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The Last Mile Starts Now

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A Message on 25 Years of Service as an Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination

In 2026, I mark a significant milestone—25 years since my appointment as Special Ambassador to the Global Alliance for the Elimination of Leprosy, and subsequently as WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination. Over the course of my lifetime, I have visited 127 countries and spent more than 3,700 days working in the field, dedicating myself to the elimination of leprosy and the discrimination it causes.

In recent months, I have engaged with leaders in key endemic countries, including Indonesia, India, and Brazil, to advance concrete measures through high-level dialogue and national initiatives. As these countries account for a large proportion of the world's cases, strong political commitment remains essential to achieving lasting progress.

The Don't Forget Leprosy Campaign, launched during the COVID-19 pandemic, has brought together people around the world through shared solidarity and action. As we reflect on how far we have come, we are reminded that "the last mile" is often the most difficult part of any journey. While significant progress has been made, continued commitment and cooperation are essential to achieving a leprosy-free world. On this 25th anniversary, and through this campaign under our new slogan, "The Last Mile Starts Now," let us move forward together.

I am now 87 years old and my resolve remains unchanged. Guided by my belief that "the field holds both the problems and the solutions," I will continue to devote myself wholeheartedly to this cause until every person affected by leprosy has been reached.

YOHEI SASAKAWA

WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination
Japanese Government Goodwill Ambassador for
the Human Rights of Persons Affected by Leprosy
Honorary Chair, The Nippon Foundation

Role and Activities as WHO Goodwill Ambassador

Yohei Sasakawa has spent some 50 years working to eliminate leprosy, also known as Hansen’s disease: he considers it his life’s work. In his role as WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, he engages with political leaders, human rights experts, health professionals and the media, and regularly visits communities of persons affected by leprosy.

Visiting endemic areas

Since his appointment as WHO Goodwill Ambassador, Sasakawa has traveled extensively to hear directly from persons affected by leprosy about the problems they face.



Field visit to a settlement of persons affected by leprosy, Sampang Regency, East Java, July 2025, Indonesia

Meeting with World Leaders

As WHO Goodwill Ambassador, Sasakawa has met with more than 700 leaders around the world. He advocates for leprosy to be prioritized on the health agenda.



Calling on Pope Francis (Vatican, 2023) © Vatican Media

Supporting self-advocacy

Sasakawa believes that persons affected by leprosy should play a leading role in the fight against leprosy and has supported their activities and the development of their organizations.



The 3rd Global Forum of People’s Organizations on Hansen’s Disease, July 2025, Bali, Indonesia

Connecting stakeholders

Sasakawa observes activities at the grassroots level and conveys the concerns of persons affected by leprosy to political and administrative leaders, inviting them to accompany him and speak for themselves wherever possible.



Brazil National Conference on Hansen’s Disease, March 2026, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Raising awareness

Sasakawa raises awareness of leprosy through the media and by organizing conferences, symposiums and workshops, as well as the annual Global Appeal to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy, which is supported by high-profile individuals and organizations.



GLOBAL APPEAL 2026 to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy, co-hosted with Education International, January 2026, Belgium

Advocating for human rights

Sasakawa regards discrimination against persons affected by leprosy as a human rights violation. His advocacy was instrumental in the adoption of the 2010 UN General Assembly resolution on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, and accompanying principles and guidelines.



Sasakawa addresses the 60th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, in order to draw attention to leprosy as a human rights issue (2004)

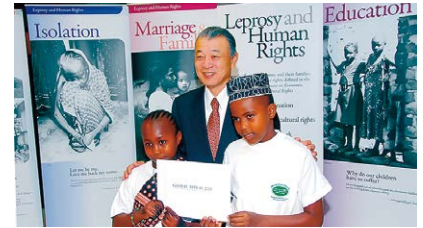
Many Voices, A Common Goal Signatories and Venues, 2006-2026



2006
World leaders and Nobel Peace Prize laureates
New Delhi, India



2007
Representatives of persons affected by leprosy around the world
Manila, Philippines



2008
International human rights organizations
London, UK



2009
World's religious leaders
London, UK



2010
World's business leaders
Mumbai, India



2011
World's leading universities
Beijing, China



2012
Members of the World Medical Association
Sao Paulo, Brazil



2013
Members of the International Bar Association
London, UK



2014
National human rights organizations
Jakarta, Indonesia



2018
Disabled Peoples' International
New Delhi, India



2019
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
New Delhi, India



2020
International Paralympic Committee
Tokyo, Japan



2024
WHO
Geneva, Switzerland



2025
Ministries of Health in Leprosy Priority Countries
Bhubaneswar, India



2026
Education International
Brussels, Belgium



2015
International Council of Nurses
Tokyo, Japan



2016
Junior Chamber International
Tokyo, Japan



2017
Inter-Parliamentary Union
New Delhi, India



2021
International Trade Union
Confederation
Online



2022
World's philanthropic
organizations
Online



2023
Participants and organizers of
International Symposium at the
Vatican on Hansen's Disease
Vatican City

Global Appeal to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy 2006-2026

Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, is a communicable disease that can be cured with drugs that are available free of charge. But while drugs can cure the disease, they alone cannot erase the social stigma and discrimination that are the legacy of centuries of myths and misconceptions about leprosy.

The Global Appeal is an annual message to raise awareness and call for an end to the discrimination that persons affected by leprosy continue to face. Initiated in 2006 by Yohei Sasakawa, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, the Appeal is released every January to coincide with World Leprosy Day. Each year, the Appeal is supported by an influential partner, building solidarity across a wide range of sectors and ensuring that its message reaches far and wide.

For more than two decades, it has united many voices around a common goal: a world in which persons affected by leprosy can live in dignity, free from discrimination and able to enjoy all their basic human rights.

GLOBAL APPEAL TO END STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

Leprosy is among the world's oldest and most dreaded diseases. Without an effective remedy for much of its long history, it often resulted in terrible deformity. It was also thought to be extremely communicable. Patients were abandoned, forced to live in isolation and discriminated against as social outcasts.

In the early 1980s, an effective cure for leprosy became available. Multidrug therapy has successfully treated over 14 million people to date. Contrary to popular belief, leprosy is extremely difficult to contract. With prompt diagnosis and treatment, it can be medically cured within 6 to 12 months without risk of deformity.

Yet fear of leprosy remains deep-rooted. Misguided notions endure — that it is “highly contagious,” “incurable” and “hereditary.” Some even regard it as “a divine punishment.”

Ignorance and misunderstanding result in prejudice and discriminatory attitudes that remain firmly implanted as custom and tradition.

Consequently, patients, cured persons and their entire families suffer stigma and discrimination. This limits their opportunities for education, employment and marriage, and restricts their access to public services.

Fearful that by speaking out they will invite further discrimination, for long years people affected by leprosy, including their families, have been cowed into silence. Such silence reinforces the stigma that surrounds them.

The world has remained indifferent to their plight for too long.

Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and human rights.” This article, however, is meaningless to people affected by leprosy, who continue to suffer discrimination.

We appeal to the UN Commission on Human Rights to take up this matter as an item on its agenda, and request that it issue principles and guidelines for governments to follow in eliminating all discrimination against people affected by leprosy.

We further urge governments themselves to seriously consider this issue and act to improve the present situation with a sense of urgency.

Finally, we call on people all over the world to change their perception and foster an environment in which leprosy patients, cured persons and their families can lead normal lives free from stigma and discrimination.

January 29, 2006

2006

World leaders and Nobel
Peace Prize laureates

New Delhi, India

Oscar Arias
Former President of Costa Rica
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Jimmy Carter
Former President of the United States of America
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

The Dalai Lama
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

El Hassan bin Talal
Prince of the Jordanian Hashemite Royal Dynasty

Václav Havel
Former President of the Czech Republic

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

Olusegun Obasanjo
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Mary Robinson
Former President of Ireland
Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman, The Nippon Foundation

Desmond Tutu
Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

R. Venkataraman
Former President of India

Elie Wiesel
President, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Global Appeal 2007

To End Stigma and Discrimination against People Affected by Leprosy

2007

Representatives of persons affected by leprosy around the world

Manila, Philippines



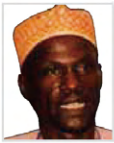
Adi Yosep
Indonesia

*"Every person is born free and equal in dignity and human rights." **



Lak Kiri
Cambodia

Many people think that leprosy no longer exists. But it does — and also the stigma and discrimination it causes.



Shehu Abdullahi S/Fada
Nigeria

Discrimination against people affected by leprosy is one of the oldest and most pervasive examples of social injustice in the history of the human race.



Michihiro Koh
Japan

Even today, millions of men, women and children continue to suffer social, economic and legal discrimination, simply because they or a family member have had leprosy.



Birke Nigatu
Ethiopia



Natália Isabel da Graça Marçal
Angola

Leprosy is a curable disease. Yet misguided notions about leprosy persist, with devastating consequences for those thus stigmatized.



Cristiano Claudio Torres
Brazil

Denying the inherent human rights of anyone on the basis of disease is indefensible. Discrimination can never be justified.



Nicole H. Holmes
USA

Silence on this issue is not acceptable.



Hilarion M. Guia
Philippines

We urge you to join us in the fight to end this social injustice.



P. K. Gopal
India

Together, let us create a society in which every individual is free and equal in dignity and human rights.



José Ramirez, Jr
USA

January 29, 2007



Parwati Oli
Nepal

Global Appeal 2007 is an initiative of Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for the Elimination of Leprosy, endorsed and co-signed by leaders of People Affected by Leprosy around the world.



