



► What are human rights?

Human rights represent a fundamental area of international law which developed following the atrocities committed during World War I and II. Amongst the first instruments is the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) - championed by Eleanor Roosevelt – marking the first time that a statement existed that human rights do not simply belong to the national level but exist on the international plane as well. Subsequently, human rights were defined internationally as we know them today – rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of the nationality, place of residence, sex, national/ethnic origin, colour, religion, language or any other status without discrimination. These rights are all universal, inalienable, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible. They are subject to national implementation and international protection. Therefore, it remains the responsibility of states to act in certain ways or to refrain from certain acts, in order to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals or groups.



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Lebanon – ['I see you': Lebanon activists create flight tracker for politicians' private jets](#)

A group of three Lebanese activists have created an automated service that tracks the private planes of Lebanon's politicians and economic oligarchs. The service, operated through the twitter account Lebanon Private Jets, automatically tweets whenever a Lebanese person of interest flies, anywhere in the world. The tweets include the type of plane, its ID tag-sign, its owner (if available) and flight path. The account grew out of a shared love of aviation and a growing anger over the jet-setting lifestyle Lebanon's economic elite have lived throughout the crisis, one of the activists told The New Arab under the condition of anonymity.

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Lebanon – [Lebanon classified as 'authoritarian regime' for first time in Economist Intelligence Unit's annual Democracy Index](#)

The Economist Intelligence Unit has changed Lebanon's classification from a "hybrid regime" to an "authoritarian regime" in its 2021 Democracy Index. Lebanon's rating dropped the most in the categories "functioning of government" and "political culture". The score was attributed to the involvement of interest groups in the political system, the economic crisis, and "the worsening perceptions of democracy and rising support for military rule."

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Lebanon – [Will the Russia-Ukraine crisis affect Lebanon's food supply?](#)

It remains to be seen how a conflict between Lebanon's top two sources of wheat will affect the food supply. However rising global fuel prices will affect the cost of wheat and further conflict could affect the flow of grain out of the Black Sea region, which would drive up fuel food inflation.

Beirut – [The Beirut port silos: A memory the state wants to tear down despite myriad preservation proposals](#)

Last month, Economy Minister Amin Salam announced the government intends to tear down the grain silos mangled by the port explosion and construct new ones in a different area. The silos remain the most visible reminder of the tragedy. Families of the blast's victims gathered at the port to protest what they see as a move to erase the tragedy from the minds of the public just months before upcoming elections. Experts have claimed that preserving and stabilizing the silos would be less costly than demolishing them.

Beirut – [Lebanon foils Daesh plan to carry out suicide attacks in Beirut](#)

Lebanese security forces have arrested five members of a terrorist network that tried to recruit suicide bombers to carry out attacks in Beirut. Interior Minister Bassam Mawlawi claimed a network of Palestinian nationals with connections to Daesh recruited young people to carry out three major operations with explosive belts and missiles in the suburbs of southern Beirut. The five people arrested are accused of planning the attacks and providing the necessary weapons and explosives

Lebanon – [Early marriage blights lives of young girls in Lebanon's marginalized communities](#)

In addition to the perils of poverty in exile, the estimated 1.5 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon must also endure the myriad of challenges facing their host country amid its crippling economic crisis. Add to that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, political paralysis and the ongoing violence in Syria that militate against the return of displaced families, and the options for many appear bleak. Against such a backdrop, marrying off children is seen by some communities – including impoverished Lebanese – as one of the few avenues available to them.

Lebanon – [Fuel dependent Lebanon faces global oil market chaos in wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#)

Russia's wide-scale military campaign against Ukraine has sent global oil prices soaring past \$100 a barrel to a seven-year high. Lebanon imports all of its fuel needs from overseas and has all but eliminated fuel subsidies, leaving consumers at the mercy of global fuel prices. According to the spokesperson for the Syndicate of Gas Station Owners, the price of gas will surely rise, and will likely exceed LL400,000 per 20 liter.

Lebanon – [Compounding crises push growing number of Lebanese to self-medicate](#)

The rapid succession of tragedies plaguing the country combined with an overloaded, underfunded mental health care system have led to a worrying increase in people self-medicating with alcohol, tobacco, cannabis and psychoactive prescription drugs, a new study finds.

