Access Date: 22.05.2024)

- On 14.05.2024, UNICEF's Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Adele Khodr, issued a statement on the severe impact of escalating hostilities in Rafah and northern Gaza. Khodr stated that the conflict has led to mass displacement, with over 448,000 people fleeing unsafe areas. The bombardment has severely disrupted critical services, including healthcare and water supply, affecting children's lives the most. In the statement, UNICEF called for immediate opening of borders and safe passage for humanitarian aid to prevent further tragedy and ensure the protection of children's rights.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-regional-director-middle-east-and-north-africa-adele-khodr-0>

(Access Date: 22.05.2024)

- On 15.05.2024, in a press release that was made on UNICEF's website, UNICEF reported that child migration through the Darien Gap has surged by 40% so far this year. The Darien Gap, known for its dense forests and challenging terrain spanning Panama and Colombia, poses significant risks to migrants, especially children, traveling from South America to North America. UNICEF's release underscored the urgent need for attention to this issue and emphasizes the importance of protecting the rights and ensuring the safety of children on the move.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/child-migration-through-darien-gap-40-cent-so-far-year>

	(Access Date: 22.05.2024)
<p>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 365 1390 891"> <p>- On 01.05.2024, on UNDP’s website, it was stated that as the war in Gaza enters its seventh month, a new assessment by UNDP and the Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA) indicates that 1.74 million more Palestinians across the State of Palestine will be pushed into poverty.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.undp.org/press-releases/war-gaza-enters-seventh-month-174-million-more-palestinians-will-be-pushed-poverty-across-state-palestine-according-united-nations</p> <p>(Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1025 1390 1440"> <p>- On 03.05.2024, on UNDP’s website, UNDP published an article on its website, marking World Press Freedom Day on 3 May, celebrating journalists and their critical work to tell the truth about the climate crisis and to support and strengthen societies based on reliable and accurate information.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://stories.undp.org/building-the-strengths-of-the-fourth-estate (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1574 1390 1877"> <p>- On 09.05.2024, on UNDP’s website, a news article was published stating that Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, had appointed Alain Noudéhou of Benin as the new Executive Director of the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO).</p> <p>Source:</p>

	<p>https://www.undp.org/news/undp-administrator-appoints-alain-w-noudehou-new-executive-director-un-multi-partner-trust-fund-office-mptfo (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24.05.2024, on UNDP’s website, it was announced that UNDP, together with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and the UN Human Rights Office, would convene National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) on 23-24 May. Source: https://www.undp.org/news/why-national-human-rights-institutions-matter-prevention-and-crisis-response (Access Date: 28.05.2024) - On 27.05.2024, on UNDP’s website, it was stated that ahead of the 4th International Conference on SIDS (SIDS4), held in Antigua and Barbuda on May 27-30th, a new policy brief by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) highlighted a pressing need to massively invest in climate change adaptation in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to break costly cycles of disaster and recovery. Source: https://www.undp.org/news/undp-administrator-appoints-alain-w-noudehou-new-executive-director-un-multi-partner-trust-fund-office-mptfo (Access Date: 28.05.2024)
<p>Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.05.2024, on the website of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, a statement was published calling on the members of the European Union to prohibit the detention of children as migrants under the EU Pact on Migration and

	<p>Asylum and stating that the immigration detention of children violates children's rights and should be explicitly prohibited in national legislation.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/05/child-immigration-detention-must-be-prohibited-following-adoption-eu (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.05.2024, according to the news on the Twitter account of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, a consultative conference was held in Geneva on 18.05.2024 to help the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child prepare its 27th General Comment on access to justice and effective remedies. At the conference, it was emphasized that ensuring children's full identity, including their nationality, is important to ensure their access to justice. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/UNChildRights1/status/1792486275175358876 (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p>
<p>Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.05.2024, on the website of GANHRI, it was announced that more than 200 representatives from NHRIs, UN agencies, States and civil society would take part in the GANHRI Annual Meeting and Conference, held from 6-8 May 2024. It was stated that business and human rights will be the focus of discussions at the Annual Conference on 8 May. It was also stated that GANHRI would also host two Knowledge Exchange sessions during the Annual Meeting on 7 May to examine the role of NHRIs to protect and promote the rights of displaced and stateless persons and the role of NHRIs to prevent and respond to torture and other ill-treatment. Lastly, it

