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International Labour Organization (ILO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 533 1401 1070"> <p>- On 01.12.2023, on the website of ILO, an Info Story was shared. Within the context of the story, it was expressed that persons with disabilities often start from an unequal position and cash benefits are not enough in the context of social protection for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ilo.org/infostories/en-GB/Stories/discrimination/social-protection-for-people-with-disabilities#cash-benefits-are-not-enough</p> <p>(Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1205 1401 1572"> <p>- On 01.12.2023, on the website of ILO, it was stated that ILO research found that climate change profoundly affects child labour.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_905673/lang--en/index.htm</p> <p>(Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1706 1401 2011"> <p>- On 07.12.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that online work & technology can perpetuate gender inequality and ILO called to create a digital environment that promotes safety, respect, and dignity for all.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1732747113652510984</p>

(Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- According to the news shared on 13.12.2023, on the website of ILO, the key role of employment in building the self-reliance of refugees and strengthening their protection was discussed at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum and ILO called to scale up decent work for refugees and host communities.

Source:

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_906796/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 18.12.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, the information was given about that migrant workers account for 150 million of the world's 232 million international migrants, they contribute the economic, social and cultural development of their host countries, the money they send to family and the skills they acquire abroad are invaluable to their home countries. According to that, ILO called to protect the rights of migrant workers.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1736823955506253846>

(Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 20.12.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that at least 66 percent of employment had been lost in Gaza since hostilities erupted on 7 October.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1737488339173880033>

(Access Date: 28.12.2023)

<p>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on resumption of hostilities in Gaza was shared. According to that he stressed that the situation is beyond crisis point and under international humanitarian law, Israel as the occupying power, is required to ensure that the basic needs of the population in Gaza, such as food, water, and medical care, are met. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/comment-un-high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-resumption-hostilities (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 01.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts’s statement was shared about that armed conflict puts human rights of people with disabilities and all civilians in peril. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/12/armed-conflict-puts-human-rights-people-disabilities-and-all-civilians-peril-un (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 02.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, ahead of 2 December the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, the joint statement of UN Experts was shared. UN Experts said that The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is a poignant reminder that contemporary forms of slavery – including forced labour, forced marriage, domestic servitude, debt bondage, and child marriage and labour – continue to

	<p>persist in our increasingly digital world and they urged to prevent contemporary forms of slavery.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/12/un-experts-urge-shift-towards-human-rights-economy-prevent-contemporary-forms (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 02.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the video message of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights about 2023 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/12/abolish-slavery-now (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 03.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the video message of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights about 2023 International Day of Persons with Disabilities was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/12/time-fulfill-rights-people-disabilities (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 03.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement, about Gaza which specified that “unbearable suffering of civilians demands end to violence”, of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/gaza-unbearable-suffering-civilians-demands-end-violence-turk>

(Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 05.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, it was announced that UN and regional human rights experts launched platform to coordinate advocacy on rights of refugees and asylum-seekers.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/un-and-regional-human-rights-experts-launch-platform-coordinate-advocacy> (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 07.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that an UN expert condemns “unrelenting war” on health system amid airstrikes on hospitals and health workers in Gaza.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/gaza-un-expert-condemns-unrelenting-war-health-system-amid-airstrikes> (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 08.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, about 75 years of the Genocide Convention was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/12/75-years-genocide-convention>