Lebanon – ['Hiding in basements': Thousands of Lebanese trapped in Ukraine](#)

Nearly 4,500 Lebanese citizens are living in Ukraine, roughly 1,300 of them students. As Russia ramps up its siege of the capital city, students have been posting videos in social media appealing to the Lebanese government to evacuate the Lebanese citizens remaining in Ukraine. The foreign ministry announced it would form a crisis team composed of ministerial officials and the Lebanese ambassadors of Ukraine, Russia, Poland and Romania to "exchange information and propose next steps that need to be taken". However, Lebanese trapped in Ukraine told Al Jazeera the country's embassy has either not responded to their calls or said there was nothing they could do.

Lebanon – [Lebanon's Hezbollah rejects FM condemnation of Ukraine invasion](#)

Lebanon's Hezbollah movement has rejected a statement issued by the country's Foreign Ministry condemning Russia's invasion and on-going military operations in Ukraine.

Lebanon – [Employer kidnaps domestic worker](#)

In a scene that goes against every aspect of human rights, a domestic worker was kidnapped in broad daylight. According to sources, Rodji, the Filipino domestic worker who was kidnapped had left her employer's house two weeks ago and had filed a complaint against him for mistreatment.

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UAE – [Thousands of children in UAE have no access to schooling: Report](#)

In one of the world's wealthiest countries, thousands of migrant children in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) go without schooling and healthcare. Foreigners outnumber locals nearly nine to one in the UAE, the vast majority of them being low-paid workers from underdeveloped countries.

Turkey – [Turkish court rules to keep Osman Kavala in jail](#)

A Turkish court has said philanthropist Osman Kavala must stay in prison, lengthening his detention of more than four years without conviction. Earlier this month, the Council of Europe said its committee referred Kavala's case to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) to determine whether Kavala should be immediately released. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that Turkey will not respect the Council of Europe if it does not respect Turkish courts, and announced Kavala will remain in custody and set the next hearing for March 21.

Turkey – [Turkey: Human Rights Defender on Trial](#)

Öztürk Türkdoğan, co-chair of the Human Rights Association, Turkey's oldest human rights group, is scheduled to stand trial in Ankara on February 22, 2022, on charges of "membership in a terrorist organization." Türkdoğan is also being prosecuted in two other trials on charges of "insulting" the interior minister and "insulting the Turkish nation, Republic of Turkey, state institutions and bodies". The prosecution of a human rights defender demonstrates the Erdoğan government's policy of bringing baseless criminal charges against people involved in legitimate and peaceful civil society activities, Human Rights Watch said today.

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Occupied Palestine - [Israeli forces kill Palestinian boy, 14, in West Bank: Ministry](#)

Israeli forces killed a teenage Palestinian boy in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday, the Palestinian health ministry said. "Mohammed Shehadeh, 14, was killed by Israeli forces' gunfire in Al-Khader," in the Bethlehem area, a ministry statement said, urging an international investigation. The Palestinian Wafa news agency quoted local activist Ahmad Salah as saying that Israeli soldiers opened live fire injuring Shehadeh before detaining him and that soldiers prevented ambulances from reaching him. Israel's army confirmed in a statement the death of a Palestinian, whom it said was among three suspects who "hurled Molotov cocktails at passing drivers, endangering their lives". Troops were "conducting counterterrorism activity" in the Al-Khader area where numerous civilian vehicles had been targeted by the incendiary devices during the past month, the army said.

Iran - [Iran: Controversial internet control bill passes committee stage](#)

A special parliamentary committee has approved the outlines of controversial legislation that many observers believe will lead to tighter restrictions on online activity in Iran despite continuing public opposition. The so-called "Protection Bill" was first introduced three years ago but legislators were forced to temporarily shelve the legislation last July amid a backlash, with business groups and internet users warning it would harm online freedoms.

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Libya – [Inside Ain Zara, where Europe's unwanted are disappeared](#)

On January 10, Libyan militias and security forces opened fire as they moved in to disperse a months-long sit-in by more than 2,000 asylum seekers outside a United Nations compound in Tripoli, many of whom had been violently evicted from their homes in October during raids in the western town of Gargaresh.