Kofi Nyarko
Ghana



Valdenora da Cruz Rodrigues
Brazil



Yohei Sasakawa
WHO Goodwill Ambassador for the Elimination of Leprosy
Chairman, The Nippon Foundation



Sarat Kumar Dutta
India



Zhuo You
China

* From the First Article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)

GLOBAL APPEAL 2008

To End Stigma and Discrimination against People Affected by Leprosy

*“To many of us, worse than the very disease is the prejudice that comes along with it.” **

2008

International human rights organizations

London, UK



leprosy is one of the world's oldest diseases.

For much of history, it was incurable.

Countless millions suffered its disfiguring effects.

Today, leprosy is easily treated with multidrug therapy.

Since the 1980s, over 16 million people have been cured worldwide.

Diagnosed early and treated promptly, leprosy leaves no trace.

Far harder to remove is the age-old stigma.

Based on ignorance and fear, society continues to discriminate against people affected by leprosy, even after they are cured.

This has devastating consequences for them and their families.

It limits their opportunities for education, employment and marriage, and it restricts their participation in community life.

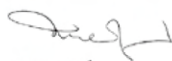
Defining a person by his or her disease is unacceptable.

We appeal to society to understand the facts about leprosy.

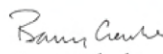
We call for actions to end the stigma and discrimination.

We join people affected by leprosy in affirming the right of every human being to live with dignity.

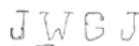
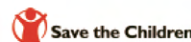
January 28, 2008



Irene Khan
Secretary General, Amnesty International



Barry Clarke
Chair, International Save the Children Alliance



Julio Wilfredo Guzman Jara
Chairperson, Disabled Peoples' International



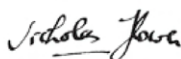
Bryan Dutton
Director General, Leonard Cheshire Disability



Richard Blewitt
Chief Executive, HelpAge International



Elly Pradervand
Executive Director,
Women's World Summit Foundation



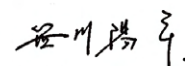
Nicholas Howen
Secretary General,
International Commission of Jurists



Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia
General Secretary, World Council of Churches



Eugen Brand
Director General,
International Movement ATD Fourth World



Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman, The Nippon Foundation



*Francisco A.V. Nunes, Brazil, founder member of MORHAN (Movement to Reintegrate People Affected by Leprosy)

Global Appeal 2009 to End
Stigma and Discrimination
against People Affected by Leprosy

GLOBAL APPEAL 2009

Leprosy is a disease as old as human history.
Its disfiguring effects struck fear in people's hearts.
Patients were ostracized for lack of an effective cure.
Now a cure exists, and it's available free of charge.
Diagnosed early and treated promptly, leprosy leaves no trace.
But mistaken beliefs about the disease persist.
They perpetuate social and economic discrimination.
This discrimination causes emotional and psychological pain.
To conquer this age-old stigma, drugs alone are not enough.
All of us must be part of the social healing process.
People affected by leprosy and their families have a right to a normal life.
Denying basic human rights to someone because he or she once had a disease is wrong.
Let us all join hands to eliminate fear, discrimination, and social stigma wherever they exist.
Let the healing begin today.

Launched at Church House, London, on 26 January 2009,
Global Appeal 2009 is an initiative of Yohei Sasakawa,
Chairman of The Nippon Foundation.

2009

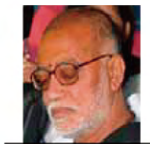
World's religious leaders
London, UK



His Eminence
Ammar A.
Al-Hakim
Vice President of Islamic
Supreme Council of Iraq



His Eminence
Archbishop
Istrinsky Arseniy
Vicar of the Holy Patriarch
of Moscow and All Russia



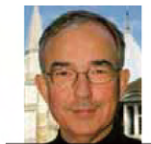
Sant Shri Morari
Bapuji
Shri Sitaram Seva Trust, India



His Eminence
Cardinal Javier
Lozano Barragán
President,
Pontifical Council for Health
Pastoral Care, Vatican



His Holiness
The 14th Dalai Lama
of Tibet



The Very Reverend
John Robert Hall
Dean of Westminster,
United Kingdom



His Royal Highness
Prince Hassan bin
Talal of Jordan
President Emeritus,
World Conference of
Religions for Peace



The Reverend
Dr. Samuel Kobia
General Secretary,
World Council of Churches



The Reverend
Dr. Stavros Kyriacos
Coordinator of the European
Network of Health Care
Chaplaincy; Representative of
the Ecumenical Patriarchate of
Constantinople



The Most Venerable
Yukei Matsunaga
President,
Japan Buddhist Federation



His Eminence Rabbi
Yona Metzger
The Chief Rabbi of Israel



His Eminence
Gaudencio Borbon
Cardinal Rosales
The Cardinal Archbishop
of Manila, the Philippines



Priestess Beatriz
Schulthess
President,
Indigenous Peoples Ancestral
Spiritual Council



His Eminence K.H.
Sahal Mahfud
Chairman,
Indonesian Council of Ulama



His Holiness
Tep Vong
The Great Buddhist Supreme
Patriarch of the Kingdom of
Cambodia



His Eminence
Archbishop
Gregorios Theocharous
Archbishop of Thyateira and
Great Britain



The Most Reverend
Desmond Tutu
Archbishop Emeritus of
Cape Town, South Africa



Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman of The Nippon
Foundation, Japan; WHO
Goodwill Ambassador for
Leprosy Elimination

GLOBAL APPEAL 2010

TO END STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

2010

World's business leaders

Mumbai, India

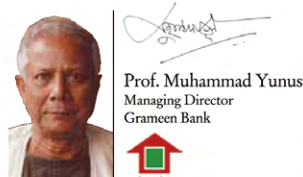
People affected by leprosy often say that dealing with society's attitudes toward the disease is harder than dealing with the disease itself.

Leprosy is curable,
yet the problems brought on by leprosy don't end when the treatment is complete.

Many people with the disease remain marginalized
because stigma and discrimination restrict opportunities for education, training and work.

We believe that people affected by leprosy have the same rights as everyone else,
and deserve the same opportunities as everyone else.

We support the principle of social integration and economic empowerment of
people affected by leprosy.



Launched in Mumbai on 25 January 2010, Global Appeal 2010 is an initiative of Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, Japanese Government Goodwill Ambassador for the Human Rights of People Affected by Leprosy, and Chairman of The Nippon Foundation.

GLOBAL APPEAL 2011

TO END STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

The heads of 100 of the world's leading universities declare that the discrimination suffered by people affected by leprosy has no place in our world.

2011
World's leading universities
Beijing, China

“Leprosy is a curable disease, yet it continues to stigmatize.

The corollary of this stigma is discrimination, resulting in limited opportunities and social exclusion.

The stigma associated with leprosy is rooted in myths and misconceptions that deserve no place in today's world.

With awareness and education, this stigma can be challenged.

With education, people affected by leprosy can be empowered to overcome the social and economic barriers that society has placed in their way.

We call for an end to discrimination against people affected by leprosy and their families.

We support their right to live in dignity as full members of the community with equal access to opportunities and enjoying all their human rights.”

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GLOBAL APPEAL

To end stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy

2012

2012

Members of the World
Medical Association
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Endorsed by members of The World Medical Association

There are many myths and misconceptions about leprosy. As members of the medical profession, we have the first responsibility to set the record straight.

Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease. It is not spread by casual contact. It is curable with multidrug therapy that kills the bacteria and stops the disease from spreading. Early diagnosis and prompt treatment help prevent the onset of disability and deformity associated with leprosy. There are no medical grounds for isolating a person with the disease.

Yet people with leprosy continue to face social discrimination, even after they are cured. Whole families are marginalized, sometimes with devastating results.

Drugs can cure leprosy, but only greater public awareness can end the stigma it attracts.

Without the social stigma, more people would come forward for treatment. New cases would be detected sooner and be less likely to result in disability. The burden of leprosy in the world would be reduced.

We affirm the right of people affected by leprosy to receive treatment at any hospital. We call for an end to discrimination against them and their families. We support their right to live in dignity as full members of the community with equal access to opportunities and enjoying all their human rights.

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GLOBAL APPEAL 2013

TO END STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

Endorsed by the International Bar Association and member organisations

Throughout its long history, leprosy has been one of the world's most misunderstood and stigmatizing diseases. Over the centuries, countless millions afflicted by leprosy have been shunned by their fellow human beings in the belief that they are cursed with a highly contagious, disabling, untreatable disease.