(Access Date: 28.12.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 08.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that UN Experts urge States to unite for peace and push for ceasefire in Gaza. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/un-experts-urge-states-unite-peace-and-push-ceasefire-gaza (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 08.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, about conflict and crisis reveal the tip of the iceberg the world's vulnerable face in accessing their right to health was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/opinion-editorial/2023/12/conflict-and-crisis-expose-failure-advance-right-health (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 12.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at “High-Level Event Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights” was shared. Türk promised by saying that “We will build an ambitious agenda of change that can meet the challenges of our time by advancing human rights”. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/12/turk-promises-we-will-build-ambitious-agenda-change-can-meet-challenges-our-time (Access Date: 28.12.2023)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- According to the news shared on 13.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, about Israel and Palestine, UN Ad hoc Conciliation Commission urges end to violence against civilians and return to negotiation. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/israel-palestine-un-ad-hoc-conciliation-commission-urges-end-violence (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - According to the news shared on 14.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, about occupied Palestinian territory and Israel, UN experts call for permanent ceasefire to protect rights and futures of women and girls. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/occupied-palestinian-territory-and-israel-un-experts-call-permanent (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 14.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, “Implementing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – the Role of Independent Monitoring Frameworks: Practical Guide” was published. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/training-and-education-publications/implementing-rights-persons-disabilities-role (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - According to the news shared on 14.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN expert said that States must commit to urgent action to prevent trafficking among asylum seekers and refugees at Global Refugee Forum.
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	<p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/global-refugee-forum-un-expert-says-states-must-commit-urgent-action-prevent (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- According to the news shared on 18.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the Committee issued a statement to mark the International Migrants Day and said that States must protect migrant workers displaced across international borders by climate change. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/states-must-protect-migrant-workers-displaced-across-international-borders (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- According to the news shared on 19.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, urges ceasefire as civilians pushed to frontier amid escalation about Gaza. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/gaza-turk-urges-ceasefire-civilians-pushed-frontier-amid-escalation (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- According to the news shared on 21.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN Committee stresses that States are obliged to prevent crimes against humanity and genocide. <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/gaza-strip-states-are-obliged-prevent-crimes-against-humanity-and-genocide (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- According to the news shared on 22.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN Special Adviser on Prevention of Genocide, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion decry rising “Antisemitism” and “Islamophobia” around the world. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/12/un-special-adviser-prevention-genocide-high-representative-united-nations (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - According to the news shared on 22.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, an UN Expert warns that Israel working to expel civilian population of Gaza. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/israel-working-expel-civilian-population-gaza-un-expert-warns (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 26.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, Comment by UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Seif Magango on continued bombardment of Middle Gaza was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/12/comment-un-human-rights-office-spokesperson-seif-magango-continued-bombardment (Access Date: 28.12.2023)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 28.12.2023, on the website of OHCHR, “Flash report on the human rights situation in the West Bank including East Jerusalem, 7 October - 20 November 2023” was published and about the subject of the report, Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, warned of rapidly deteriorating human rights situation in the West Bank, called for end to violence. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/country-reports/flash-report-human-rights-situation-west-bank-including-east-jerusalem-7 https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/un-report-turk-warns-rapidly-deteriorating-human-rights-situation-west-bank (Access Date: 28.12.2023)
<p>UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2023, on the website of the SPT, it was stated that UN Experts called for a transition to a human rights economy to prevent contemporary forms of slavery. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/12/un-experts-urge-shift-towards-human-rights-economy-prevent-contemporary-forms (Access Date: 27.12.2023) - On 14.12.2023, on the website of the SPT, it was stated that the UN Torture Prevention Experts concluded their second visit to the Philippines by calling for the urgent designation of a national torture prevention body. Source:

	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/philippines-dire-need-national-torture-prevention-body-say-un-experts (Access Date: 27.12.2023)</p>
<p>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2023, on the website of the UNICEF, “statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on the resumption of fighting in Gaza”, stressing the dangers of the resuming violence and its effect on children’s lives, was shared. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-resumption-fighting-gaza (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 05.12.2023, on the website of the UNICEF, it was stated that according to the data from the “Report Card 18: Child Poverty in the Midst of Wealth (the latest in the series looking at children’s well-being in OECD and EU countries)” published by UNICEF Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight, France, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom saw sharp rises in child poverty between 2014–2021, while Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Slovenia achieved the largest reductions. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/more-1-5-children-live-poverty-40-worlds-richest-countries (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 06.12.2023, on the website of the UNICEF, it was stated that according to a new UNICEF-Gallup global poll, only half of young people aged 15-24 were able to identify the correct

	<p>definition of climate change as per the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and climate change knowledge among young people was found to be lowest in lower-middle- and low-income countries – those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change - such as Pakistan (19 per cent), Sierra Leone (26 per cent) and Bangladesh (37 per cent).</p> <p>Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/only-half-young-people-able-identify-correct-definition-climate-change-unicef-gallup (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 09.12.2023, on the website of the UNICEF, “Statement by UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa Adele Khodr on the continued killing and injuring of children in the Gaza Strip and the humanitarian situation” was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-regional-director-middle-east-and-north-africa-adele-khodr (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 11.12.2023, on the website of the UNICEF, it was announced that UNICEF would take part in the Global Refugee Forum 2023, and organize high-level events on child rights, education, healthcare, economic inclusion, social protection, ending statelessness, as well as events on ending child immigration detention and youth participation.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-global-refugee-forum-2023 (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18.12.2023, on the website of the UNICEF, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia Regina De Dominicis’ statement, regarding the effects and threats of the escalation of attacks on infrastructure and low temperatures on Ukraine’s children’s lives, was shared. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/escalation-attacks-infrastructure-leaves-ukraines-children-without-sustained-access (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 22.12.2023, on the website of the UNICEF, “statement by UNICEF on the risk of famine in the Gaza Strip” was shared. The statement called attention to Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report and according to that, at least 1 in 4 households in the Gaza Strip, or more than half a million people, are facing catastrophic levels of acute food insecurity, the highest level of warning. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-risk-famine-gaza-strip (Access Date: 26.12.2023)
<p>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.12.2023, on the UNDP’s website, it was stated that the UN Development Program has initiated a plan to increase integrity in carbon markets and increase access to financing plans for developing countries. Source: https://www.undp.org/press-releases/un-development-programme-launches-plan-boost-integrity-carbon-markets-