	<p>was specified that an outcome statement would be adopted at the conclusion of the three-day gathering.</p> <p>Source: https://ganhri.org/nhris-to-strengthen-cooperation-in-the-face-of-mounting-threats/ (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 08.05.2024, on the website of GANHRI, it was announced that more than 80 NHRIs participating at the GANHRI Annual Conference adopted the “Outcome Statement” on “Business and Human Rights: the Role and Experiences of NHRIs”. It was stated that the “Outcome Statement” highlights the unique contribution of NHRIs to support implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and its “protect, respect, remedy” framework. It was also stated that NHRIs committed to use their mandates for human rights promotion, monitoring and reporting, and complaint handling to address human rights issues that arise in relation to business activities and practices.</p> <p>Source: https://ganhri.org/nhris-to-redouble-efforts-on-business-and-human-rights/ (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 20.05.2024, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was announced that event titled “Bridging the Gap: National Human Rights Institutions Protecting and Upholding Older Persons’ Rights”, hosted by GANHRI on the sidelines of the 14th UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA) and the Annual Review Meeting of the GANHRI&UNDP&OHCHR Tripartite Partnership would be take place on 24 May and a live webcast of the event will be available on UN Web TV.</p>
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	<p>Source: https://x.com/Ganhri1/status/1792473111297708102 (Access Date: 22.05.2024)</p>
<p>European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.05.2024, on CPT’s website, The Council of Europe’s Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) published report on its periodic visit to North Macedonia in October 2023. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/anti-torture-committee-publishes-report-on-periodic-visit-to-north-macedonia (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>
<p>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.05.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA’s Director would deliver a keynote speech at a European Conference on Antisemitism and join a High-Level Panel on “Antisemitism as the new normal?”. <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/fra-keynote-during-european-conference-antisemitism (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 14.05.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA Director Sirpa Rautio and the Council of Europe’s President of the Parliamentary Assembly Theodoros Rousopoulos would meet in Vienna with the aim to exchange views on current challenges to human rights in Europe and the importance of respecting fundamental rights standards, and discuss cooperation between FRA and the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly. <p>Source:</p>

	<p>https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/fra-and-council-europe-discuss-ongoing-cooperation-0 (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 17.05.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA Director Sirpa Rautio held a roundtable discussion with 36 civil society organizations in Brussels with the aim to establish rapport between the new FRA Director and organizations that are part of the Agency’s Fundamental Rights Platform. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fra-holds-roundtable-discussion-brussels-based-civil-society-organisations (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 24.05.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA presented its work on tackling anti-Muslim hatred, which included its online database on anti-Muslim hatred and selected findings from FRA research and surveys looking at different manifestations of anti-Muslim hatred, during a joint Equinet – European Commission meeting in Brussels. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/tackling-anti-muslim-hatred (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 29.05.2024, on the website of FRA, FRA’s new report on “Political participation of people with disabilities – new developments” was published. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/more-people-disabilities-can-vote-barriers-remain (Access Date: 29.05.2024)
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<p>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="536 376 1394 741"> <p>- On 02.05.2024, on the website of ENNHRI, it was shared that the rule of law in the EU report prepared by ENNHRI was published. Source: https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/nhris-reveal-eu-rule-of-law-landscape/#1714396326359-dbf3dec9-be8a (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="536 875 1394 1240"> <p>- On 04.05.2024, on ENNHRI’s Twitter account, a post was made with reservations on the protection of human rights in the artificial intelligence convention drafted by the Council of Europe. Source: https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1786744179877351507 (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="536 1375 1394 1740"> <p>- On 06.05.2024, on ENNHRI’s Twitter account, it was shared that the ENNHRI General Assembly was held with the participation of more than 30 National Human Rights Institutions. Source: https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1787427178235232278 (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="536 1874 1394 2009"> <p>- On 22.05.2024, on ENNHRI’s Twitter account, it was shared that ENNHRI participated in the UN Open-ended Working Group on Ageing meeting and made a presentation on behalf</p>

	<p>of the ENNHRI Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1793307821745803767 (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p>
<p>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.05.2024, it was shared on EQUINET’s website that the “EU Directive on Standards for Equality Bodies”, which sets standards on the duties, powers and resources of Equality Bodies, was published. <p>Source: https://equineteurope.org/a-milestone-for-equality-rights-in-europe-directives-on-standards-for-equality-bodies/ (Access Date: 23.05.2024)</p>
<p>Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 14.05.2024, on the Twitter account of the Directorate, it was announced that the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law would be adopted on 17 May 2024 by the Committee of Ministers in Strasbourg. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/CoE_RuleofLaw/status/1790315541665599732 (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p>
<p>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 09.05.2024, a press release was posted on the website of the ODIHR. It was stated in the release that international observers from various organizations, including the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and the European