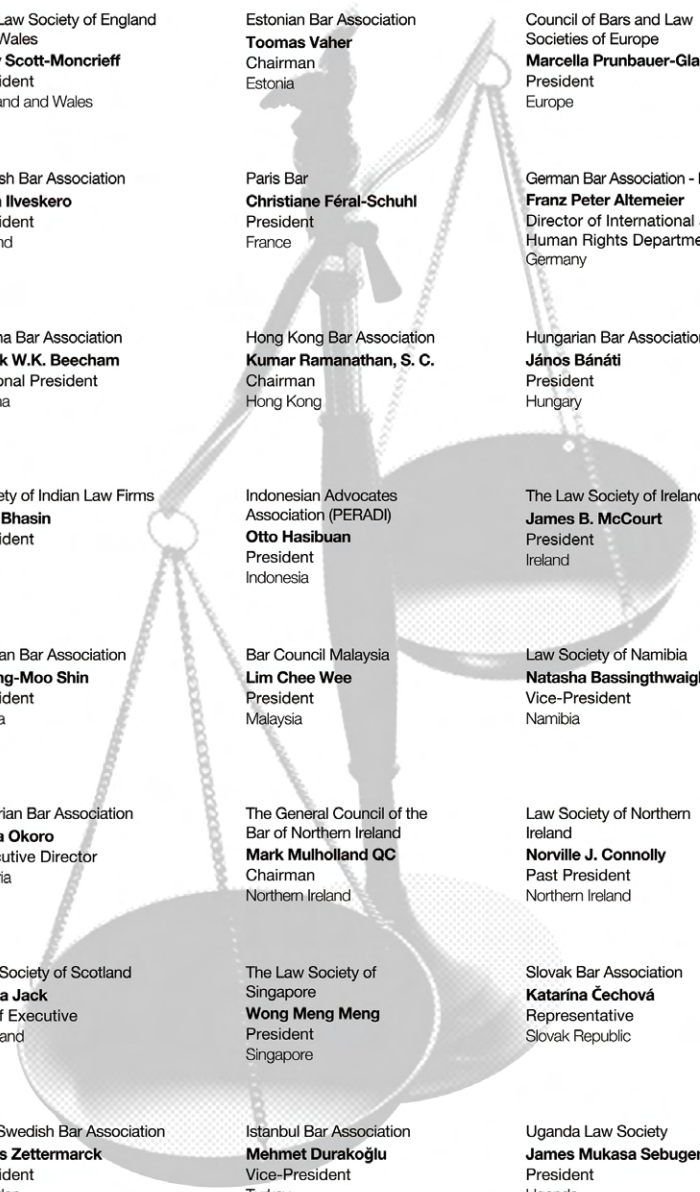
Thanks to modern chemotherapy, leprosy, or Hansen's disease, is now completely curable. With early diagnosis and treatment, it is not disabling. Nor is leprosy highly transmissible. There is no need to isolate anyone with the disease, exclude him or her from their place of work or ban them from public office.

But old images of leprosy die hard and continue to shape popular perceptions of the disease—perceptions reinforced by stigmatizing terminology. For those that are the object of such prejudice, the social, economic and psychological consequences can be devastating.

Helping to perpetuate these outdated stereotypes are various laws, customs and regulations that discriminate against people affected by leprosy in different parts of the world.

There are no medical grounds for segregating or otherwise singling out a person affected by leprosy. Therefore, any laws that sanction such practices are without foundation.

We call for the abolition of all laws that discriminate on the basis of leprosy, we condemn all acts of discrimination against people affected by leprosy and we support the right of people affected by leprosy to live in dignity enjoying all their basic human rights.



GLOBAL APPEAL 2014

To end stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy

Endorsed by National Human Rights Institutions

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Jakarta, Indonesia

Leprosy is one of the world's oldest diseases. Caused by a bacillus, it is completely curable today with modern drug therapy. Contrary to widespread belief, leprosy is not hereditary, it is not untreatable, it is not highly infectious and it is not divine punishment.

Yet because of the myths and misconceptions that surround leprosy, discrimination is never far away. This discrimination can limit opportunities for education, employment and marriage. It can restrict access to public services. It can marginalize entire families.

In December 2010, recognizing the disease's devastating social, economic and psychological impact, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution on elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members.

The resolution is accompanied by principles and guidelines and reaffirms that people affected by leprosy and their family members should be treated as individuals with dignity and are entitled to all human rights and fundamental freedoms under customary international law, relevant conventions and national constitutions and laws.

As national human rights institutions, we applaud the U.N. resolution and condemn all leprosy-related human rights violations. We uphold the right of people affected by leprosy to live in dignity, free from discrimination. We pledge our support to help to bring down the remaining barriers of stigma and prejudice that stand in their way.

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To end stigma and discrimination
against people affected by leprosy

GLOBAL APPEAL 2015

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Leprosy is curable, yet myths and misconceptions about the disease persist.

Because of the stigma, people affected by leprosy face social rejection—even after they are cured.
Whole families are marginalized, sometimes with devastating results.

As the world's largest group of health professionals, nurses are committed to alleviating physical and mental suffering and promoting the health of all people, without prejudice.

We understand the importance of equitable access to health services and of educating the public about disease—especially a misunderstood disease such as leprosy.

Our message is clear: leprosy can be cured. Drugs kill the bacteria. Early diagnosis and treatment prevent disability.
There is no reason to isolate anyone with the disease.

Nurses affirm the right of people affected by leprosy to receive treatment and care.

We call for an end to the discrimination they and their families face.

We support the right of people affected by leprosy to live in dignity as full members of the community, enjoying equal access to all their human rights.

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From ancient times, leprosy has been feared around the world as a disfiguring disease without a cure — a divine punishment, even. Through the ages, individuals with leprosy have suffered harsh discrimination and inequalities.

Thanks to the development of effective drug therapy, leprosy is now completely curable — and the cure is free. With early diagnosis and treatment, the disabling effects of the disease can be prevented.

However, the stigma and discrimination associated with leprosy remain deeply rooted. Individuals with the disease, those who have been cured and even their families find themselves treated unjustly, with their opportunities for education, employment, marriage and other forms of participation in society restricted.

Myths and misconceptions are what prompt this stigma. In order to remove these misperceptions about leprosy, and eliminate the stigma and discrimination, people need to be properly informed about the disease.

JCI (Junior Chamber International) is the leading global network of active young citizens, dedicated to creating sustainable impact in their communities by seeking targeted solutions to local challenges.

We will use our international reach to condemn and fight against the discrimination that individuals affected by leprosy experience.

We will support activities to ensure that the next generation is properly educated and informed to eliminate the discrimination.

We will aspire for a world in which individuals affected by leprosy and their families can live free from discrimination and enjoy the same rights and opportunities as everybody else in order to reach their greatest potential.



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To End Stigma and Discrimination Against Persons Affected by Leprosy



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Leprosy, a disease once feared for its disfiguring effects, is completely curable today with modern drug therapy. Over 16 million people have been treated worldwide.

Early diagnosis and prompt treatment help prevent physical impairment.

Yet mistaken beliefs about the disease persist, perpetuating social and economic discrimination.

In different parts of the world, people affected by leprosy and their family members can find themselves:

- deprived of opportunities for education, employment, and marriage.
- marginalized or rejected by society.
- stigmatized by outdated laws and practices based on discredited assumptions.

We, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, firmly believe that solutions to the challenges facing persons affected by leprosy must be firmly embedded in human rights, as a key component of democracy and development.

We condemn all forms of discrimination on the grounds that a person has or once had leprosy.

We recognize and support the 2010 United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy and Their Family Members, and are committed to contributing to the implementation of its accompanying principles and guidelines.

We urge all Parliaments to promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies to end stigma and discrimination against persons affected by leprosy, and to ensure that:

- Persons affected by leprosy and their family members are treated at all times with dignity and respect;
- Persons affected by leprosy and their family members are fully represented and involved in political discussions and decisions which affect them, and that they benefit from the full enjoyment of their human rights;
- We help create a society in which every individual is free and equal in dignity and human rights.

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Global Appeal 2018

To End Stigma and Discrimination Against Persons Affected by Leprosy

Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) is an organization open to persons with disabilities of any kind.

Our goal is an inclusive society in which everyone has rights and can participate in society.

Both DPI and The Nippon Foundation are committed to this goal.

"Nothing about us without us" is the guiding principle of our activities to realize an inclusive society.

DPI pledges to work together with the leprosy community to raise awareness of the disease to encourage a proper understanding of leprosy and respect for the human rights of the individuals and families it affects.

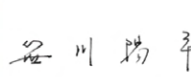
We will work together with persons affected by leprosy to speak out and advocate for greater social participation.

In working towards our common goal of an inclusive society, we will share knowledge and experience with persons affected by leprosy.

Together with persons affected by leprosy, we call on society for the protection of our rights and for equal opportunity.



Javed Abidi
Global Chair
Disabled Peoples' International



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2018
Disabled Peoples' International
New Delhi, India

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(AFDO) | DPI Bangladesh,
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Organization (CDPO) |
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Lepra Indonesia (GPDJI) | DPI Laos,
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Disabilities (GCOPD) | DPI Haiti,
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To End Stigma and Discrimination Against Persons Affected by Leprosy

GLOBAL APPEAL 2019

Each year, thousands of people are newly diagnosed with leprosy.

Depending on their circumstances, they will join other persons affected by the disease who face multiple forms of discrimination and barriers to their participation in society.

In order to combat this discrimination, it is necessary to demystify leprosy by promoting accurate information—namely that leprosy is curable, that treatment is free and that there is no reason to marginalize anyone with the disease.

Success on this front also requires working to build a more inclusive society.

As the world business organization, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) works to create solutions for sustainable economic growth for the benefit of all through a commitment to international trade, responsible business conduct and a global approach to regulation.

By drawing on our global network of 45 million companies in over 100 countries, we develop and advocate inclusive approaches to important challenges, with the objective of making business work for everyone, every day, everywhere.

That includes those affected by leprosy because everyone deserves a chance to fulfil his or her potential, and the barriers of stigma and discrimination should not be allowed to limit their opportunities.

Together with The Nippon Foundation and other stakeholders, the ICC is committed to a truly inclusive society in which the rights of each individual are respected and every person can live with dignity.

2019
International Chamber
of Commerce (ICC)
New Delhi, India



Sunil Bharti Mittal
Honorary Chair,
International Chamber of Commerce



Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman,
The Nippon Foundation

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Leprosy is a curable disease.
But it is not just a simple health issue.