	<p>and-increase-access-finance-schemes-developing-countries (Access Date: 27.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.12.2023, on the UNDP’s website, a statement was issued about the importance of securing the rights of everyone in a rapidly changing world. <p>Source: https://www.undp.org/stories/ensuring-rights-all-rapidly-changing-world (Access Date: 27.12.2023)</p>
<p>The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.12.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD held its seventh informal meeting with States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and in the dialogue, States parties and Committee Experts discussed, among other topics, strengthening of the treaty bodies system, the Committee’s resources and working methods, cooperation with non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutes, and equitable geographic representation in the membership of the Committee, as well as the situation in Xinjiang autonomous region of China and the Gaza Strip. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/12/committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-holds-seventh-meeting-states-parties (Access Date: 27.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.12.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD issued its findings on Bolivia, Bulgaria, Germany, Morocco, South Africa and Vietnam after reviewing the six States parties in its latest session.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/un-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-publishes-findings-bolivia> (Access Date: 27.12.2023)

- On 21.12.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD adopted a decision under its “Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedures”. In the decision, the Committee stated that it is “gravely concerned about the resumption of the brutal hostilities in the occupied Gaza Strip on 1 December 2023 after a seven-day ‘pause’.”, voiced its grave concerns about the racist hate speech, incitement to violence and genocidal actions, as well as dehumanizing rhetoric targeted at Palestinians since 7 October 2023 by Israeli senior government officials, Parliament members, politicians and public figures, raised the alarm on the deteriorating human rights situation in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem in the past few weeks, including the increase in unlawful use of lethal force by the Israeli forces, violence by settlers, arbitrary arrests and detention of Palestinians, urged an immediate and sustained ceasefire in the occupied Gaza Strip, and called upon Israel and the State of Palestine to fully collaborate with the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, in their investigations.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/gaza-strip-states-are-obliged-prevent-crimes-against-humanity-and-genocide> (Access Date: 27.12.2023)

<p>Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.12.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was announced that NHRI COP28 Symposium titled “Climate change and human rights: the role of National Human Rights Institutions” was started in Dubai and online at the same time. Source: https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1731912994819277016 (Access Date: 22.12.2023) - On 20.12.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that United Nations General Assembly resolution adopted that day which says that NHRIs are key in addressing human rights impacts of climate change and it also calls on States “to ensure NHRIs comply with Paris Principles & can operate in a safe environment.” Source: https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1737217490403668093 (Access Date: 22.12.2023)
<p>European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2023, on the CPT’s website, The Council of Europe’s Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) has published the report on its visit to Portugal carried out from 23 May to 3 June 2022 together with the Government’s response. Source: https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-portugal (Access Date: 27.12.2023)

<p>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="536 197 1390 607"> <p>- On 01.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that “Fundamental Rights Report 2023 - FRA Opinions” were available in all official EU languages as well as in Albanian, Macedonian and Serbian.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-fundamental-rights-report-opinions-now-all-eu-languages</p> <p>(Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="536 745 1390 1218"> <p>- On 06.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA took part in a meeting of the European Commission’s Interservice Group on Child Rights, in which the Commission’s recommendation on integrated child protection systems, planned for the first quarter 2024 were discussed.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/interservice-group-discusses-integrated-child-protection-systems</p> <p>(Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="536 1357 1390 1830"> <p>- On 06.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA took part in the first meeting of the Council of Europe consultation group focusing on children from Ukraine. The meeting focused on applicable law, guardianship, reception and mental health programmes.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/council-europe-consultation-group-children-ukraine-meets-first-time</p> <p>(Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 11.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA, in collaboration with the European Commission, would organize the 1st Annual “EU CharterXchange”, a forum for legal practitioners and stakeholders to explore current and potential applications of the EU’s Charter of Fundamental Rights and its role in driving positive changes for people’s rights. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/1st-annual-eu-charterxchange (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 12.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA’s “Fleeing Ukraine: Implementing temporary protection at local levels” report was published. The report examined how authorities responded to the first-ever activation of the EU’s Temporary Protection Directive, and identified good practices and suggested how authorities can tackle the many shared challenges they face. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/ways-better-support-people-fleeing-war-ukraine-locally (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 15.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA’s Management Board had appointed Sirpa Rautio, current Director of the Finnish Human Rights Centre and Chair of ENNHRI, to be the next Director of the Agency. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/sirpa-rautio-to-become-new-fra-director (Access Date: 26.12.2023)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA contributed to discussion on human rights compliant asylum procedures in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/supporting-human-rights-compliant-asylum-procedures (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 18.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that a new joint publication as a new guidance for border officials and other authorities from the Council of Europe and FRA entitled “Children in migration: fundamental rights at European borders” was shared. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/protecting-children-europes-borders-new-guidance-border-officials-and-other-authorities (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 19.12.2023, on the website of the FRA, it was announced that FRA’s “EU funds: Ensuring compliance with fundamental rights” report was shared. In the report, FRA called on the EU and its Member States to involve national human rights institutions, ombuds institutions and equality bodies in the programming, implementing and monitoring of EU funds. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/eu-funds-fostering-equality-and-inclusion (Access Date: 26.12.2023)

