

IN PHOTOS

JANUARY



The Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres (on the right) and the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif answer questions from journalists during a joint press stakeout following the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan co-hosted by the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations in Geneva on 9 January. ©UN Photo: Jean-Marc Ferré

FEBRUARY



(From right to left) The Director-General of the UN Office at Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya, the President of the UN General Assembly, Csaba Kőrösi, the President of the Human Rights Council, Václav Bálek, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, and the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, open the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council at the Palais des Nations on 27 February. ©UN Photo: Violaine Martin

MARCH



The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, Hans Grundberg (centre), the Regional Director for the Near and Middle East of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Fabrizio Carboni (third from left), and representatives of the parties to the conflict in Yemen mark the conclusion, on 20 March, of the seventh meeting of the Supervisory Committee on the Implementation of the Detainees' Exchange Agreement, at which they successfully finalized the implementation plan for the release of 887 conflict-related detainees from all sides. ©UN Photo: Elma Okic

APRIL



On 20 April, UN Geneva celebrated Chinese Language Day by promoting the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of China. Every year, UN Geneva showcases its commitment to multilingualism through various activities organized as part of celebrations of language days. ©UN Photo: UN Library and Archives Geneva

MAY



The Director-General of the UN Office at Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya, welcomes the President of Botswana, Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, to the Palais des Nations for a bilateral meeting on 2 May, on the margins of the President's State visit to Switzerland. ©UN Photo: François Vioud

JUNE



Singer and activist Joan Baez discusses her advocacy efforts for tackling climate change in the UNTV Geneva studio on 27 June. ©UN Photo: Nicholas Hopkins-Hall

JULY



Students from 50 countries mark the conclusion of the sixty-first Graduate Study Programme, the United Nation's longest-running educational initiative, at UN Geneva on 14 July.

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AUGUST



On 19 August, UN Geneva and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs commemorated World Humanitarian Day, paying tribute to the 22 persons, many of whom were UN staff members, killed in the devastating terrorist bombing of the Canal Hotel in Baghdad 20 years ago, as well as to all colleagues who have lost their lives in humanitarian service.

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SEPTEMBER



Technicians run the audiovisual equipment in the newly renovated press room at the Palais des Nations as members of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic present, on 12 September, their latest report to Geneva-based journalists.

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OCTOBER



Twenty-two heads and representatives of Geneva-based United Nations entities gathered at the Palais des Nations on 5 October to sign a declaration affirming their commitment to the goals of the Geneva Alliance against Racism.

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NOVEMBER



The Young Activists Summit, held on 16 November at UN Geneva for the fifth straight year, honoured five remarkable young activists. Prince Albert II of Monaco (centre), a State Councillor of Geneva, Nathalie Fontanet (second from right), and the Director-General of the UN Office at Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya (third from left) attended the ceremony, along with four of the five laureates, Maïmouna Ba (right), Francisco Vera (third from right), Roshni Perween (fourth from right) and Nisreen Elsaim (second from left). The event was moderated by the founder of the non-governmental organization SheSays, Trisha Shetty (far left). ©UN Photo

DECEMBER



The year-long [Human Rights 75 initiative](#) culminated in a high-level event, held at the Palais des Nations on 11 and 12 December. The event brought together many high-level dignitaries, who pledged commitments to human rights, engaged in panel discussions on fundamental and emerging questions related to human rights and, among other activities, attended exhibitions and a concert held in the context of the event.