Syria - [Syria's White Helmets 'stand in solidarity' with Ukraine people](#)

The White Helmets - otherwise known as the Syrian Civil Defence - affirmed their "solidarity with the people of Ukraine", in a statement on Tuesday, saying it fears Russian weapons "tested on Syrians" will soon be used on Ukrainians. The group, whose workers have been rescuing Syrians from Russian and regime airstrikes in the country's war, have said they stand with Ukrainians "in the face of Russian aggression... [and] terrorism".

Occupied Palestine - [Sheikh Jarrah: Salem family gives cautious welcome to Israeli court's decision to freeze eviction](#)

Palestinian family spared eviction for now, as Israeli magistrates' court acts to avoid protests spreading. Palestinians in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah have welcomed an Israeli court's decision to freeze the eviction of the Salem family from their home. There was a sense of relief in Sheikh Jarrah on Tuesday night, after weeks of tension and clashes between local Palestinian families and Israeli settlers and forces in the area.

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Syria – [Syrians in Idlib stand by Ukraine after Russia attack](#)

As the crisis escalates in Ukraine following Russian attacks on the country, many people in Syria – still living through war in their own country – are voicing solidarity with Ukrainians. Putin's government has been a major ally of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad during the war in Syria. Russia joined the war in Syria in 2015 and its military support helped strengthen the position of Syrian government forces, turning the conflict in al-Assad's favor.

Occupied Palestine – [At UN, Palestinians call on Israel to 'end apartheid'](#)

The Palestinian envoy to the United Nations on Wednesday urged the Security Council to stop Israel from discriminating against Palestinians, wearing a black mask emblazoned with the phrase "End Apartheid." "Israel may be outraged by the word," he said, but he added that "everyone else should be outraged by the policy."

Iraq – [Senior Military Officer Accused of Crackdown on Protesters in Iraq](#)

Criminal proceedings were launched this week against Lt. Col. Omar Nazar, a senior Iraqi officer accused of abuses connected to a crackdown on protesters in 2019. The case, launched February 22 in the Nasiriyah Investigation Court, is significant not only because it is one of the few instances the authorities have pursued a senior security officer for crimes committed against civilians, but also because of the failure of previous governments to take action. A Kurdish photojournalist documented Iraq's Emergency Response Division units, including Nazar, committing torture and other abuses. Nazar then went to the home of one of the victims whose abuses were captured on camera, and forced him to deny the abuse. Nazar was arrested on February 11, and is now being prosecuted "on charges of suppressing demonstrators."

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Sudan – [UN expert urges Sudan forces to stop shooting anti-coup protesters](#)

A UN expert has urged Sudanese forces to stop firing live ammunition and tear gas at anti-coup protesters in a crackdown that has killed more than 80 people. Demonstrations have continued in the northeast African country since army chief Gen. Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan led a military takeover on Oct. 25, sparking international condemnation and suspension of aid. As the expert spoke, an AFP correspondent reported that security forces fired more tear gas at demonstrators protesting the coup.

Iraq – [Put differences aside and focus on needs of your people, UN tells Iraqi leaders](#)

The UN envoy to Iraq said in a statement to the Security Council that Iraqi people expect a greater sense of urgency from elected representatives in efforts to overcome internal divisions, and the resultant political impasse, and focus on the aspirations of the people for safety, security, economic stability and the protection of their human rights. The country's parliamentary elections occurred in October 2021, but the election of a president has dragged on since then due to a deep divide between Al-Sadr and pro-Iranian Shiite parties.

Egypt – [Egypt: Hunger Strike Against Indefinite Detention](#)

Three Egyptian activists began hunger strikes on February 10 and 11, 2022, to protest their indefinite pretrial detention, Human Rights Watch said today. The three activists – Ahmed Maher, Walid Shawky, and Abdel Rahman Tarek – have been held between 20 months and nearly three-and-a-half years. When judges issued release orders, prosecutors "recycled" them to different cases to circumvent the two-year limit on pretrial detention in Egyptian law. The three face abusive charges of "joining a terrorist organization," "spreading false news," and "misusing social media."