<p>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2023, on the website of ENNHRI, on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, an article was published about the opportunities and challenges that AI, automated decision-making and machine learning technologies present from a disability rights perspective. Additionally, it was stated that NHRI representatives gathered that week for a two-day capacity-building event organized by ENNHRI in Ljubljana. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/artificial-intelligence-and-its-impact-on-the-human-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities/ (Access Date: 22.12.2023)</p>
<p>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.12.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, on the occasion of the day of 3 December International Day Of Persons with Disabilities, Non-Discrimination Ombudsman of Finland’s work for a case was given as an example of how Equality Bodies enhance the rights and freedoms of individuals facing discrimination. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1731603505540976700 (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.12.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, as the start of the final trilogue concerning the EU's AI Act, EQUINET reiterated its joint call with ENNHRI to policymakers and urged the EU’s co-legislators to prioritise equality and fundamental rights in the new EU AI Act and ensure that they are robustly protected in the legislation. <p>Source:</p>

	<p>https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1732426827082387543 (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 07.12.2023, on the website of EQUINET, statement was shared on call to action to unite against all forms of hatred with the catchword “no place for hate – a europe united against hatred”. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://equineteurope.org/equinet-statement-on-commissions-and-high-representatives-call-to-action-to-unite-against-all-forms-of-hatred-no-place-for-hate-a-europe-united-against-hatred/ (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 14.12.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was announced that EQUINET and Federal Antidiscrimination Agency (FADA) co-hosted a high-level conference on “Standards For Equality Bodies (EB)”. It was stated that EQUINET was thrilled to have EBs, CSOs, Governments & EC representatives and more to be there to discuss the crucial role of EBs in fighting discrimination & the need for effective legislation on standards for EBs. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1735300776979812758 (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- According to the shared news on the website of EQUINET, in particular EQUINET’s activities in 2024 will continue to be guided by the main strategic objectives of: “strengthening and supporting Equality Bodies to achieve equality for all, acting as an expert voice of Equality Bodies in Europe on equality and
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	<p>non-discrimination and maintaining and improving Equinet’s capacity as a strong, resilient, and innovative Network”. “EQUINET Work Plan 2024” is accessible on 28.12.2023 on the website.</p> <p>Source: https://equineteurope.org/publications/equinet-work-plan-2024/ (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p>
<p>Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.12.2023, on the website of the Directorate, the President of GRECO, Marin Mrčela’s statement on the International Anti-Corruption Day was shared. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/anti-corruption-day-governments-must-fight-environmental-corruption (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.12.2023, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers had published the case-by-case decisions taken during its latest meeting in the context of the supervision of the implementation of judgments and decisions from the European Court of Human Rights. For the first time, in order to increase efficiency and transparency of the supervision process, the Committee of Ministers has also published an indicative work programme for 2024. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/implementation-of-the-european-court-s-judgments-latest-decisions-by-the-committee-of-ministers (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p>

- On 11.12.2023, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) adopted its Opinion No. 26 (2023) “Moving forward: the use of assistive technology in the judiciary”, with the purpose to examine the advantages and disadvantages of the use of assistive technology in the judiciary.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/the-ccje-adopts-opinion-no.-26-2023-moving-forward-the-use-of-assistive-technology-in-the-judiciary->

(Access Date: 26.12.2023)

- On 12.12.2023, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that GRECO published a report on corruption prevention and integrity concerning top executive functions and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the USA.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/greco-publication-of-a-report-on-corruption-prevention-and-integrity-concerning-top-executive-functions-and-the-federal-bureau-of-investigation-of-the-usa> (Access Date: 26.12.2023)

- On 13.12.2023, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that Council of Europe’s Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) had published the report on its visit to Portugal carried out from 23 May to 3 June 2022.

Source:

	<p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-portugal (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 19.12.2023, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that Council of Europe had published a new expert report on “Remedies and Redress Mechanisms for War-Affected Individuals in Ukraine”. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/council-of-europe-report-on-domestic-relief-measures-for-war-affected-people-in-ukraine (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p>
<p>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.12.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was announced that the ODIHR had held an innovative two-day conference called “Women and Men: working together for equal rights”. It was emphasized in the news that engaging men in gender equality work is still a challenge, and gender equality is often regarded as a women’s issue. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.osce.org/secretariat/559881 (Access Date: 20.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.12.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that election experts from the OSCE ODIHR presented the final report on Albania’s 2023 local elections during a visit to Tirana that took place from 4 to 6 December 2023. It was emphasized in the news that, representatives from the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform, the Central Election Commission, the

Audio-Visual Media Authority and civil society organizations met with the ODIHR Experts and discussed key findings and recommendations outlined in the report.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/albania/559932>

(Access Date: 20.12.2023)

- On 08.12.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that the ODIHR had been publishing its five-yearly report to assess efforts made by OSCE states in ensuring equal opportunities for Roma and Sinti people in all areas of life. According to the news the First Deputy Director of the ODIHR had said: “Since the countries of the OSCE committed to ensuring positive change for the Roma and Sinti across the region over 20 years ago, real progress has been made, but deep disparities between the lives of the Roma and the general population remain in a number of places, and anti-Roma racism and discrimination are still a fundamental challenge.”