	<p>Parliament (EP), released another statement on North Macedonia's presidential run-off and parliamentary elections. It was reported by all organizations in the release that although the elections were competitive and featured a diverse campaign, negative rhetoric with nationalistic slogans and shortcomings in legislation and campaign finance oversight were noted.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/north-macedonia/568306 (Access Date: 22.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 17.05.2024, a press release was published on the website of ODIHR. It was stated in the press release that the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) had initiated a Special Election Assessment Mission (SEAM) for the upcoming European Parliament elections, scheduled from 6 to 9 June. It was also stated in the article that this mission, led by Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, comprises seven international experts from OSCE states based in Brussels and ten regional analysts from various states. The SEAM aims to evaluate the elections across all 27 EU member states, ensuring compliance with OSCE commitments, international standards, and national legislation. According to the press release, observers will visit 20 member states, focusing on areas such as election administration, voter registration, campaign activities, media coverage, and participation of underrepresented groups.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/568702 (Access Date: 22.05.2024)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 17.05.2024, in a press release that was posted on the website of ODIHR, it was stated that the ODIHR had launched an observation mission for the parliamentary elections in Mongolia scheduled for 28 June, in response to an invitation from national authorities. It was emphasized that the mission aims to assess the elections' compliance with OSCE commitments, international standards, and national legislation, focusing on various aspects including voter registration, campaign activities, election administration, legislative framework, and media monitoring. Meetings with stakeholders will be held throughout the observation period, and an interim report will be released two weeks before election day. According to the press release on election day, comprehensive monitoring will be conducted, followed by the presentation of preliminary findings and conclusions the next day, a final report with recommendations will be published approximately two months after the election process concludes. Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/568834 (Access Date: 22.05.2024) - On 23.05.2024 a press release has been published on the website of ODIHR. In the press release, it is highlighted that Director of the OSCE ODIHR Matteo Mecacci, expressed his deep concerns about the draft law “On Transparency of Foreign Influence” during his visit to Georgia. It was also stated that, this law could undermine civil society by labeling organizations with foreign financial support as foreign agents, jeopardizing the right to freedom of association. Mecacci held meetings with key government and civil society figures, reiterating ODIHR’s readiness to assist with legislative
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	<p>expertise and highlighting the need to respect the right to peaceful assembly amid reports of police violence.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/569091 (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p>
<p>Australian Human Rights Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that two of Australia’s most famous legal professionals are set to team up to prosecute the case for an Australian Human Rights Act at an historic two-day forum in June. It was emphasized in the news that Both Mr. Kirby and Ms. Robinson are noted advocates for a Human Rights Act and will detail how such a mechanism would help advance how people in Australia experience justice, equity, compassion and respect. <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/michael-kirby-and-jennifer-robinson-deliver-joint-keynote-address (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 09.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that Australia’s Age Discrimination Commissioner, Robert Fitzgerald, had called on the Federal Government to formally endorse the creation of a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons, in what he said remains a missing piece in the international human rights framework. <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/age-discrimination-commissioner-calls-convention-rights-older-persons (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p>

- On 17.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that Commission will lead a ground breaking independent study to better understand and address the dangerous prevalence of racism at universities. It was also emphasized in the news that study will be comprehensive, with university students and staff to share their experiences of racism, and additional research undertaken to assess structural racial barriers.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/commission-lead-historic-anti-racism-study-universities>

(Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 22.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the Age Discrimination Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald, had launched a new interview series about ageing positively in Australia and the human rights challenges facing older people.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/age-discrimination-commissioner-launches-new-interview-series>

(Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 23.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the Commission welcomed the appointment of Hugh de Kretser as the new President to succeed Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher, who departs at the end of July after a seven-year term.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/commission-welcomes-new-president-0>