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Occupied Palestine– [Israel completes 'digital occupation' of Palestinians](#)

Israeli forces have digitized their occupation of the West Bank and control over the Gaza Strip through various electronic systems, including dozens of advanced thermal cameras deployed across the West Bank's main roads, as security experts warn that every Palestinian is under their control. The surveillance footage captures faces and vehicle registration plates which are sent to the Israeli security agency, Shin Bet, for processing. The Israeli armed forces have also been provided with software that enables them to recognize people by scanning their faces through mobile phones. If anyone is identified as a threat, their details are passed to snipers for targeting.

Regional - [Journalists' racist comments towards Arabs and Afghans spark online uproar](#)

CBS news and Al Jazeera English issued apologies after Arabs across social media held no bars when condemning the former and its news reporter after the latter called Ukraine 'relatively civilized' when compared to Iraq or Afghanistan.



INTERNATIONAL

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Ukraine – [Putin orders troops into eastern Ukraine on 'peacekeeping duties'](#)

Vladimir Putin ordered his military to enter the Russian-controlled areas of southeast Ukraine following a decision to recognize the territories as independent states. The decision to dispatch his troops to perform "peacekeeping duties" will be viewed in Ukraine and by other western allies as an occupation of the region and likely trigger tough sanctions and a Ukrainian military response.

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Colombia – [Landmark Decision on Colombia Abortion Rights](#)

Colombia's Constitutional Court has delivered a major victory for women's reproductive rights by decriminalizing abortion on all grounds up to 24 weeks of pregnancy. Abortion after 24 weeks will be legal in Colombia under exceptions in place since 2006: when a pregnancy poses a risk to the health or the life of the pregnant person, is nonviable, or is the result of rape.

India – ['Shoot them': Indian state police accused of murdering Muslims and Dalits](#)

Family and friends of a 22-year-old man, Altaf, accused local police of arresting and torturing him to death in November 2021. They said Altaf, a Muslim man, planned to marry a Hindu girl, and when a local Hindu vigilante group found out, they reported him to the police. In six cases examined by the Guardian of deaths in custody and police shootings of suspects, allegedly in self defense, from 2018 onwards, those accused of carrying out and covering up killings are the same: the Uttar Pradesh police, under the rule of the state's chief minister, Yogi Adityanath, and his Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) government. The victims of these alleged unlawful killings were all from Muslim and Dalit communities.

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Ukraine – [Russia, Ukraine & International Law: On Occupation, Armed Conflict and Human Rights](#)

International human rights law remains in effect and continues to apply at all times, including during armed conflict and occupation, to which the laws of war also apply. Certain fundamental rights—such as the right to life and the right to be secure from torture and other ill-treatment, the prohibition on unacknowledged detention, the duty to ensure judicial review of the lawfulness of detention, and rights to a fair trial—must always be respected, even during a public emergency.

Worldwide – [Global: Older People at Heightened Risk in Conflict](#)

Older people are often at heightened risk of abuses during armed conflict, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. All parties to armed conflict should end abuses against older people and facilitate humanitarian assistance to older people in need. "Older people face serious abuses, including summary execution, rape, and abduction, during conflicts," said Bridget Sleap, senior researcher on the rights of older people at Human Rights Watch.

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United States – [Three ex-officers found guilty on federal charges in George Floyd killing](#)

A jury has convicted three former Minneapolis police officers of violating George Floyd's civil rights. Floyd, a Black man, was killed by white police officer Derek Chauvin. His video-taped death triggered widespread outrage and sparked anti-police brutality protests that spread across the US and the world. Tou Thao, J Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane were charged with depriving Floyd of his right to medical care when Chauvin pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for nine and a half minutes as the 46-year-old Black man was handcuffed and lying face down on the street on 25 May 2020. Thao and Kueng were also charged with failing to intervene to stop Chauvin. Conviction of a federal civil rights violation that results in death is punishable by life in prison or even death, but such sentences are extremely rare. The former officers will remain free on bond pending sentencing.

The UK – [UK government accused of ignoring victims in efforts to tackle 'sex for aid'](#)

The British government has not listened to victims in its efforts to tackle abuse in the humanitarian sector after the "sex for aid" scandals, a UK watchdog has said. Britain's initiative to tackle sexual exploitation in the aid sector was launched in 2018 after revelations that Oxfam employees sexually exploited victims of the 2010 Haiti earthquake. But the report found that abuse cases were still underreported. The Independent Commission for Aid Impact (Icai) said a survey in Uganda found people were hesitant to report cases to agencies because of long investigation processes, and concerns about corruption and not being believed.