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/560082> (Access Date: 20.12.2023)

- On 11.12.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that the OSCE ODIHR had published its final reports on the 2023 presidential and early parliamentary elections in Montenegro with recommendations to assist the country in bringing the electoral process closer in line with OSCE commitments and other international standards. According to the news, ODIHR stated that the elections were well-run even though they took place during a protracted institutional and constitutional crisis. It was also emphasized in the news that the public broadcaster provided balanced coverage, but the media environment was

	<p>polarized, with private media reporting along party lines and inclusion of women in political life remaining low and undermined by insufficient state and political-party efforts.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/montenegro/560253 (Access Date: 20.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 18.12.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated in the news that although Serbia’s early parliamentary elections offered voters a choice between political alternatives and freedoms of expression and assembly were generally respected, pressure on voters undermined the election process overall.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/serbia/560698 (Access Date: 20.12.2023)</p>
<p>Australian Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>- On 05.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the Commission recently hosted a visit from Francesca Albanese, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory. According to the news Ms. Albanese reflected on the importance of “recognizing the trauma and pain of the other”, and shared with the Commission her perspective on the role that State Parties (including Australia) could play in advocating for the respect of human rights. It was emphasized in the news that the Commission has been increasing its work in tackling racism in its institutional, systemic, and interpersonal forms under the National Anti-Racism Strategy.</p> <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/visit-un-special-rapporteur-francesca-albanese (Access Date: 25.12.2023)</p>

- On 07.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that passing of the Migration Amendment (Bridging Visa Conditions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 raised more questions than it answers. It was emphasized in the news that policies concerning immigration and asylum seekers need to be deliberately and carefully calibrated and there are a range of substantial factors which need to be considered together. According to the news the risk is the new laws do not strike the right balance, and do not provide a sustainable long-term solution in what is a complex policy area.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/hasty-detainee-laws-raise-human-rights-concerns>

(Access Date: 25.12.2023)

- On 07.12.2023, on the website of the Commission it was stated that the Commonwealth Attorney-General had tabled a report by the Australian Human Rights Commission that calls for a renewed National Human Rights Framework and National Human Rights Act to better protect the rights of all people in Australia. According to the news, the report provides 12 recommendations to improve government accountability, increase awareness about human rights, and provide all people with better access to justice in case their rights are breached.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/report-tabled-revitalising-australias-commitment-human-rights>

(Access Date: 25.12.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 11.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the Commissioner Lorraine Finlay gave a speech at Metaverse Safety Week 2023. According to the news Commissioner emphasized that ultimately, it is up to all people to ensure that these technologies are developed and used in ways that benefit humanity, and protect against the very real risks posed to our human rights – such as the right to privacy. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/speeches/human-rights-ai-powered-immersive-worlds (Access Date: 25.12.2023) - On 12.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the Commission implements pivotal changes to workplace obligations, guiding a new era of accountability and cultural transformation for organizations and businesses across Australia. According to the news the Commission will have the authority to ensure and inquire into a duty holder's compliance with the positive duty and the purpose of the positive duty is the creation of safer, more inclusive and respectful workplaces throughout Australia. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/positive-duty-employers-commissions-powers-commence (Access Date: 25.12.2023) - On 18.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that, Australia ranked poorly on the world stage when it comes to employing people with disability. It was emphasized in the news that, just 53% of people with disability aged 15-64 are in the workforce, compared with 84% of people the same age
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	<p>without disability, and this participation rate has barely changed in 30 years. According to the news the Commission published a webinar recording in its website which held to learn about the Commission’s successful IncludeAbility disability employment project, and how the insights gained can pave the way for a better future.</p> <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/webinar-lessons-disability-employment-project-includeability (Access Date: 25.12.2023)</p>
<p>The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.12.2023, UNRWA Commissioner General stated that UNRWA's capacity to fulfill its duties in Gaza is at stake. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/gaza-strip-darkest-hour-humanitarian-situation-untenable%E2%80%AF (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 11.12.2023, according to the news shared on UNRWA website, a large number of Security Council representatives went to the Egyptian side of the Rafah Pass, the only entry point open to the Gaza Strip since October 7. UNRWA Commissioner General Philippe Lazzarini informed the delegation about the situation and humanitarian intervention in the Gaza Strip. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-50-situation-gaza-strip-and-west-bank-including-east-Jerusalem (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 14.12.2023, on the Institution's official website, Commissioner General Philippe Lazzarini said that Rafah has become the epicenter of the displacement of Gazans, the Rafah region is where more than 1 million people have fled, and most of them have been moved more than once since the beginning of the war. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/remarks-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini-geneva-press (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 17.12.2023, on the website of the Institution, it was stated that as of December 13, approximately 1.4 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) were sheltered in 155 UNRWA facilities in all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including the North and Gaza City. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-53-situation-gaza-strip-and-west-bank-including-east-jerusalem (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 18.12.2023, on the website of the Institution, it was stated that the humanitarian tragedy in Gaza overshadowed the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/features/gaza-tragedy-casts-long-shadow-over-75th-anniversary-universal-declaration-human (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