	<p>(Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 27.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Katie Kiss had marked the start of Reconciliation Week by calling on Australians to finally overcome generations of disadvantage and division when it comes to “First Nations” rights, and forge a path for unity. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/social-justice-commissioner-now-more-ever-australia-must-reconcile-its (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p>
<p>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 09.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the EHRC has retained its accreditation as an “A status” National Human Rights Institution. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/human-rights-regulator-retains-status-0 (Access Date: 24.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the EHRC had launched an investigation into the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions over concerns about the treatment of some disabled benefits claimants. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/department-work-and-pensions-under-investigation-treatment-disabled-benefits-claimants (Access Date: 24.05.2024)</p>

<p>German Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.05.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Gender-Based Violence Reporting Unit of the German Institute for Human Rights had welcomed the adoption of the EU Directive on Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/ein-meilenstein-eu-richtlinie-zur-bekaempfung-von-gewalt-gegen-frauen-und-haeuslicher-gewalt (Access Date: 28.05.2024) - On 27.05.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that on the occasion of International Women's Health Day the Gender-Based Violence Reporting Unit of the German Institute for Human Rights is called on the federal and state governments to provide comprehensive and free acute care for all those affected by physical or sexual violence. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/flaechendeckende-und-kostenfreie-akutversorgung-fuer-betroffene-sexualisierter-gewalt-schaffen (Access Date: 28.05.2024)
<p>Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.05.2024, on its website, Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia issued a statement about International Workers' Day issues about ongoing challenges for workers in the country, including low wages, inadequate employment contracts, and violations of labor rights has been highlighted in the statement. Specific issues include discrimination, unfair treatment in cultural institutions, and difficulties faced by workers in long-term care and penitentiary facilities are also expressed. In the

	<p>statement, the Public Defender called for stronger enforcement of labor laws, protection against discrimination, and better alignment of national laws with international standards, emphasizing the need for safe working conditions and fair remuneration.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/1-maisi-msoflio-mshromelta-saertashoriso-dghea (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 01.05.2024, on its website, the Public Defender of Georgia issued a statement regarding a rally near the Parliament, emphasizing the importance of peaceful assembly and the right to choose the location of protests. The statement noted that the Ministry of Internal Affairs should only intervene if the assembly becomes violent or illegal, and any use of force must be necessary and proportional. The Defender urged adherence to constitutional rights and peaceful conduct. <p>Source: https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-1-maisis-saprotesto-aktsiastan-dakavshirebit (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 02.05.2024, on its website, the Public Defender of Georgia marked the 10th anniversary of the national anti-discrimination mechanism. In the statement it was stated that, this mechanism has handled 1,363 cases of alleged discrimination, issued 110 recommendations, and engaged in extensive educational and advocacy activities. The Public Defender emphasized ongoing collaboration with international and local organizations to enhance the protection of victims' rights and promote equality.
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Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/tanastsorobis-mekanizms-10-tseli-sheusrulda> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 09.05.2024, the Public Defender of Georgia, Levan Ioseliani, congratulated citizens on the Day of Victory over Fascism. He honored the memory of Georgians who died in World War II and wished veterans long life, health, and prosperity.

Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-sakartvelos-mokalakeebs-fashizmze-gamarjvebis-dghes-ulotsavs> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 10.05.2024, it was announced on the Public Defender of Georgia's website that, from May 6-8, 2024, Tamar Gvaramadze, First Deputy Public Defender of Georgia, and Mariam Tavdgiridze, Head of International Relations, participated in events at the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) annual meeting in Geneva. It was also stated that, Gvaramadze presented reports on democratic space challenges and the protection of the rights of refugees and stateless persons and they also attended the GANHRI Bureau and General Assembly and the ENNHRI General Assembly.

Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-pirvelma-moadgilem-adamianis-uflebata-erovnuli-institutebis-globaluri-aliansis-ganhri-ghonisdziebebshi-miigho-monatsileoba> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 14.05.2024, on its website, Public Defender of Georgia issued a statement about the law draft about Transparency of Foreign Influence. It was emphasized in the statement that, the Public Defender of Georgia had concerns over the adoption of the Law on Transparency of Foreign Influence, highlighting that it could harm Georgia's European integration and relations with partners. The law's title and several provisions are seen as potentially offensive and could lead to privacy violations. In the statement the Defender urged the Parliament to amend the draft law to ensure transparency without infringing on rights and to consider citizens' protests against the law.

Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-sakartvelos-parlamentshi-utskhourigavlenis-gamchvirvalobis-shesakheb-sakartvelos-kanonis-mighebastan-dakavshirebit> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 23.05.2024, it was announced on the website of Public Defender of Georgia that Public Defender Levan Ioseliani met with OSCE/ODIHR representatives to discuss preparations for Georgia's upcoming parliamentary elections in October. It was stated in the news that, they had talked about the legal framework, new electronic voting technologies, and the importance of cooperation with the civil sector to address any rights violations.