Many people affected by the disease are marginalized
because of stigma and discrimination.

Their opportunities in life are restricted, even after being cured.

Society's prejudice has a negative impact on their families, too.

The International Paralympic Committee aspires to
a more inclusive society for people through Para sport.

It aims to challenge stereotypes and transform attitudes,
breaking down social barriers toward people with a disability.

Diversity and inclusion are core to what the IPC stands for.

We are committed to the creation of a just and
equitable society.

In this Paralympic year 2020, we stand with persons affected
by leprosy in calling for an end to stigma and discrimination.

Together we seek to realize a society that respects the human
dignity and fundamental freedoms of all its members.



Andrew Parsons
President,
International Paralympic Committee



Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman,
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About Global Appeal

The Global Appeal is an annual message to raise awareness of leprosy and to call for an end to the discrimination against persons affected by leprosy. First launched in 2006 by Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and chairman of The Nippon Foundation, it is issued every January to coincide with World Leprosy Day, and endorsed each year by world leaders and organizations in different fields, including religion, business, education, medicine, and law. Launched in Tokyo, Japan on January 27, 2020, Global Appeal in its 15th year is endorsed by the International Paralympic Committee.

GLOBAL APPEAL 2021

To End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy
Endorsed by the International Trade Union Confederation

2021

International Trade Union
Confederation

Online

As the International Trade Union Confederation, our mission is to promote and defend the rights and interests of all working people. Although leprosy is completely curable, prejudice and discrimination based on old perceptions linger.

The stigma of leprosy can result in ostracism and job loss.

Even family members of a person affected by leprosy may find doors closed to them, despite being eager and willing to work.

International labor standards uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

ITUC supports the efforts of persons affected by leprosy who want to earn a living.

We believe in equality and non-discrimination.

We uphold the right of every individual seeking work to be treated with dignity, fairness and respect.



Ms. Sharan Burrow
General Secretary,
International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)



Yohei Sasakawa
WHO Goodwill Ambassador
for Leprosy Elimination
Chairman, The Nippon Foundation

Signed on behalf of the ITUC and its 332 national member organisations representing 200 million workers in 163 countries and territories.

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Sasakawa Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) Initiative is a strategic alliance that links together the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, Sasakawa Health Foundation, and The Nippon Foundation for achieving a leprosy-free world.

GLOBAL APPEAL 2022

Global Appeal to End Stigma

and Discrimination against

Persons Affected by Leprosy

2022

World's philanthropic organizations

Online

In recent times, we have seen how fear of disease has changed people's behavior, creating divisions in society and widening inequalities.

Leprosy, or Hansen's disease, has had this effect.

It is one of the world's oldest recorded infectious diseases. In the past, people with leprosy were ostracized out of fear of infection. It was seen by some as a divine punishment or a curse.

Leprosy is now curable, but myths and misconceptions remain.

Even today, persons affected by leprosy and their families continue to face social rejection in various parts of the world, and this has been made harder to bear by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

As foundations, we are committed to contributing to the public good.

Addressing social injustice and building a better world is at the heart of what we do.

Discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their families is an issue of human rights.

No one should be stigmatized on the basis of a disease.

In the spirit of philanthropy, we call for a society in which everyone can live a dignified life enjoying all their basic rights.



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to coincide with World Leprosy Day. Each year it is endorsed by different individuals or organizations in fields including business, education, health, human rights and the law. Endorsed by the world's philanthropic foundations, Global Appeal 2022 is the 17th appeal in the series.

**SASAKAWA
LEPROSY
HANSEN'S DISEASE
INITIATIVE**

GLOBAL APPEAL 2023

to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Dr. G.H. Armauer Hansen's discovery of the bacillus that causes leprosy.

Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, is now a curable disease.
With early detection and treatment, disability associated with leprosy can be prevented.

Multidrug therapy, the cure for leprosy, is available free of charge throughout the world.
But drugs alone are not enough to overcome social and economic discrimination.

To complete the healing process, we must cultivate the human family's innate vocation to fraternity and recognize that all human beings are brothers and sisters, equal in dignity.

Today, as the 70th World Leprosy Day, established by Raoul Follereau in 1954, approaches, we stand with persons affected by Hansen's disease.

We join them in working for a world free from the stigma associated with the disease and for an end to social injustice.

Let all of us play our part in realizing an inclusive society in which no one is left behind.

Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39)



Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J.

Prefect,
Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human
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Antonio Lissoni

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University of Bergen, Norway

Marlen Eizaguirre Marañón
Anesvad Foundation, Spain

Alberto Roggi
Damien Foundation, Belgium

José Manuel Amorós Muñoz
Fontilles, Spain

**Natalia Carolina Mendez
Pulido**
GLRA Colombia, Colombia

Narasimha Rao Potharaju
International Leprosy Association,
India

**Artur Custódio Moreira de
Sousa**
MORHAN, Brazil

Al Kadri
PerMaTa Indonesia, Indonesia

Pirkko Vihko
Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa
Foundation, Finland

Michael Forbes Smith
St Francis Leprosy Guild, UK

Michelangelo Casano
Voglio Vivere, Italy

Maya Ranavare
Association of People Affected by
Leprosy (APAL), India

Tesfaye Tadesse Haile
Ethiopian National Association of
Persons Affected by Leprosy (ENAPAL),
Ethiopia

Bawani Chelliah
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary,
Sri Lanka

Amar Bahadur Timalina
IDEA Nepal, Nepal

Shigeatsu Tominaga
La Fondation Franco-Japonaise
Sasakawa, France

**Carlos Alberto Abelheira da
Silva**
MORHAN, Brazil

Doddy Agustinus Tumanduk
PerMaTa Indonesia, Indonesia

Clare Barton
St Francis Leprosy Guild, UK

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David Patrick Burgess
UK

GLOBAL APPEAL 2024

to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy

Leprosy, a disease with ancient origins, still lingers in our world, primarily affecting countries in Asia, Africa and South America. While it is now curable, the enduring stigma and discrimination surrounding leprosy remain barriers to its elimination. Early detection and treatment can prevent physical impairment, but fear of discrimination often keeps people from seeking help. To envision a world without leprosy, we must collectively reject the discrimination that clings to this disease and reach every case. The COVID-19 pandemic made the fight against leprosy harder by disrupting country efforts to control the disease. The World Health Organization (WHO), Sasakawa Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) Initiative (SLI) and partners are working with countries to help rebuild these national efforts and ensure better access to care for all. Our greatest ally in this endeavour will be a well-informed public.

Here's how you can help:

- **Educate Yourself:** Learn the facts about leprosy, its curability, and the importance of early treatment and possible prevention.
- **Encourage Treatment Seeking:** If you come across a suspected case of leprosy, prompt treatment is vital. Treatment is available free of charge. Encourage people to seek help.
- **Reject Discrimination:** Treat everyone with compassion and respect, regardless of their health status.
- **Spread Awareness:** Share accurate information about leprosy and challenge stereotypes within your community.

Together, we can create a world where no one is left behind on account of a treatable disease. Let us break the chains of discrimination, work toward a leprosy-free world, and ensure dignity and care for everyone affected by this disease.



2024
WHO
Geneva, Switzerland



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General, World Health Organization



Yohei Sasakawa
WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination
Chairman, The Nippon Foundation

List of countries and territories that reported new cases of leprosy in 2022

African Region

Angola	Benin	Botswana	Burkina Faso	Burundi	Cabo Verde	Cameroon
Central African Republic	Chad	Comoros	Congo	Côte d'Ivoire	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea	Ethiopia	Gabon	Gambia	Ghana	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau
Kenya	Madagascar	Malawi	Mali	Mauritania	Mauritius	Mozambique
Namibia	Niger	Nigeria	Rwanda	Senegal	Sierra Leone	South Sudan
Togo	Uganda	United Republic of Tanzania	Zimbabwe			

Region of the Americas

Argentina	Bahamas	Barbados	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Brazil	Chile	Colombia
Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic	Ecuador	French Guiana	Guatemala	Guyana
Haiti	Jamaica	Martinique	Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama	Paraguay
Peru	Saint Lucia	Suriname	Trinidad and Tobago	United States of America	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	

Eastern Mediterranean Region

Afghanistan	Bahrain	Egypt	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Iraq	Kuwait	Morocco
Pakistan	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	Somalia	Sudan	United Arab Emirates	Yemen

European Region

Andorra	France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Norway	Spain
Tajikistan	Türkiye	Ukraine	Uzbekistan			

South-East Asia Region

Bangladesh	Bhutan	India	Indonesia	Maldives	Myanmar	Nepal
Sri Lanka	Thailand	Timor-Leste				

Western Pacific Region

Australia	Cambodia	China	Fiji	Guam	Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China)	Japan
Kiribati	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Malaysia	Marshall Islands	Micronesia (Federated States of)	New Caledonia	New Zealand
Palau	Papua New Guinea	Philippines	Republic of Korea	Singapore	Solomon Islands	Tonga
Tuvalu	Vanuatu	Viet Nam				

GLOBAL APPEAL 2025

to End Stigma and Discrimination against
Persons Affected by Leprosy

January 30, 2025

Leprosy, once feared as an incurable disease, is now treatable with modern medicine. When diagnosed and treated early, it is not disabling.

Also known as Hansen's disease, leprosy is an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae* and mainly affects the skin and peripheral nerves.

Despite advances in treatment, many people with leprosy still face stigma and discrimination due to outdated stereotypes and myths. This fear of rejection often prevents people from seeking diagnosis and treatment, leaving many cases undetected.