<p>The Danish Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.12.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that Danish Institute for Human Rights and Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) would be partnering to offer support to national human rights institutions in the coming years in line with APF's Regional Action Plan on Human Rights Defenders. Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/news/new-partnership-will-focus-human-rights-defenders-asia-pacific-region (Access Date: 25.12.2023) - On 10.12.2023, on the website of the Institute, Director of the Institute for Human Rights Louise Holck's statement on Human Rights Day and 75th anniversary of The UN Declaration of Human Rights was published. Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/75-aar-verdenserklaringen-menneskerettighederne-angreb-aldrig-foer (Access Date: 25.12.2023)
<p>German Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that on the occasion of the International Day of People with Disabilities on December 3rd, the Institute criticized the half-hearted implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Germany. According to the news, the Institute was called on the federal, state and local governments to work more resolutely than before for the inclusion and self-determination of people with disabilities. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschenrechtsinstitut-

[fordert-mehr-einsatz-fuer-inklusion-und-selbstbestimmung-von-menschen-mit-behinderungen](#) (Access Date: 25.12.2023)

- On 04.12.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that personal, sensitive data such as language, skin colour or origin is not sufficiently protected by the police in Germany and there is therefore a risk that police data processing could lead to racial discrimination. According to the news, the institute recommended that federal and state legislators specify under what conditions, if at all, sensitive data may be processed in addition, binding protective measures should be established.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/schutz-vor-rassistischer-diskriminierung-praezise-und-verbindliche-vorgaben-fuer-polizeiliche-datenverarbeitung-notwendig>

(Access Date: 25.12.2023)

- On 12.12.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that the federal government of Germany had initially clearly rejected a UN convention on the rights of older people without any necessity. According to the news, the Institute has been campaigning for a UN convention on the rights of older people for many years. It was emphasized in the news that the recognition of existing protection gaps in the international human rights protection system and the commitment to a UN convention to close these gaps would have been an important contribution by Germany to the rights of older people worldwide.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer->

	<p>menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/chance-verpasst-bundesregierung-spricht-sich-gegen-eine-un-konvention-fuer-die-rechte-aelterer-aus (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 14.12.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that the Institute had welcomed the preliminary agreement on the adoption of the EU Directive on corporate due diligence in the area of sustainability. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschenrechtsinstitut-begruesst-einigung-zum-eu-lieferkettengesetz (Access Date: 26.12.2023) - On 18.12.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute had welcomed the fact that the new Hessian state government wants to implement the findings from the first phase of child and youth rights monitoring for Hesse and has decided to empower children and young people to stand up for their rights. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/landesverfassung-ernst-nehmen-hessen-sollte-vorreiterrolle-in-sachen-kinder-und-jugendrechte-weiter-ausbauen (Access Date: 26.12.2023)
<p>The National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) of Qatar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2023, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that, on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Chairperson of the Committee Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah called for a

	<p>commitment to a unified Arab-Islamic position that goes beyond statements of denunciation and condemnation to exercising actual pressure to implement international law and international humanitarian law in order to hold the Israeli occupation accountable and prosecute its political and military leaders for the crimes they have committed.</p> <p>Source: https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/bmnasb-alyom-alaaalmy-ltdamn-maa-alshaab-alfstyny-allgn-alotny-lhkok-alansan-tdaao-lmokf-aarby-aslamy-ytgaoz-alshgb-oaladannhrcfj7S/page (Access Date: 25.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 09.12.2023, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the National Human Rights Committee organized a symposium on “The contribution of the right to food to the enjoyment of all human rights and the protection of human dignity.” <p>Source: https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/allgn-alotny-lhkok-alansan-tnthm-ndo-hol-alhk-fy-alghthaaa-alkoaryghod-lmaaalg-thdyat-altmtaa-balhk-fy-alghthaaa-almstdamnhrcDObC/page (Access Date: 25.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 13.12.2023, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that the National Human Rights Committee participated in the opening of the twenty-second regular session of the Permanent Commission for Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which was held in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the aim of examining ways and means of confronting the growing scourge of discrimination,
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	<p>including racial discrimination and its various contemporary manifestations.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/khlal-gls-nkashy-hol-alkdaaa-aal-altmyyz-alaansry-nasr-almry-hrb-ghz-anthakat-mroaa-aakst-aaal-drgat-alaansry-oalkrahynhrcW6b6/page</p> <p>(Access Date: 25.12.2023)</p>
<p>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that IHREC had wrote to Minister Roderic O’Gorman to highlight IHREC’s deep concern at reports of a shortfall in emergency accommodation for applicants for international protection. It was stated in the news that if the State does fail to provide accommodation for people seeking International Protection, it would be in breach of the European Communities (Reception Conditions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 230/2018) and the related European Directive. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-deeply-concerned-by-reports-of-a-shortfall-in-emergency-accommodation-for-applicants-for-international-protection/</p> <p>(Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that figures from a released nationwide survey by the IHREC to mark International Day of People with Disabilities showed that just 21% of people believe that the government is doing enough to support disabled people and that the same low percentage of respondents believe that disabled people receive equal opportunities in terms of employment. According to the news, IHREC had urged