Source:

<https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/shekhvedra-eutoodiris-tsarmomadgenlebtan-tsinasaarchevno-sakitkhebze> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 197 1394 667"> <p>- On 23.05.2024, on its website, Public Defender of Georgia announced that Irine Chikhladze, Deputy Public Defender of Georgia, attended a meeting in Tirana on European standards for equality bodies.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-moadgile-tanastorobis-organoebis-evropuli-standartebis-shesakheb-gamartul-shekhvedras-daestsro (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 801 1394 1438"> <p>- On 24.05.2024, it has been announced on the website of Public Defender of Georgia that Public Defender Levan Ioseliani and Deputy Public Defender Irine Chikhladze met with UNICEF Representative Jesper Moller to discuss children's rights in Georgia. It was marked in the article that, they had reviewed the general situation, monitoring mechanisms, and results, and addressed the recent UN Committee on the Rights of the Child session.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-gaeros-bavshvta-fondis-unicef-sakartvelos-ofisis-khelmdzghvanel-shekhvda (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1572 1394 1877"> <p>- On 26.05.2024, Georgia's Independence Day was commemorated on Ombudsman's website.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/26-maisi-sakartvelos-damoukideblobis-dghea (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>

<p>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 197 1394 667"> <p>- On 01.05.2024, on the website of the IHREC, it was announced that the Commission had been granted leave from the High Court to exercise its amicus curiae (friend of the court) function in a significant case focused on redress for survivors of historic child sexual abuse in schools.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-granted-permission-to-intervene-in-high-court-case-challenging-school-abuses-redress-scheme/ (Access Date: 24.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 801 1394 1272"> <p>- On 06.05.2024, on the website of the IHREC, it was announced that the Commission had called on the State to urgently update equality law, during the life of this Government, to make it illegal to discriminate against a person based on their socio-economic status.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-calls-for-socio-economic-status-as-ground-of-discrimination-in-equality-acts/ (Access Date: 24.05.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1406 1394 1930"> <p>- On 09.05.2024, on the website of the IHREC, it was announced that the Commission gave a message about importance of amending Ireland’s equality laws to include socio-economic status as a ground of discrimination in a conference on “Achieving Equality at Work: Promoting Socio-Economic Equality in Employment”.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ihrec.ie/amending-equality-law-is-crucial-for-economic-equality-commission-conference-will-hear/ (Access Date: 24.05.2024)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 13.05.2024, on the website of the IHREC, it was announced that the Commission had set out its concerns with the proposed General Scheme of the Garda Síochána Bill, which seeks to introduce the use of facial recognition technology by An Garda Síochána (national police and security service of Ireland). It was emphasized in the news that, the highly intrusive nature of facial recognition technology requires strong rules and justifications, heightened protection in law, and robust safeguards to protect fundamental rights. Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-calls-for-stronger-safeguards-in-new-garda-facial-recognition-technology-legislation-to-ensure-it-protects-fundamental-rights/ (Access Date: 24.05.2024) - On 15.05.2024, on the website of the IHREC, it was announced that the Commission has provided legal assistance to a deaf woman in a discrimination claim against a public service. Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-legally-assists-a-deaf-woman-in-a-claim-of-discrimination-while-accessing-a-public-service/ (Access Date: 24.05.2024)
<p>French National Consultative Commission On Human Rights (CNCDH)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.05.2024, on the Commission's website, it was stated that a round table on combating and preventing racism, intolerance and discrimination had taken place on 25 April with the CNCDH, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and the French Defender of Human Rights (DDD). Source:

	<p>https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/retour-sur-la-table-ronde-sur-la-prevention-et-la-lutte-contre-le-racisme-lintolerance-et (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.05.2024, on the Commission's website, it was stated that the annual meeting of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) had taken place from 6 to 8 May 2024, bringing together more than 200 representatives from NHRIs, United Nations agencies, States and civil society. Source: https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/conference-annuelle-2024-de-ganhri-adoption-dune-declaration-sur-les-entreprises-et-les (Access Date: 28.05.2024) - On 24.05.2024, on the Commission's website, it was stated that the French National Advisory Commission on Human Rights (CNC DH), in an opinion unanimously adopted on 23 May 2024, had called on France to adopt a binding prison regulation mechanism to end prison overcrowding. Source: https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/pour-un-mecanisme-contraignant-de-regulation-carcerale (Access Date: 28.05.2024)
<p>The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.05.2024, on the Commission's website, in a statement, it was stated that the ICHR had been following closely and with great concern the unfortunate events resulting in the killing by security forces of 30-year-old Ahmed Hisham Abu Al-Foul in the Tulkarm refugee camp in Palestine. In its statement, ICHR called on all authorities, institutions, security forces and