As Ministries of Health in leprosy priority countries, we recognize that leprosy is not just a health issue—it is also a social issue. Stigma and discrimination hinder progress toward eliminating the disease and violate the rights of those affected.

We are committed to ensuring that everyone has access to healthcare services without fear of discrimination and are working toward the global goal of zero leprosy by 2030.

Together, let us raise awareness, dispel misconceptions and ensure that no one affected by leprosy is left behind.

2025

Ministries of Health in
Leprosy Priority Countries
Bhubaneswar, India

Endorsed by the Ministries of Health in Leprosy Priority Countries



Global Appeal 2025 coincides with the 50th anniversary of The Nippon Foundation and Sasakawa Health Foundation's partnership with the World Health Organization for a world without leprosy.

GLOBAL APPEAL

to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy



Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, is an infectious bacterial illness that primarily affects the skin and peripheral nerves. Although it is curable, persons affected by leprosy and their families continue to face stigma and discrimination in many parts of the world.

Addressing the misconceptions that perpetuate this injustice requires the transformative power of education. Education plays a crucial role in shaping the values of future generations, and the right to quality education is a precondition for equity, inclusion and social justice.

As the global voice of teachers, Education International is committed to advancing education that fosters critical thinking, challenges prejudices and eliminates all forms of discrimination, within schools and across society.

Equipping teachers and education personnel with accurate knowledge of leprosy and supporting them to share this information with students can help reduce fear and misunderstanding. Such education also fosters empathy and strengthens respect for human rights.

Schools also serve as vital community hubs for health promotion and disease prevention. Promoting awareness and screening can help to identify early signs of leprosy, enabling timely treatment and reducing the risk of disability and stigma.

Education trade unions also have a vital role to play. Through training, campaigns and collaboration with health and education authorities, unions can empower educators to become champions of inclusion and health.

As educators, we will use our collective voice to promote knowledge, empathy and action, working toward a society in which the dignity of all individuals is upheld.



Mr. Mugwena Maluleke
President, Education International



Mr. Yohei Sasakawa
WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination



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Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Curaçao, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea (Rep of), Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg,

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Education International

Brussels, Belgium

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Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Eswatini, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

List of meetings with dignitaries during the Ambassador's 25-year tenure

*Honorifics omitted; titles as of the time of the meetings

	Name	Title	Country	
2001	Jan	Prasada Rao	Union Permanent Health Secretary, Ministry of Health	India
	Jan	Uton Muchtar Rafei	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Indonesia
	Jan	Prof. Pahdhya De	Minister of Health, State of West Bengal	India
	Jan	Kyaw Myint	Deputy Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Jan	R. Venkataraman	Former President	India
	Jan	John Kufuor	President	Ghana
	Jan	Jerry Rawlings	Former President	Ghana
	Jun	John Agyekum Kufuor	President	Ghana
	Sep	R. Venkataraman	Former President	India
	Sep	Uton Muchtar Rafei	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Indonesia
	Sep	C.P. Thakur	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Sep	Digvijay Khanvilkar	Health and Family Welfare Minister, State of Maharashtra	India
	Oct	William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton	Former President	USA
	Oct	Frederik Willem de Klerk	Former President/ Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	South Africa
	Oct	Albert Friedlander	Rabbi of the Westminster Synagogue in London	UK
	Oct	Árpád Göncz	Former President	Hungary
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Shimon Peres	Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs/ Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	Israel
	Oct	José Manuel Ramos-Horta	Minister of Foreign Affairs/ Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	East Timor
	Oct	Akin Birdal	Former President of the Human Rights Association	Turkey
2002	Jan	Fernando Henrique Cardoso	President	Brazil
	May	Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga	President	Latvia
	May	Andris Šķēle	Former Prime Minister	Latvia
	May	Gro Harlem Brundtland	Director General, WHO	Norway
	Jun	C.P. Thakur	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Jun	S.P. Agarwal	Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Jun	Shakuni Choudhary	Minister of Health, State of Bihar	India
	Jun	A. K. Choudhary	Health Secretary, State of Bihar	India
	Jun	Alok Shukla	Health Secretary, State of Chhattisgarh	India
	Jun	B. K. Chauhan	Health Secretary, State of Jharkhand	India
	Jun	Alka Siohi	Health Secretary, State of Madhya Pradesh	India
	Jun	Ashim Kumar Barman	Principal Secretary, State of West Bengal	India
	Jun	Uton Muchtar Rafei	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Indonesia
	Sep	Pascal Mocumbi	Prime Minister	Mozambique
	Sep	Francisco Songane	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	Oct	Wu Yi	State councillor	China
	Oct	Frederik Willem de Klerk	Former President/ Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	South Africa
	Oct	Jiří Dienstbier	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Czech
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Christopher Patten	Former Governor of Hong Kong	UK
	Oct	Jeffrey Sachs	Economist and Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University	USA
	Oct	John Paul II (the Second)	Pope	Poland
	Nov	Michael Somare	Prime Minister	Papua New Guinea
	Nov	Corazón Aquino	Former President	Philippines
	Dec	Mayawati Naina Kumari	Minister, State of Uttar Pradesh	India
2003	Feb	Kyaw Myint	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Feb	Khin Nyunt	Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council	Myanmar
	Feb	Uton Muchtar Rafei	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Indonesia
	Feb	Upendra Devkota	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Feb	Enrique José Bolaños Geyer	President	Nicaragua
	Mar	Xiong Guangkai	Deputy Chief of the General Staff	China
	Mar	Thomas Esang Remengesau, Jr.	President	Palau
	Jul	M.M. Rajendran	Governor of Orissa	India
	Jul	Lee Jong-wook	Director General, WHO	South Korea
	Jul	Bertrand Ramcharan	United Nations Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights	Co-operative Republic of Guyana
	Sep	Luis Gomes Sambo	Director of Programme Management, WHO, AFRO	Angola
	Sep	Blaise Compaore	President	Burkina Faso
	Sep	Joaquim Chissano	President	Mozambique
	Sep	Meles Zenawi Asres	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Sep	Olusegun Obasanjo	President	Nigeria
	Sep	Amadou Toumani Toure	President	Mali
	Sep	Abdoulaye Wade	President	Senegal
	Sep	Wu Bangguo	Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress	China
	Sep	Marc Ravalomanana	President	Madagascar
	Sep	Andry Rasamindrakotroka	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	Sep	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	President	Mozambique
	Sep	Lamine Sidim	Prime Minister	Guinea
	Sep	Blaise Compaoré	President	Burkina Faso
	Sep	Amadou Toumani Touré	President	Mali
	Sep	Olusegun Matthew Okikiola Aremu Obasanjo	President	Nigeria
	Sep	Meles Zenawi Asres	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Sep	Abdoulaye Wade	President	Senegal
	Oct	Madeleine Albright	Former U.S. Secretary of State	USA
	Oct	Frederik Willem de Klerk	Former President/ Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	South Africa
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Nambaryn Enkhbayar	President	Mongolia
	Oct	Elson Bakili Muluzi	President	Malawi
	Oct	El Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Nov	Sashma Swaraj	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Nov	Sushilkumar Shinde	Chief Minister of Maharashtra	India
	Nov	Mohammed Fazal	Governor of Maharashtra	India
	Nov	Shri. Digvijay Khanvilkar	Health and Family Welfare Minister, State of Maharashtra	India
	Dec	Mam Bunheng	Permanent Secretary for Health	Cambodia
	Dec	Norodom Sihanouk	King	Cambodia