	<p>transparency from Government around rights for disabled people.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/just-1-in-5-agree-that-government-is-doing-enough-to-support-disabled-people/ (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 06.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that people all across the island of Ireland should have the same human rights and equality protections, according to a massive 81% of respondents to a new public awareness survey which was carried out in Ireland on behalf of the IHREC. According to the news, over three quarters of respondents (76%) agree, or agree strongly, that more needs to be done to harmonise equality and human rights protections on the island of Ireland post-Brexit and to ensure that there is an equivalence of rights from now on. Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/81-believe-that-everyone-on-the-island-of-ireland-should-have-the-same-level-of-human-rights-and-equality-protections/ (Access Date: 26.12.2023)- On 10.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that, according to the survey which was carried out in Ireland on behalf of the IHREC, vast majority of people in Ireland (85%) believe everyone should be treated equally, regardless of who you are or where you come from, while only 30% of people think the government is doing enough to address racism. It was emphasized in the news that more than 26% of those surveyed who are not of white Irish ethnicity reported having experienced racism in the past 12 months, as have 17% of those
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with another citizenship than Irish and almost 31% reported to having witnessed racism in Ireland during the same period, a statistic that was higher among the 18-24 year olds (52%).

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/85-believe-that-everyone-should-be-treated-equally-new-poll/> (Access Date: 26.12.2023)

- On 14.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that IHREC had welcomed a High Court judgement that sets aside a Labour Court Determination in a case about racial discrimination under the Employment Equality Acts. It was emphasized in the news that IHREC had urged employers to take all possible actions to protect employees from racial discrimination and harassment as required under the Employment Equality Acts.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/high-court-determines-labour-court-erred-on-a-point-of-law-in-important-racial-discrimination-case/> (Access Date: 26.12.2023)

- On 21.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the new research published by the IHREC had found that there are no conflicting rights in the Irish Constitution that would prevent the Government from introducing essential statutory framework and protections for collective bargaining. It was emphasized in the news that the right to join a union and bargain collectively for better pay and conditions is central to a healthy democracy.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/legislative-measures-urgently-required-to-secure-right-to-collective-bargaining/>

	<p>(Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that IHREC had provided legal assistance to a young person with a disability in a discrimination claim under the Equal Status Acts. According to the news, the complainant subsequently referred a complaint of discrimination on the ground of disability to the Workplace Relations Commission with legal assistance from the Commission, that complaint has been settled on terms satisfactory to both parties. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-legally-assists-young-person-in-disability-rights-claim/ (Access Date: 26.12.2023)</p>
<p>The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, a policy document of the Independent Commission on Human Rights (ICHR) titled "Dimensions and Forms of Israeli Military Aggression Against Palestinian Women" was published. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ichr.ps/en/category-1/8643.html (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, ICHR made an urgent call to reveal the fate of detainees in Gaza who were subjected to torture by Israeli soldiers. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/8649.html (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 16.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, ICHR issued a research paper titled “Violations against Palestinian Male and Female Prisoners during Israel’s War of Genocide on Gaza.” Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/category-1/8663.html (Access Date: 28.12.2023) - On 17.12.2023, on the website of the Commission, in light of the attack on Kamal Adwan Hospital, ICHR urges an immediate international criminal investigation into the actions of Israel. Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/8670.html (Access Date: 28.12.2023)
<p>The National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to the news shared on the website of the Center on 09.12.2023, Kazakhstan’s Human Rights Commissioner Artur Lastayev and Director of the National Center for Human Rights of Uzbekistan Akmal Saidov participated in 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Conference and on the sidelines of the Human Rights 75 High-Level Event, Human Rights Commissioner Lastayev specified Kazakhstan’s efforts for promoting human rights and he expressed that Kazakhstan aligns Human Rights Strategy with Sustainable Development. Source: http://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m12087 (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