	<p>citizens to respect the law, maintain internal peace and protect private and public property.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9718.html (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 04.05.2024, on the Commission's website, the ICHR issued a statement holding the Israeli occupation responsible for the deaths of two prisoners, Dr. Adnan Al-Bursh and Ismail Khader, and calling for an international committee of inquiry.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9828.html (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 09.05.2024, on the Commission's website, the ICHR published a statement condemning Israel's reoccupation of the Rafah border crossing in the southern Gaza Strip and its complete control of the area, as well as the destruction of some of its contents.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9856.html (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 24.05.2024, on the Commission's website, the ICHR the ICHR issued a statement welcoming the request by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Karim Khan, to issue arrest warrants against Israeli officials.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9892.html (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>
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<p>Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)- Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.05.2024, on the website of the Commission, a message of the IPHRC on the occasion of the “International Day of the Families 2024” was published. The message reaffirmed that the family is a natural and fundamental entity and stressed the need for full implementation by all stakeholders of the norms and principles enshrined in international human rights instruments for the protection of the family institution and its members. Source: https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/571 (Access Date: 28.05.2024) - On 16.05.2014, on the website of the Commission, IPHRC's message on “International Day of Living Together in Peace 2024” was published. The message stressed that while many regions across the world are witnessing rising levels of hate speech and discrimination, including Islamophobia, the International Day of Living Together in Peace is a reminder about the imperative for accepting differences, embracing diversity, and having the ability to listen to, respect and understand each other. It was underlined that Islam laid the foundation of a culture steeped in the principles of equality among all human beings regardless of caste, color, creed, or religious beliefs. Source: https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/572 (Access Date: 28.05.2024)
<p>United Nations Office for the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.05.2024, on the Office's website, a statement by Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs,

<p>Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)</p>	<p>on Israel's ground operation against Rafah was published. Griffiths said that a ground offensive would mean more trauma and death for hundreds of thousands of people who have fled there to escape disease, famine, mass graves and direct conflict. The article continued with OCHA's warning of attacks by Israeli settlers and Israeli soldiers in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-kenya (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 02.05.2024, on the Office's website, OCHA's deep concern was expressed over the increasing attacks on the Sudanese city of El Fasher and the attacks on civilians. It was stated that a major attack on El Fasher would seriously endanger the lives of 800,000 civilians.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-sudan-syria-madagascar-southern-africa-ukraine (Access Date: 27.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 06.05.2024, on the Office's website, it was reported that the Israeli evacuation orders for Rafah cover an area of more than 30 square kilometres and that a mass evacuation on this scale is not possible. It stated that more than three-quarters of the Gaza Strip is under evacuation orders and that half of the more than one million people sheltering in Rafah are children. It was stated that a military operation in Rafah would put an end to the already fragile aid operations.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-yemen-eastern-africa-haiti-myanmar-ukraine> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 07.05.2024, on the Office's website, the news was published that tens of thousands of people had been forcibly displaced from Rafah as a result of evacuation orders issued by the Israeli army. It was stated that the displaced people had no water, shelter or toilet facilities in the places where they went, and that aid agencies were unable to deliver aid due to the closure of the Kerem Shalom and Rafah crossings.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-syria> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

