



Message by Muhammad Atta Ur Rehman, Chairman of the Institute of International Peace Leaders, on United Nations Day, 24 October 2024

On this **United Nations** Day, we come together to recognize the pivotal role the United Nations continues to play in addressing some of the most complex and pressing challenges of our time. Over the past year, the world has endured devastating wars, violent conflicts, peace and security challenges, and worsening environmental crises. Through it all, the United Nations has stood as a beacon of hope, offering a platform for cooperation and resolution, and tirelessly working to alleviate human suffering.

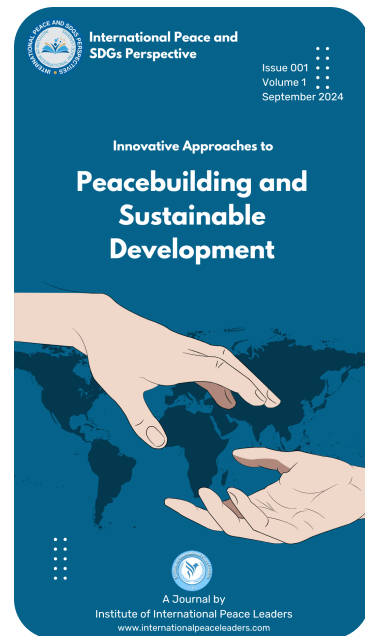
In particular, our hearts go out to the people of **Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine**, who have faced immense hardship due to ongoing conflicts. In **Gaza**, the people endure daily violence and humanitarian crises, yet the UN continues to advocate for peace and the protection of human rights. In **Sudan**, the internal conflict has displaced thousands, and the UN's humanitarian efforts provide critical support to those in dire need. And in **Ukraine**, the war has had profound global implications, yet the UN's diplomatic and humanitarian efforts remain vital in seeking a peaceful resolution to the conflict and supporting those affected by the devastation.

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