Humanity has always counted its war casualties in terms of dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods, the environment has often remained the unpublicized victim of war.

The United Nations observes the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict every year on 6 November

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has found that over the last 60 years, at least 40 percent of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources, whether high-value resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or scarce resources such as fertile land and water.

Six United Nations agencies and departments (UNEP, UNDP, UN HABITAT, PBSO, DPA and DESA), coordinated by the UN Framework Team for Preventive Action, have partnered with the European Union (EU) to help countries identify, prevent and transform tensions over natural resource as part of conflict prevention and peacebuilding programmes.

The PERAC Principles: In December 2022, the UN General Assembly took a massive step forward by adopting the PERAC (Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts) principles, which establish clear legal obligations for states to protect ecosystems before, during, and after an armed conflict.

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is an international event commemorated annually on the third Sunday of November, this year it is on 15 November 2026.

The Global status report on road safety, launched by WHO in December 2018, highlights that the number of annual road traffic deaths has reached 1.35 million.

More than half of all road traffic deaths are among vulnerable road users: pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists

2026 Slogan & Campaign: the theme "Remember. Support. Act."

DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY
2021 - 2030

Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5 to 29 years.

The "road made loop" is recognized as the global symbol representing the continuity of life, journeys, and remembrance.

A candle/flame icon (representing life and memory) and a red bleeding flower ("Remember Me" image) are widely used across commemorative campaigns

In November 2022, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolution A/RES/77/8, proclaiming the 18th of November of each year as the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence.

"There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace."
- Kofi Annan

Every day, countless children lose their innocence, the joy of childhood, their sense of belonging, and their freedom, as they face the darkness of abuse, exploitation, and violence.

In the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development, ensuring the dignity of children and their right to life and development has been emphasised. Reflected through various goals and targets aimed at ending exploitation, abuse, trafficking, torture, and all forms of violence against children

The theme for the 2026 observance of the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence is "Ethical media reporting on sexual violence against children"

World Sustainable Transport Day is celebrated annually on 26 November to promote safe, affordable, accessible, and environmentally friendly transport systems.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared the day through resolution A/RES/77/286 in May 2023. Core Purpose: To highlight the role of sustainable transport in economic growth, social inclusion, enhanced international trade, climate action, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Everyone can help limit climate change. From the way we travel, to the electricity we use, the food we eat, and the things we buy, we can make a difference