- On 08.05.2024, on the Office's website, statements of Martin Griffiths, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs was published. Griffiths warned that Israel's recent evacuation orders and ground operations would lead to more deaths and displacement. It was also reported that people displaced from Rafah were travelling to Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah. It was stated that the ongoing fighting and the continued blockade of critical humanitarian supplies from entering Gaza will have serious consequences for the provision of food and nutrition services and will make it impossible to improve conditions in new/existing displacement sites.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-zambia> (Access Date: 27.05.2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 09.05.2024, on the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths' social media account, a statement was shared. It was stated that by Griffiths, for three consecutive days, nothing and no one has been allowed in or out Gaza, civilians have been starved and killed, but aid has been prevented from reaching them. Source: https://twitter.com/UNReliefChief/status/1788605114179072192 (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 11.05.2024, on the Office's website, a statement by Clementine Nkweta-Salami, the Humanitarian Coordinator for Sudan, on the attacks in Al Fasher was published. Salami said she was seriously concerned about the clashes in Al Fasher and that the violence threatened the lives of 800,000 civilians living in the city. Noting that the violence in Al Fasher, which has been escalating for months, has disrupted the flow of aid and basic food supplies and brought people to the brink of starvation, she called on all parties to the conflict to comply with their obligations under international law to protect civilians and to cease hostilities. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/sudans-humanitarian-coordinator-calls-immediate-ceasefire-al-fasher-safeguard-civilians (Access Date: 27.05.2024) - On 12.05.2024, on the Office's website, the opening remarks of Joyce Msuya, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, at the Ninth Conference on Effective Partnership for Better Humanitarian Response was published. Msuya said that the war in Gaza has
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	<p>become a moral stain on the conscience of humanity, with seven months of fighting turning Gaza into a living hell for millions and killing more women and children than any other war this century. She said that OCHA was leading aid efforts in northern Gaza, but that safe routes were needed for aid to continue.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/un-deputy-relief-chief-urges-funding-boost-gaza-west-bank-us28b-needed-over-8-months (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 14.05.2024, on the Office's website, a news included a social media post by UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths was published. Griffiths stated that one UN staff member had been killed and another injured, and that the parties should take all measures to protect civilians and aid workers. The news report went on to say that Israeli settlers in the West Bank had attacked and vandalised aid trucks heading to Gaza.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-south-sudan-haiti (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 15.05.2024, on the Office's website, it was reported that 600,000 people were displaced in Rafah after 6 May following Israeli evacuation orders, most of whom had been displaced before. It was also reported that the Indonesian field hospital in Rafah was out of service.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-nigeria>

(Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 16.05.2024, on the Office's website, it was reported that the situation in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is of concern due to continued violence by Israeli forces and settlers, destruction of civilian property and further displacement. Across the West Bank, some 1,400 people have been displaced since October due to ongoing settler violence and access restrictions.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-5> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 17.05.2024, on the Office's website, it was reported that 640,000 people had been displaced since the beginning of the attacks on Rafah and had fled to Deir al-Balah, but the situation there was also very difficult. Only five bakeries are operating in the entire Gaza Strip, and the continuing exodus from Rafah to Khan Younis has been exacerbating the water and sanitation crisis and has a devastating impact on health.

- **Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-haiti-4> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 20.05.2024, on the Office's website, a briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Rafah by Edem Wosornu, OCHA's Director of Operations and Advocacy, on behalf of Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-

General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator was published. Mr Wosornu said that 800,000 people had fled Rafah in the past two weeks and that the ground operation had severely hampered relief efforts. He called for all measures to be taken to protect civilians from harm, to ensure the rapid and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance and to protect humanitarian personnel.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/ocha-appeals-security-council-end-humanitarian-catastrophe-gaza> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 21.05.2024, on the Office's website, the annual briefing to the UN Security Council on the protection of civilians in armed conflict by Joyce Msuya, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, was published. The briefing reported that some 75 per cent of the population of the Gaza Strip has been forcibly displaced and is experiencing a man-made famine as a result of Israeli attacks that tens of thousands of civilians have been killed in Sudan since April 20 and that civilians have been severely and persistently affected by many conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria, the Sahel, Somalia, Syria and Ukraine. It was noted that accountability for violations of humanitarian law should be strengthened and that the independence and impartiality of the International Criminal Court should be supported.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-deputy-relief-chief-appeals-security-council-full-protection-civilians>