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2004	Jan	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	President	India
	Jan	Raman Singh	Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh	India
	Jan	Krishnamurthy Bandhi	Minister of Health, State of Chhattisgarh	India
	Mar	Cao Gangchuan	Minister of National Defence	China
	Mar	Guido de Marco	President	Malta
	Apr	Surya Bahadur Thapa	Prime Minister	Nepal
	Apr	Bhekh Bahadur Thapa	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Apr	Jong-Wook Lee	Director General, WHO	South Korea
	May	El Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Jun	Jigme Singye	King	Bhutan
	Jun	Jigmi Singay	Minister of Health	Bhutan
	Jun	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Jul	Luis Inacio "Lula" da Silva	President	Brazil
	Jul	Bertrand Ramcharan	United Nations Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights	Co-operative Republic of Guyana
	Aug	Rabri Devi	State Minister, State of Bihar	India
	Aug	Bertrand Ramcharan	United Nations Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights	Co-operative Republic of Guyana
	Aug	Prasada Rao	Union Permanent Health Secretary	India
	Sep	Zeng Peiyan	Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China	China
	Sep	Tang Jiaxuan	State councillor	China
	Sep	Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow	Patriarch of Moscow and all Rus'	Russian Orthodox Church
	Oct	Jorge Castañeda	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Mexico
	Oct	Guido de Marco	Former President	Malta
	Oct	Lord Desai of St Clement Danes	Emeritus Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics	UK
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Phillip Henderson	The Vice President of German Marshall Fund	USA
	Oct	Jeremy Hobbs	Executive Director of Oxfam	UK
	Oct	Jean-François Rischard	Vice president of World Bank for Europe	Luxembourg
	Oct	John Shattuck	CEO, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation	Hungary / USA
	Nov	Zeng Qinghong	Vice President of the People's Republic of China	China
	Nov	Cao Gangchuan	Minister of National Defence	China
	Nov	Xiong Guangkai	Deputy Chief of the General Staff	China
	Dec	Sushilkumar Shinde	Governor of Andhra Pradesh	India
	Dec	Babulal Gaur	Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh	India
	Dec	Balram Jakhad	Governor, Madhya Pradesh	India
	Dec	Gaurishankar Shejwar	Minister of Health, State of Madhya Pradesh	India
	Dec	Louise Arbour	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Canada
2005	Jan	R. Venkataraman	Former President	India
	Jan	S. P. Aggarwal	Permanent Secretary for Health, Dehli	India
	Jan	Tshabalala-Msimang	Minister of Health	South Africa
	Feb	Jacques Hugues Sylla	Prime Minister	Madagascar
	Feb	Jean-Louis Robinson	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	Feb	Marcel Ranjeva	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Madagascar
	Feb	Micheal Somare	Prime Minister	Papua New Guinea
	Mar	Shashi Tharoor	Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information of UN	India
	Mar	Manmohan Singh	Prime Minister	India
	Mar	Anbumani Ramadoss	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Mar	Poonam Singh	WHO Deputy Regional Director for SEARO	India
	Mar	Hun Sen	Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Apr	Ehud Olmert	Deputy Prime Minister	Israel
	Apr	Paulo Ivo Garrido	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	Apr	Benjamin Mkapa	President	Tanzania
	Apr	Anna Margareth Abdallah	Minister of Health	Tanzania
	May	Marc Ravalomanana	President	Madagascar
	May	Jacques Hugues Sylla	Prime Minister	Madagascar
	May	Nyan Win	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	May	Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee	Chief Minister, West Bengal	India
	May	Surya Kanta Misra	Minister of Health, State of West Bengal	India
	May	Thiru N. Thalavai Sundaram	Minister of Health, State of Tamil Nadu	India
	May	H.Costo	Minister of Health	Brazil
	May	Sebastião Veloso	Minister of Health	Angola
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	May	Kyaw Myint	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	A.Moleko Moliwa	Former Minister of Health	DRC
	May	Shigeru Omi	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	Japan
	May	Lee Jong-wook	Director General, WHO	South Korea
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Mirta Roses Periago	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Argentina
	May	Jean Louis Robinson	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Halfdan T. Mahler	Former Director General of WHO	Denmark
	May	David Heymann	Former Executive Director of WHO Communicable Diseases Cluster	UK
	May	Louise Arbour	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Canada
	Jun	Xiong Guangkai	Chairman of China Institute for International Strategic Studies / Deputy Chief of the General Staff	China
	Jun	Zeng Gangchuan	Minister of National Defence	China
	Jun	Tang Jiaxuan	State councillor	China
	Jul	Anwar bin Ibrahim	Former Deputy Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Aug	Emile Bongeli Yeikelo Ya Ato	Health Minister	DRC
	Aug	Zahidi Ngoma	Vice President	DRC
	Sep	Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao	President	East Timor
	Sep	Rui Maria de Araujo	Minister of Health	East Timor
	Sep	Gopal Krishna Gandhi	Governor, West Bengal	India
	Sep	Surya Kanta Misra	Minister of Health, State of Bengal	India
	Sep	Sardar Buta Singh	Governor, Bihar	India
	Sep	José Manuel Ramos-Horta	Minister of Foreign Affairs/ Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	East Timor
	Oct	Shagdarsuren Enkhbat	Deputy Minister of Health	Mogolia
	Oct	Alberto Ken'ya Fujimori	Former President	Peru
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech

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2005	Oct	El Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Oct	Ghassan Salamé	Former Culture Minister	Lebanon
	Oct	Gareth Evans	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Australia
	Oct	Bronislaw Geremek	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Poland
	Oct	Mike Moore	Former Prime Minister	New Zealand
	Oct	Karel Schwarzenberg	Senator, Czech Republic	Czech
	Oct	Boris Nemtsov	Former Deputy Prime Minister	Russia
	Oct	Kim Campbell	Former Prime Minister	Canada
	Oct	Mats Karlsson	Former Vice President, External Affairs of World Bank	Sweden
	Oct	Anwar bin Ibrahim	Former Deputy Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Oct	Mulayam Singh Yadav	Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh	India
	Oct	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Oct	Norman Ernest Borlaug	Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	USA
	Oct	Victoria Sekitoleko	Former Agricultural Minister	Uganda
	Oct	Nicéphore Soglo	Former President	Benin
	Oct	Xu Kuangdi	Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference	China
	Nov	Jusuf Kalla	Vice President	Indonesia
	Nov	Siti Fadillah Supari	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Dec	Meira Kumar	Minister of Social Justice	India
	Dec	Oscar Fernandes	Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Overseas Indian Affairs	India
	Dec	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Dec	Nyan Win	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	Dec	Zaw Min	Joint Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association /Minister	Myanmar

2006	Jan	Ramaswamy Venkataraman	Former President	India
	Jan	Y.V. Chandrachud	Former Chief Justice of India	India
	Feb	Levon Barkhudaryan	Fomer Finance Minister	Armenia
	Feb	Meles Zenawi Asres	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Mar	Kuniwo Nakamura	Former President	Palau
	May	Corazón Aquino	Former President	Philippines
	May	Micheal Somare	Prime Minister	Papua New Guinea
	May	Halfdan T. Mahler	Former Director General of WHO	Denmark
	May	Anbumani Ramadoss	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	May	Anna Margaret Abdallah	Former Minister of Health	Tanzania
	May	G. Pokharel	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	Kyaw Myint	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Jean-Louis Robinson	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Mirta Roses Periago	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Argentina
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	May	Norman Ernest Borlaug	Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	USA
	Jun	Najib Razak	Deputy Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Jun	Jose Agenor Alvares da Silva	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Jun	Tiao Viana	Senator for Acre	Brazil
	Jun	Xiong Guangkai	Chairman of China Institute for International Strategic Studies / Deputy Chief-of Staff	China
	Jul	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Jul	Sheila Dikshit	Chief Minister, Delhi	India
	Aug	Motloheloa Phooko	Minister of Health and Social Welfare	Lesotho
	Aug	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	Aug	Armando Guebuza	President	Mozambique
	Aug	Paulo Ivo Garrido	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	Aug	Eduardo Mulembwe	President of the Assembly of the Republic	Mozambique
	Aug	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Sep	Raman Singh	Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh	India
	Sep	Duryodhan Majhi	Minister of State for Health, Family Welfare	India
	Sep	Pramila Mallik	Minister of Woman, Child and Employment, State of Odisha	India
	Sep	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	President	India
	Oct	Bhairon Singh Shekhawat	Vice President	India
	Oct	Sheila Dikshit	Chief Minister, Delhi	India
	Oct	Mary Robinson	Former President	Ireland
	Oct	Michael Melchior	Former Cabinet Minister for Social Affairs and World Jewry	Israel
	Oct	Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga	President	Latvia
	Oct	The 14th Dalai Lama		Tibet
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Amadou Toumani Toure	President	Mali
	Oct	Pavel Bém	Lord Mayor of Prague	Czech
	Oct	Boutros Boutros-Ghali	Former Secretary General of the United Nations	Egypt
	Oct	Kim Campbell	Former Prime Minister	Canada
	Nov	Girija Prasad Koirala	Prime Minister	Nepal
	Nov	Gyanendra Shah	King	Nepal
	Nov	Bouasone Bouphavanh	Prime Minister	Laos
	Nov	Surin Pitsuwan	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Thailand
	Nov	Sher Bahadur Deuba	Former Prime Minister	Nepal
	Nov	Ram Sharan Mahat	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Nepal
	Dec	Arjun Narasingha	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Dec	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong

2007	Jan	Armando Emilio Guebuza	President	Mozambique
	Jan	George Fernandez	Former Minister of Defence	India
	Jan	Percy Mahendra 'Mahinda' rájapaksa	President	Sri Lanka
	Jan	Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	Minister of Cultural Affairs	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Rui Maria de Araujo	Minister of Health	East Timor
	Feb	José Luís Guterres	Minister of Foreign Affairs	East Timor
	Feb	Siti Fadilah Supari	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Feb	Abdul Hakim Garuda Nusantara	Chairman of the National Commission on Human Rights	Indonesia
	Feb	Aburizal Bakrie	Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare	Indonesia
	Feb	Nambaryn Enkhbajar	President	Mongolia
	Mar	Kyaw Thu	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar