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United States – [Texas Officials Threaten Transgender Children and Families](#)

This week, the attorney general of the US state of Texas took the extreme position that gender-affirming health care for children should be criminalized as a form of child abuse. Texas Governor Greg Abbott subsequently ordered state agencies to investigate parents whose children are receiving gender-affirming health care and threatened punishment for professionals who fail to report it. This draconian approach jeopardizes human rights and the provision of medically necessary care, and threatens transgender children and the supportive adults in their lives.

Ukraine – [Ukraine: Russian Cluster Munition Hits Hospital](#)

A Russian ballistic missile carrying a cluster munition struck just outside a hospital in Vuhledar, a town in the Ukrainian government-controlled Donetska region, on February 24, 2022, Human Rights Watch said on Friday. The attack killed four civilians and injured another 10, six of them healthcare workers, and damaged the hospital, an ambulance, and civilian vehicles. An international treaty banning cluster munitions has been adopted because of their widespread indiscriminate effect and long-lasting danger to civilians. Cluster munitions typically explode in the air and send dozens, even hundreds, of small bomblets over an area the size of a football field. Cluster submunitions often fail to explode on initial impact, leaving duds that act like landmines. Neither Russia nor Ukraine is among the ban treaty's 110 states parties.

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Ukraine – [Putin signals escalation as he puts Russia's nuclear force on high alert](#)

Vladimir Putin has ordered his military to put Russia's nuclear deterrence forces on high alert, in the latest signal from the Russian leader that he is prepared to resort to the most extreme level of brinkmanship in his effort to achieve victory in Ukraine. The US accused Putin of "totally unacceptable" escalation and made clear that it would keep up its support of Ukraine and punitive measures on Russia. Despite Putin's saber-rattling, the EU will continue to supply weapons to the Ukrainian Army, Turkey will close the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits to the Russian navy, stopping its vessels moving between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, and BP will divest its nearly 20% stake in the Russian oil corporation Rosneft.

Ukraine / The UK – [Changes to UK visa rules for Ukrainians called 'shameful' by Labour](#)

Boris Johnson has faced criticism after much-anticipated changes to visa rules for Ukrainians hoping to seek refuge in the UK from the war turned out to be minimal. After the Home Office published updated guidance on its website, it was apparent many close family relatives of British nationals would not be covered by the updated rules. Visas, which are being issued free, are only available to spouses, unmarried partners of at least two years, parents or their children if one is under 18, or adult relatives who are also carers.

Ukraine – ['Everyone was fighting to get on a train': the desperation of Ukrainians trying to reach safety](#)

The railway station in Lviv near the Polish border is overwhelmed with requests but has almost no tickets. Tickets for both evacuation trains and regular service trains are scarce. And all men of military age are banned from leaving the country. Crowds block the stairways to the platforms, where people are standing five deep. People in the crowded ticket hall are sitting wherever there is space. Some are sleeping on the floor. Most, however, are jostling at ticket windows where there are few tickets to be had.

Ukraine – [More than 360,000 people have fled war in Ukraine so far, says UN](#)

At least 368,000 people have already fled their homes in Ukraine, according to the UN refugee agency, and more than 4.5 million more could follow if the fighting spreads, Ukrainian authorities have said, with reports of tens of thousands on the move within the country itself. The majority of people are fleeing to one of 12 border crossings Ukraine shares with its neighbor Poland. Others are crossing at one of nine border points with Romania, or into Hungary, Slovakia or Moldova, according to figures collected by the UNHCR. Those with relatives elsewhere in Europe are trying to make their way to other destinations across the EU and beyond. Reports from the border crossings have related tales of largely warm receptions, as people arrive often exhausted, some elated to be in safety and reunited with relatives, others distraught over what they have left behind. An internal report by EU officials said there were lengthy waits at most borders, including up to 70 hours to cross into Poland and about seven hours to enter Slovakia, with many forced to sleep overnight in their cars in subzero temperatures.

