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Launch of the FATA Sustainable Return and Rehabilitation Strategy

The Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) remains one of the most underdeveloped regions of Pakistan. The latest wave of displacement has brought the total FATA displacement caseload up to an estimated 310,729 families – around 2 million displaced people – of which around 70% are women and children. Although the Government and its humanitarian partners are continuing their important efforts to provide relief to this vulnerable population, more sustainable solutions need to be put in place to support the return of the displaced people to their areas of origin.

The FATA Secretariat has taken the lead in developing a Sustainable Return and Rehabilitation Strategy to ensure the progressive and sustainable return of the entire displaced population to FATA. This comprehensive strategy aims to establish an enabling environment in the displaced people's areas of origin in FATA.

- What:** Launch of *FATA Sustainable Return and Rehabilitation Strategy*
- When:** Tuesday 7 April 2015, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
- Where:** Crystal Ballroom, Marriott Hotel, Islamabad
- Who:** Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization.
Lt. Gen.(R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, The Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON)
Mehtab Ahmed Khan Abbasi, Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Dr. Jacqui Badcock, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP
Resident Representative, a.i.
Muhammad Azam Khan, Additional Chief Secretary, FATA
Shakeel Qadir Khan, Secretary Law & Order FATA

Programme:

- 1130-1200** Welcome remarks and presentation on FATA Sustainable R&R Strategy
1200-1230 Discussion with Development Partners
1230-1235 Speech by UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative
1235 -1240 Speech by the Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization
1240 – 1245 Speech by the Federal Minister SAFRON
1245- 1255 Address by the Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
1255- 1330 Lunch

You are cordially invited to the event for press coverage.

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MESSAGE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

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The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace highlights the role sport can play in achieving sustainable progress and change.



Sport has the power to help develop the potential of individuals, communities and nations. It encourages personal growth, is a major force in eliminating

gender barriers and can build bridges across lines that might otherwise divide.

Sport nurtures society by creating a culture in which fundamental values such as equality, the acceptance of rules, mutual respect and fairness are appreciated.

It helps the more vulnerable groups in society, especially young people and persons with disabilities, to enjoy their human rights, including safe opportunities to engage in physical education programmes and sporting activities. This contributes to their inclusion in society and increases their motivation to attend school.

The sporting industry, for its part, has a significant role to play in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices.

I commend athletes across the world for supporting the United Nations in our efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. There have been many remarkable gains, but there remains much to do.

As we prepare a new development agenda for the period beyond the year 2015, including a set of Sustainable Development Goals, I will continue to look to sportsmen and women to be advocates for building a better world for all.

On this International Day, let us pledge to strengthen the role that sport plays in communities around the world. We need to have everyone on the team: governments, international organizations, NGOs and many others.

Let us use sport to help create a healthier, happier and more prosperous world for all.

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MESSAGE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda

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The International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda offers an opportunity to honour the memory of the more than 800,000 people – overwhelmingly Tutsi, and also moderate Hutu, Twa and others – who were systematically killed across Rwanda in less than three months just over two decades ago. It is also an occasion to recognize the pain and the courage of those who survived.

Our annual sombre observance is all the more meaningful this year as we mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. We must use this occasion to look back on the past – and to squarely confront the challenges of the present, renewing our collective resolve to prevent such atrocities from happening again.

Many countries now face grave security threats. People are being subjected to the brutality of violent conflicts and the indignities of poverty. Discrimination persists in societies torn apart by war, as well as in democracies that largely enjoy peace. Hatred may manifest as institutionalized racism, ethnic strife, or episodes of intolerance or exclusion. In other instances, discrimination reflects the official, national version of history that denies the identity of some segments of the population.

I deplore the conflicts and atrocity crimes in many parts of the world that continue to divide communities, killing and displacing people, undermining economies and destroying cultural heritage.

Our first duty is always to prevent these situations and to protect vulnerable human beings in distress. My Human Rights Up Front initiative seeks to prevent serious human rights violations by acting on early warning signs before they become more serious. My Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and on the Responsibility to Protect work to advance national and

international efforts to protect populations from atrocity crimes. We aim to ensure swift and decisive action to save lives and stop abuses.

On this Day, I appeal to the international community to do more than just speak about atrocity crimes and then fail to take timely action to prevent them. I call on all to summon the courage to act before situations deteriorate based on our collective moral responsibility. This is critical for the maintenance of international peace and security.

As I said at last year's commemoration in Kigali, we must exercise "Umuganda" – coming together in common purpose – to avert what can be prevented and counter the cruelty taking place before our eyes.