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	Name	Title	Country	
2007	Mar	Najib Razak	Deputy Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Apr	Bhairon Singh Shekhawat	Vice President	India
	May	Marc Ravalomanan	President	Madagascar
	May	Jean-Louis Robinson	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Rajemison Rakotomaharo	President of the Senate	Madagascar
	May	Rakotoniaina Lucien	Chairman of the Interministerial Committee for drafting reports of Human Rights	Madagascar
	May	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	May	Luisa Dias Diogo	Prime Minister	Mozambique
	May	José Gomes Temporão	Minister of Health	Brazil
	May	Giriraj Mani Pokharel	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	Kyaw Myint	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	David Homeli Mwakyusa	Minister of Health & Social Welfare	Tanzania
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Shigeru Omi	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	Japan
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	May	Halfdan T. Mahler	Former Director General, WHO	Denmark
	May	Thein Nyunt	Minister of Progress of Border Areas, National Races and Development Affairs	Myanmar
	May	Surin Pitsuwan	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Thailand
	May	Jean-Louis Robinson	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Paulo Ivo Garrido	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	May	Anastacio Ruben Sikato	Minister of Health	Angola
	Aug	Nambaryn Enkhbayar	President	Mongolia
	Aug	Tuya Danzandarjaa	Minister of Health	Mongolia
	Aug	Jia Qinglin	Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference	China
	Sep	Nguyen Minh Triet	President	Vietnam
	Sep	Nguyen Cong Nghiep	Deputy Finance Minister	Vietnam
	Sep	Phạm Gia Khiêm	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Vietnam
	Sep	Nguyễn Thị Bình	Former Vice President	Vietnam
	Sep	Louise Arbour	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Canada
	Sep	Halfdan T. Mahler	Former Director General, WHO	Denmark
	Oct	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Former President	India
	Oct	P. Chidambaram	Finance Minister	India
	Oct	Giriraj Mani Pokharel	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Oct	Zurab Nogaideli	Prime Minister	Georgia
	Oct	Mikheil Saakashvili	President	Georgia
	Oct	İsa Qəmbər	Leader of the Müsavat Party	Azerbaijan
	Oct	Madeleine Albright	Former U.S. Secretary of State	USA
	Oct	Lajos Bokros	Former Finance Minister	Hungary
	Oct	Leszek Balcerowicz	Former President of the National Bank	Poland
	Oct	Kim Campbell	Former Prime Minister	Canada
	Oct	Yavuz Çubukcu	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Turkey
	Oct	Gábor Demszky	Lord Mayor of Budapest	Hungary
	Oct	Jiří Dienstbier	Former Foreign Minister	Czech
	Oct	Philip Dimitrov	Former Prime Minister	Bulgaria
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Ricardo Lagos	Former President	Chile
	Oct	Viktor Orbán	Former Prime Minister	Hungary
	Oct	Karel Schwarzenberg	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Czech
	Oct	Paul Wolfowitz	Former President of the World Bank	USA
	Oct	Grigory Yavlinsky	Leader of Yabloko	Russia
	Nov	Amani Abeid Karume	President of Zanzibar	Tanzania
	Nov	Anna Margareth Abdallah	Former Minister of Health	Tanzania
	Nov	Antoine Gizenga Fundu	Prime Minister	DRC
	Nov	Vector Makwenge Kaput	Minister of Health	DRC
	Nov	The 14th Dalai Lama		Tibet
	Nov	M. RATOLOJANAHARY Marius De Sales Hygin	Minister of Agriculture and Livestock	Madagascar
2008	Feb	Gyanendra Shah	King	Nepal
	Feb	Hun Sen	Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Feb	Nuth Sokhom	Minister of Health	Cambodia
	Feb	Ehud Olmert	Prime Minister	Israel
	Mar	Robin Chandler Duke	Former US Ambassador to Norway / Co-founder of US-Japan Foundation	USA
	Apr	Litokwa Tomeing	President	Marshall Islands
	Apr	Dai Bingguo	State Councilor	China
	May	El Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	May	Mirta Roses Periago	Regional Director, AMRO, WHO	Argentina
	May	Wunna Maung Lwin	Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva	Myanmar
	May	J. Gomes Temporão	Minister of Health	Brazil
	May	Giriraj Mani Pokharel	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	Jean Louis Robinson	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Paulo Ivo Garrido	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	May	Vector Makwenge Kaput	Minister of Health	DRC
	May	Siti Fadilah Supari	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	May	Francisco T. Doque	Secretary of Health	Philippines
	May	Doru Costea	President of UN Human Rights Council	Romania
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	Meles Zenawi Asres	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	May	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	May	Seyni Oumarou	Prime Minister	Niger
	May	Marc Ravalomanana	President	Madagascar
	May	Amadou Toumani Toure	President	Mali
	May	Armando Emilio Guebuza	President	Mozambique
	Jun	Carl XVI Gustaf	King	Sweden
	Jun	Ruth Dreifuss	Former President	Switzerland
	Jun	Ban Ki-moon	Secretary General of the United Nations	South Korea
	Jun	Mahmond Camara	Agriculture Minister	Guinea

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2008	Jun	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Jun	Sangare Hadja Maimouna Bah	Former Minister of Health	Guinea
	Jun	Mohamed II Cisse	Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs	Guinea
	Jun	Ahmed Tidiane Souare	Prime Minister	Guinea
	Jun	Elhadj Aboubacar Sompore	President of National Assembly	Guinea
	Aug	Vector Makwenge Kaput	Minister of Health	DRC
	Aug	Nzanga Mobutu	Agriculture Minister	DRC
	Aug	Vital Kamerhe	President of the National Assembly	DRC
	Aug	Seyni Oumarou	Prime Minister	Niger
	Aug	Issa Lamine	Minister of Health	Niger
	Aug	Zila Manane	Minister of Polulation and Social Reform	Niger
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Saud bin Faisal Al Saud	Prince	Saudi Arabia
	Oct	Ammar Al-Hakim	Son of the leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq	Iraq
	Oct	El Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Oct	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	Oct	Vicente Fox	Former President	Mexico
	Oct	Mikhail Kasyanov	Former Prime Minister	Russia
	Oct	Don McKinnon	Former Secretary General of Commonwealth	New Zealand
	Oct	Mike Moore	Former Prime Minister	New Zealand
	Oct	Jorge Pizarro Soto	President of the Latin American Parliament	Chile
	Oct	Adam Roberts	President of British Academy	UK
	Nov	Norman Ernest Borlaug	Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	USA
	Nov	Oscar Arias Sanchez	President	Costa Rica
	Nov	Alberto Ken'ya Fujimori	Former President	Peru
	Nov	Pommek Daraloy	Minister of Health	Laos
	Nov	Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva	President	Brazil
	Dec	Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda)	Prime Minister	Nepal
2009	Feb	Kyaw Myint	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Mar	Thein Nyunt	Minister of Progress of Border Areas, National Races and Development Affairs	Myanmar
	Apr	Dominique Mamberti	Secretary for Relations with States, Roman Curia	France
	Apr	El Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Apr	Martti Oiva Kalevi Ahtisaari	Former President	Finland
	Apr	Uzi Landau	Minister of National Infrastructure	Israel
	Apr	Shimon Peres	President/ Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	Israel
	Apr	Giriraj Mani Pokharel	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Apr	Gyanendra Shah	Former King	Nepal
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	Halfdan T. Mahler	Former Director General of WHO	Denmark
	May	José Gomes Temporão	Minister of Health	Brazil
	May	Guruprasad Sharma	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	Nelson Martins	Minister of Health	East Timor
	May	Francisco T. Doque	Minister of Health	Philippines
	May	Kapembwa Simbao	Minister of Health	Zambia
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Mirta Roses Periago	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Argentina
	May	Kyaw Myint	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Paulo Ivo Garrido	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	May	Navanethem Pillay	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	South Africa
	Jun	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Jun	Liang Guanglie	Minister of National Defense / State Counciller	China
	Jul	Kapembwa Simbao	Minister of Health	Zambia
	Jul	Rupiah Banda	President	Zambia
	Jul	Kenneth Kaunda	Former President	Zambia
	Jul	Doris Katai Katebe Mwinga	Clerk of the National Assembly	Zambia
	Jul	Najib Razak	Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Jul	Ong Tee Keat	Transportation Minister	Malaysia
	Jul	Sanjaagiin Bayar	Prime Minister	Mongolia
	Aug	Thay Oo	Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation	Myanmar
	Aug	Witthaya Kaewparadai	Health Minister	Thailand
	Aug	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Sep	Nguyen Quoc Trieu	Minister of Health	Vietnam
	Sep	Hun Sen	Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Sep	Sok An	Deputy Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Sep	Tsai Ing-wen	Chair of the Democratic Progressive Party	Taiwan
	Sep	Ma Ying-jeou	President	Taiwan
	Sep	James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.	Former President	USA
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Oct	Jan Fischer	Former Prime Minister	Czech
	Oct	Jan Kohout	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Czech
	Oct	Thein Nyunt	Minister of Progress of Border Areas, National Races and Development Affairs	Myanmar
	Oct	Fidel Valdez Ramos	Former President	Philippines
	Oct	Thein Sein	Prime Minister	Myanmar
	Oct	Ehud Barak	Deputy Prime Minister / Defense Minister	Israel
	Oct	Yegor Gaidar	Former Prime Minister	Russia
	Oct	Jorge Quiroga	Former President	Bolivia
	Oct	Ady Schonmann	Deputy Head of the International Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Israel
	Oct	James Mancham	Founding President	Seychelles
	Oct	Festus Mogae	Former President	Botswana
	Nov	Hassan Abu-Libdeh	Minister of National Economy	Palestine
	Nov	Abdallah Abdillahi Miguil	Minister of Health	Djibouti
	Dec	Bakhtiar Amin	Former Human Rights Minister	Iraq
	Dec	Ali Hassan Bahdon	Minister of Equipment and Transportation	Djibouti