(Access Date: 28.05.2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 21.05.2024, on the Office's website, it was released that Martin Griffiths, OCHA's Deputy Secretary-General, as urging world leaders to 'forge a path away from narrow interests' at the launch of Protection of Civilians (PoC) Week. "It is vital to go above and beyond compliance (with international humanitarian and human rights law) to strive for the full protection of civilians against the full range of harms." Griffiths said. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-urges-world-leaders-forge-path-away-narrow-interests (Access Date: 28.05.2024) - On 23.05.2024, on the Office's website, it was reported that: OCHA has warned that if aid does not begin to enter Gaza in massive quantities, desperation and hunger will spread. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-united-arab-emirates-ukraine (Access Date: 28.05.2024) - On 24.05.2024, on the Office's website, statements by Martin Griffiths, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator was published. It was expressed by Griffiths that the suffering and misery inflicted on the people of Gaza by Israel's military operation in Rafah was unimaginable and that a tragedy was unfolding that could not be described in words. It was stressed that civilians should be allowed to seek safety, humanitarian aid should not be impeded and aid workers and UN personnel should be able to carry out their work safely.
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	<p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/statement-rafah-martin-griffiths-under-secretary-general-humanitarian-affairs-and-emergency (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 27.05.2024, on the Office's website, the statement of Martin Griffiths, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was published. Griffiths said that they had repeatedly said that there was no safe place in Gaza, warned that a military operation in Rafah could lead to a massacre, and that the consequences of the unacceptable attack are being seen. He described the events as the most brutal abomination and said that calling them 'mistakes' meant nothing to those who died, those who suffered and those who tried to save lives.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/statement-gaza-martin-griffiths-under-secretary-general-humanitarian-affairs-and-emergency (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>
<p>Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)</p>	<p>- On 13.05.2024, on the website of NHRC, it was reported that Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah, Chairperson of the National Committee for Human Rights, delivered a speech at a symposium at the UN headquarters in Geneva. Ms Attiyah stated that pressure should be put on the Israeli occupation to stop its aggression against Gaza.</p> <p>Source: https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/dror-laaaad-althk-balkanon-aldoly-oalshraa-aldoly-lhkok-alansan-oadoathma-mrym-alaaty-mtalb-baldght-aal-alahtlal-alarayyly-lokf-alaadoan-aal-ghznhrce0T/page (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.05.2024, on the website of NHRC, the meeting between Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee of Qatar and Chairperson of the Global Network of National Human Rights Institutions, and Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights was published. It was reported that the meeting discussed the human rights situation, ways of working together to promote a culture of human rights and strengthening the role of national institutions in this regard. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/naksha-aodaaa-hkok-alansan-osbl-taazyzha-mrym-alaaty-tgtmaa-maa-mfod-alam-almthd-alsamy-lhkok-alansannhrc9pya/page</p> <p>(Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>
<p>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the near East (UNRWA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.05.2024, on the website of the Agency, a statement by UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini on his social media account was published. Lazzarini said that his request to enter Gaza had been denied for the second time and that attacks on humanitarian workers and convoys had increased. He called for an investigation and accountability for the attacks on humanitarian workers, saying that failure to do so would set a dangerous precedent and endanger aid organisations around the world. Lazzarini stressed that the denial of humanitarian access is a violation of humanitarian law. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/gaza-israeli-authorities-continue-deny-humanitarian-access-united-nations (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>

- On 09.05.2024, on the website of the Agency, it was reported that the perimeter of UNRWA's headquarters in occupied East Jerusalem had been set on fire twice by the Israelis while staff were inside the compound. UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini announced that he had decided to close the compound until the necessary security is provided.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/evening-israeli-residents-set-fire-twice-perimeter-unrwa-headquarters> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 18.05.2024, on the website of the Agency, a statement by UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini on his social media account was published. Lazzarini reiterated that almost half of Rafah's population, 800,000 people, were on the streets, having been forced to flee since Israeli forces launched a military operation in the area on 6 May. He said those fleeing was unable to take their tents and belongings with them and had to start from scratch each time. He said claims that people in Gaza could be moved to “safe” or “humanitarian” areas were false.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/once-again-nearly-half-population-rafah-or-800000-people-are-road> (Access Date: 28.05.2024)

- On 23.05.2024, on the website of the Agency, it was reported that the Government of Japan, reaffirming UNRWA's indispensable role in the Gaza Strip, donated essential

	<p>emergency relief supplies for the Agency's humanitarian response.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/news-releases/japan-unrwa-emergency-aid-address-humanitarian-needs-gaza (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p> <p>- On 27.05.2024, on the website of the Agency, the news included a statement by UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini on his social media account was published. Lazzarini stated that more casualties were reported following the Israeli airstrike on Rafah, and that among the dead were children and women living in makeshift plastic shelters, many of them injured and others burned to death: “The images from last night are testament of how Rafah has turned into hell on earth”.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/scenes-coming-out-rafah-last-night-are-harrowing (Access Date: 28.05.2024)</p>
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