Ukraine – ['It's stomach-turning': the children caught up in Ukraine war](#)

The invasion began less than a week ago, but has already brought death and trauma to children across Ukraine. Up to 10 children have been killed in the fighting already. One was killed by Russian saboteurs who shot at her family car in Kyiv. Another was killed by cluster munitions that struck a kindergarten. The explosion raised fears that Russia's military could bring to Ukraine some of the brutal tactics it used in Syria, where its troops recklessly bombed civilian targets including schools and hospitals.

Ukraine – [Fear, darkness and newborn babies: inside Ukraine's underground shelters](#)

More than 80 babies were born in Kyiv's bomb shelters on Thursday and Friday night. In Luhansk, hospital staff rushed to make an underground makeshift ward in the basement of Starobilsk Multidisciplinary hospital while Russian forces fired outside after a woman went into labor and later gave birth to a boy. Other footage showed newborn babies moved to a makeshift bomb shelter from a neonatal intensive care unit at a children's hospital in Dnipro, eastern Ukraine. Dr Denis Surkov, chief of the neonatal unit at Dnipropetrovsk Oblast children's clinic hospital, said in a statement: "This is our reality".

Ukraine / The UK – [Ukraine faces 'bloody, brutal' months ahead, warns UK armed forces minister](#)

Britain's armed forces minister warned that the months ahead will be "bloody" and "brutal". Britain's armed forces minister has pledged that the UK will do everything it can to help Ukraine but warned that the months ahead will be "bloody" and "brutal". James Heappey said on Saturday that he feared Vladimir Putin had "backed himself into a corner" and gone "all in" on Russia's attack on Ukraine. "President Putin, if you listen to his speeches, look at his press conferences over the last two or three days, there has been a fanaticism in the language that he used, a fervor in the tone of his voice. He has gone all in on this. I am afraid that that means that what is in front of Ukraine is bloody, brutal."

United States – [Trayvon Martin compared to Emmett Till on 10th anniversary of death](#)

Trayvon Martin's mother used the 10th anniversary of his death on Saturday to urge those who sought justice for her family to continue to fight. Martin was 17 when on the night of 26 February 2012, he made his way back from a store to his father's home in a gated community in Sanford, Florida, a suburb of Orlando. George Zimmerman, a community neighborhood watch member, confronted and shot him, after reporting him to authorities as a suspicious person. Zimmerman told authorities Martin attacked him. In 2013, he was acquitted of second-degree murder. The shooting refocused attention on race and justice in the US, in the years leading up to the formation of the Black Lives Matter movement.

World/Ukraine/Russia- ['Double standards': Western coverage of Ukraine war criticized](#)

Media pundits, journalists, and political figures have been accused of double standards for using their outlets to not only commend Ukraine's armed resistance to Russian troops, but also to underlying their horror at how such a conflict could happen to a "civilized" nation. The double standards regarding calls for excluding Russia from cultural and sporting events and not extending the same move to other occupying entities have not been lost on social media either. Examples were drawn between the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel – often touted by Western governments as anti-Semitic – and the current exclusion of Moscow from events such as the Eurovision contest and stripping the Champions League final from St Petersburg.

Ukraine - [African students scramble to flee fighting in Ukraine](#)

As Ukraine is battered by war, Africans studying in Ukraine are desperately trying to leave the country. Some say discrimination is hindering their escape. Many refugees arrive at Ukrainian border posts on foot, often after walking significant distances through wintry conditions. Some say that once they arrive at border crossings, Ukrainian border guards are prioritizing Ukrainians and sending others, such as people from African countries, to the back of the queue, some of which stretch for kilometers.

Ukraine/Occupied Palestine - ['Ukrainian girl confronting a Russian soldier' is actually Palestine's Ahed Tamimi](#)

Many online slammed the mix-up, saying a clip of the Palestinian activist drew sympathy and was thought to be from Ukraine because she is 'white-passing'. Old footage of Ahed Tamimi, a Palestinian activist arrested in 2017 by Israel, has been widely shared online under the false claim that she is a Ukrainian girl standing up to a Russian soldier. Images from a 2012 incident show Tamimi, then aged 11, confronting an Israeli soldier, gesturing as if to punch him. However, many on Twitter shared the pictures with false information that it is from Ukraine.