<p>United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was announced that a statement had been made by Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on Gaza. According to the news The UN aid chief reiterated the call for a humanitarian ceasefire and emphasized the need to maintain progress in aid delivery. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/gaza-reiterating-call-humanitarian-ceasefire-un-relief-chief-stresses-need-maintain-progress (Access Date: 27.12.2023) - On 04.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that the current situation in Gaza does not allow humanitarian organizations to address people’s needs. According to the news under international humanitarian law, parties to a conflict must take all feasible precautions to avoid, and in any event to minimize, civilian harm and all possible measures must be adopted to ensure that those civilians displaced can afford satisfactory conditions of safety, shelter, nutrition and hygiene, and ensure that family members are not separated. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-sudan-philippines (Access Date: 27.12.2023) - On 06.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Ocha Director of Coordination, had made a speech in Security Council Meets on Maintenance of Peace and Security of Ukraine about the situation in Ukraine. According to the news, Director of Coordination emphasized in his speech that while Ukraine remains under attack and in a
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	<p>state of conflict, the conditions that are causing such devastation and misery, and the ripple effects around the world, will persist. According to the news, Director stated that: “We come to the end of 2023 and enter 2024, we must redouble our efforts to prevent further escalation in Ukraine.”</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/ukraine-war-will-continue-cause-ripple-effects-around-world (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 06.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was announced that forty-three donors announced contributions of more than US\$419 million for Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for 2024, exceeding the \$409 million pledged at last year’s event. According to the news, this year CERF had allocated more than \$640 million to support millions of people who need urgent assistance in some 40 countries and territories. This included kick-starting urgent humanitarian operations in Gaza and Sudan, as well as swiftly responding to the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/donors-pledge-over-419-million-central-emergency-response-fund-2024 (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 06.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that the attack in Kherson City, in southern Ukraine, destroyed a local NGO’s humanitarian warehouse. According to the news, no humanitarian workers were hurt, but the warehouse and humanitarian supplies burned down.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-0> (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 07.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated in the news that Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, had spoken to journalists at the UN in Geneva. According to the news, Martin Griffiths said that: “We here being the humanitarian community, and I represent the humanitarian community writ large, not just the United Nations – is that we do not have a humanitarian operation in southern Gaza that can be called by that name anymore. That the pace of the military assault in southern Gaza is a repeat of the assault in northern Gaza. That it has made no place safe for civilians in southern Gaza, which had been a cornerstone of the humanitarian plan to protect civilians and thus to provide aid to them. But without places of safety, that plan is in tatters.”

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-no-place-safe-civilians-southern-gaza> (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 07.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that the World Food Programme (WFP) had warned that hunger was spreading widely in Gaza, and people were growing increasingly desperate trying to find food to feed their families. According to the news, OCHA had reported that most patients and staff in the Kamal Adwan Hospital in Jabalia were evacuated yesterday by the Ministry of Health in Gaza and the hospital largely stopped functioning and ceased admitting new patients due to the intense fighting in its vicinity, compounded by the lack of basic medical supplies, water, food and fuel.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-central-emergency-response-fund>

(Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 11.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Martin Griffiths, said that he was appalled by the attack on a convoy of the International Committee of the Red Cross that was trying to evacuate civilians from Sudan's capital, Khartoum. In a post on social media, he called on the parties to the conflict in Sudan to protect civilians, aid workers, and medical personnel. According to the news, Mr. Griffiths said such outrageous attacks must stop now. It was also emphasized in the news that OCHA warned that more than half of South Sudan's population is going hungry and an estimated 1.6 million children in the country are expected to suffer from acute malnutrition through June of next year.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-global-humanitarian-overview-sudan-south-sudan> (Access Date: 28.12.2023)

- On 13.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that the spread of diseases in Gaza has reportedly intensified, especially due to overcrowded living conditions, which adds to the strain on an increasingly overwhelmed health system and an increased risk of people dying. According to the news, the head of the World Health Organization in the Occupied Palestinian Territory had announced that cases of meningitis, jaundice, impetigo, chickenpox and other upper respiratory tract infections had been recorded.

	<p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-1 (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 20.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that Afghanistan had remained one of the countries with the highest levels of humanitarian need, and the country in which aimed to reach the greatest number of people with humanitarian assistance according to the launched Global Humanitarian Overview for 2024. It was emphasized in the news that, the Afghan people need sustainable solutions and a longer-term approach that moves them beyond mere survival: solutions that allow support for income generation, agriculture, climate resilience, and restoration of basic services.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/afghanistan-humanitarian-needs-push-record-levels-years-end (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p> <p>- On 26.12.2023, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that the OCHA is warning of the impact of telecommunications blackouts on relief efforts, as access to communication and internet service remains unreliable. According to the news, the primary telecommunications provider in the Gaza Strip had reported another halt those services, citing damage to its infrastructure.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-2 (Access Date: 28.12.2023)</p>

<p>French National Consultative Commission On Human Rights (CNCDH)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="536 188 1394 616"> <p>- On 01.12.2023, on its website, the National Human Rights Advisory Commission (CNCDH) made a series of recommendations for better protection of human rights defenders.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/la-cncdh-appelle-la-france-renforcer-la-protection-des-defenseurs-des-droits-humains (Access Date: 27.12.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="536 741 1394 1220"> <p>- On 05.12.2023, on its website, CNCDH was stated that independent national rapporteur on the rights-based approach to disability, the Commission published the report named <i>"Public Disability Policies: Dealing with the Persistence of Stereotypes, Prejudices, and Discrimination."</i></p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/la-cncdh-presente-le-rapport-les-politiques-publiques-du-handicap (Access Date: 27.12.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="536 1346 1394 1774"> <p>- On 13.12.2023, on its website, the CNCDH made recommendations so that the phenomenon of violent deaths of children is better known, and therefore better understood, and so that this violence stops.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/comment-mettre-fin-aux-morts-violentes-denfants-la-cncdh-formule-des-recommandations-0 (Access Date: 27.12.2023)</p>
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