

6 Things you need to know in the International Peace Day

1. Peace is not only the absence of war

2. The Peace Index deteriorated in 2022

3. Schools should be zones of peace

4. The top 5 most peaceful countries are from the Global North and 4 of the 5 least peaceful countries are from the Global South

5. After the World Wars, 34 comprehensive peace agreements have been signed

6. Youth plays an important role in peacebuilding processes



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1. Peace is not only the absence of war. The Oxford Dictionary defines *Peace* as “a situation or a period of time in which there is no war or violence in a country or an area”. The absence of violence goes beyond absence of war; it encompasses dignity, rights, well-being and tolerance. [peace noun - Definition, pictures, pronunciation and usage notes | Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary at OxfordLearnersDictionaries.com](#)

2. The Peace index deteriorated in 2022. According to the Global Peace Index, the average level of global peacefulness deteriorated by 0.3 per cent in the 2022 Global Peace Index. [GPI-2022-web.pdf \(visionofhumanity.org\)](#)

3. Schools should be zones of peace. Education systems play a vital role in building long-term, positive peace that transforms the roots of conflict and helps a country move from a fractured society to a new cohesive entity. Going to school offers children a way to transform their lives and lift themselves out of the endless cycle of poverty and conflict. [Schools as Zones of Peace Illustrations in English | Save the Children's Resource Centre](#)

4. The top 5 most peaceful countries are from the Global North and 4 of the 5 least peaceful countries are from the Global South. According to the Global Peace Index for 2022, the top 5 countries more peaceful are Iceland, New Zealand, Ireland, Denmark, and Austria, and the 5 least peaceful countries are Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Russia, and South Sudan. Note: Here we consider the Global North and South not as geographical limitations but as places with different socio-economic and political characteristics. The Global North represents developed countries and the Global South represents the countries under development. To learn more about *decolonial* perspectives, access: *The Global South and the World Dis/order*. Journal of Anthropological Research, 67(2), 165-188.

5. After the World Wars, 34 comprehensive peace agreements have been signed. Not all agreements led to peaceful changes but they show a worldwide need for peace. [Peace Processes & Accords // Research // Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies // University of Notre Dame \(nd.edu\)](#)

6. Youth plays an important role in peacebuilding processes. The African Youth Charter as well as Resolution 2250, 2419, and most recently 2535 of the UN Security council underpin the significant roles the youth plays in peacebuilding processes and calls for their increased participation in decision making as well as their active engagement in negotiating and implementing peace agreements in conflict or transition settings. [African Youth Charter | African Union \(au.int\)](#)