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2010	Jan	Madhav Kumar	Prime Minister	Nepal
	Jan	Ram Baran Yadav	President	Nepal
	Jan	Uma Kanta Chaudhary	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Jan	Gyanendra Shah	Former King	Nepal
	Jan	S. P. Sarguna Pandian	Foremr Social Welfare Minister, State of Tamil Nadu	India
	Mar	Jerry Rawlings	Former President	Ghana
	Mar	Aires Bonifácio Ali	Prime Minister	Mozambique
	Mar	Shomera	Vice President of Assembly	Mozambique
	Mar	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	Mar	Paulo Ivo Garrido	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	Mar	José Manuel Ramos-Horta	President / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	East Timor
	Mar	Michael Somare	Prime Minister	Papua New Guinea
	Apr	Nand Kishore Yadav	Minister of Health, State of Bihar	India
	Apr	Poonam Singh	Deputy Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	Apr	Najib Razak	Prime Minister	Malaysia
	May	Sushil Kumar Modi	Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar	India
	May	Nand Kishore Yadav	Minister of Health, State of Bihar	India
	May	Maithripala Sirisena	Minister of Health	Sri Lanka
	May	Mahinda Rajapaksa	President	Sri Lanka
	May	Nimal Siripala de Silva	Irrigation Minister	Sri Lanka
	May	Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	Agriculture Minister	Sri Lanka
	May	Basil Rajapaksa	Minister of Economic Development	Sri Lanka
	May	José Ramos-Horta	President / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	East Timor
	May	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	May	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	May	Lech Wałęsa	Former President	Poland
	Jun	Liang Guanglie	Minister of National Defense / State Counciller	China
	Jul	James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.	Former President	USA
	Jul	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	Jul	Aires Bonifácio Baptista Ali	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Jul	Girma Wolde-Giorgis Rucha	President	Ethiopia
	Jul	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	Jul	Addisu Legesse	Deputy Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Jul	James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.	Former President	USA
	Jul	Toupta Boguena	Minister of Health	Chad
	Jul	Assaid Gamar Sileck	Vice President of National Assembly	Chad
	Jul	Emmanuel Nadingar	Prime Minister	Chad
	Jul	G. L. Peiris	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Sri Lanka
	Jul	Basil Rajapaksa	Minister of Economic Development	Sri Lanka
	Aug	Endang Rahayu Sedyaningsih	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Aug	Alex Noerdin	Governor of South Sumatra	Indonesia
	Aug	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Sep	Princess Christina, Mrs. Magnuson	Princess	Sweden
	Oct	Václav Havel	Former President	Czech
	Oct	Jesse Robredo	Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	Philippines
	Oct	Benigno Aquino III	President	Philippines
	Oct	Nguyễn Thiện Nhân	Deputy Prime Minister	Vietnam
	Oct	Nguyễn Quốc Triệu	Minister of Health	Vietnam
	Oct	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Oct	Nyan Win	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	Oct	Martin Bursík	Former Deputy Prime Minister	Czech
	Oct	Martin Davidson	Chief Executive, British Council	UK
	Oct	Michael Melchior	Politician, Chief Rabbi of Norway	Israel
	Oct	Olusegun Obasanjo	Former President	Nigeria
	Oct	Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas	Political Activist and Dissident	Cuba
	Oct	Karel Schwarzenberg	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Czech
	Oct	Mirek Topolánek	Former Prime Minister	Czech
	Nov	Hun Sen	Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Nov	Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin	King	Malaysia
	Nov	Johnson Toribiong	President	Palau
	Nov	Kuniwo Nakamura	Former President	Palau
	Nov	Emanuel "Manny" Mori	President	Micronesia
	Nov	Jurelang Zedkaia	President	Marshall Islands
	Nov	Tsakhiajiin Elbegdorj	President	Mongolia
	Nov	Gombojav Zandanshatar	Foreing Minister	Mongolia
	Nov	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	Nov	Men Sam An	Deputy Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Dec	Mam Bun Heng	Minister of Health	Cambodia
	Dec	Heng Samrin	President of the National Assembly	Cambodia
	Dec	Muhammad Shakeel	Chair of Council on Foreign Relations	Egypt
	Dec	Hussein A. Gezairy	Regional Director, EMRO, WHO	Saudi Arabia
2011	Jan	Hao Yang	Deputy Division Director, Department of Disease Prevention and Control	China
	Feb	Ganga Prasad	Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha	India
	Feb	Sanjay Kumar	Regional Health Secretary	India
	Feb	Sushil Kumar Modi	Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar	India
	Feb	Ashwini Kumar Choubey	Minister of Health, State of Bihar	India
	Mar	Parveen Amanullah	Minister of Social Welfare, State of Bihar	India
	Mar	Nata Menabde	WHO Representative to India	Georgia
	Mar	Boris Tadic	President	Serbia
	Apr	Benigno Aquino III	President	Philippines
	May	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	May	Pe Thet Khin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary for Health Surveillance	Brazil
	May	Enrique T. Ona	Secretary of Health	Philippines
	May	Shakti Bahadur Basnet	Mister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	David Mphande	Minister of Health	Malawi

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2011	May	Endang Rahayu Sedyaningsih	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	May	Bertrand Ramcharan	Former United Nations Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights	Co-operative Republic of Guyana
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Halfdan T. Mahler	Former Director General, WHO	Denmark
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	Jul	Jean Michel MANDABA	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Jul	Faustin-Archange Touadéra	Prime Minister	Central Africa
	Jul	Célestin Leroy Gaombalet	President of the National Assembly	Central Africa
	Jul	Marguerite Petro Koni Zeze	Social Affairs Minister	Central Africa
	Jul	Jean Willybiro-Sako	State for Higher Education and Scientific Research Minister	Central Africa
	Aug	M.M. Pallam Raju	Minister of State for Defense	India
	Aug	Mukul Wasnik	Minister of Social Justice	India
	Aug	K.G. Balakrishnan	Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission	India
	Aug	Sheila Dikshit	Chief Minister, Delhi	India
	Aug	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Aug	Bhagat Singh Koshiyari	Chairperson of the Petitions Committee	India
	Sep	Amar Agrawal	Minister of Health, State of Chhattisgarh	India
	Sep	Y.K.S. Thakur	Chairperson fo Human Rights Commission of Chhattisgarh	India
	Sep	Sunitha Laxma Reddy	Former Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Sep	E.S.L. Narasimhan	Governor of Andhra Pradesh	India
	Sep	Pithani Satyanarayana	Minister for Social Welfare, Roads and Buildings	India
	Sep	Kakumanu Peda Peri Reddy	Chairperson of Human Rights Commission of Andhra Pradesh	India
	Sep	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Sep	Salman Khurshid	Minister of Law and Justice	India
	Sep	Yasuki Godo	Member of Parliament	India
	Oct	Václav Havel	Foremr President	Czech
	Oct	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Oct	Wunna Maung Lwin	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	Oct	Uzi Arad	Former National Security Advisor	Israel
	Oct	José María Argueta	Secretary of Strategic Intelligence	Guatemala
	Oct	Martin Bursík	Former Deputy Prime Minister	Czech
	Oct	Avi Dichter	Former Minister of Internal Security	Israel
	Oct	Jiří Drahoš	President of Academy of Sciences	Czech
	Oct	Gareth Evans	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Australia
	Oct	Atifete Jahjaga	President	Kosovo
	Oct	John Agyekum Kufuor	Former President	Ghana
	Oct	James Mancham	Founding President	Seychelles
	Oct	Olusegun Obasanjo	Former President	Nigeria
	Oct	Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas	Political Activist and Dissident	Cuba
	Oct	Pavel Rychetský	President, Constitutional Court	Czech
	Oct	Mikheil Saakashvili	President	Georgia
	Oct	Joseph Stiglitz	Nobel Laureate in Economics	USA
	Oct	Grigory Yavlinsky	Statesman	Russia
	Nov	Amadou Toumani Toure	President	Mali
	Nov	Cissé Mariam Kaidama Sidibé	Prime Minister	Mali
	Nov	Aghatam Alhassane	Agriculture Minister	Mali
	Nov	Adama Traore	Minister of Health	Brukina Faso
	Nov	Alexandre Padilha	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Nov	Ramais de Castro Silveira	Deputy Minister of Law and Human right	Brazil
	Nov	Alexandre Padilha	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Nov	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Deputy Minister of Health	Brazil
	Nov	Nicéphore Dieudonné Soglo	Former President	Benin
	Nov	Olusegun Obasanjo	Former President	Nigeria
	Dec	Shin Yong-Soo	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	South Korea
	Dec	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Dec	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Dec	Mya Aye	Minister of Education	Myanmar
	Dec	Thein Htay	Minister of Boader Affairs	Myanmar
	Dec	Aung. Kyi	Social Welfare Minister	Myanmar
	Dec	Htay Oo	General Secretary of the Union Solidarity and Development Party	Myanmar
	Dec	Wunna Maung Lwin	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	Dec	Kyaw Myint	Former Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Dec	Aung San Suu Kyi	Member of Parliament / Novel Laureate in Peace	Myanmar
	Dec	Hla Myint	Mayor of Yangon	Myanmar
	Dec	The 11th Tripitaka Master		Myanmar
2012	Jan	Alexandre Manguela	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	Jan	José Ramos-Horta	President	East Timor
	Jan	Alberto Kenya Fujimori Fujimori	Foremr President	Peru
	Jan	Aires Ali	Prime Minister	Mozambique
	Apr	A.F. Ruhul Haque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	Apr	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	May	Pe Thet Khin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary for Health Surveillance	Brazil
	May	Enrique Tangonan Ona Jr.	Minister of Health	Philippines
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Shin Yong-Soo	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	South Korea
	May	Zsuzsanna Jakab	Regional Director, EURO, WHO	Hungary
	May	Mirta Roses Periago	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Argentina
	May	Ala Alwan	Regional Director, EMRO, WHO	Iraq
	May	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	May	Mousa S. Burayzat	Commissioner General of the National Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)	Jordan
	Jun	Patricia O'brien	Legal Counsel and Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs at the United Nations	Ireland
	Jun	Nicéphore Dieudonne Soglo	Former President	Benin
	Jun	Htay Oo	Member of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Jun	Anwar bin Ibrahim	Former Deputy Prime Minister	Malaysia

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2012	Jun	Winston Baldwin Spencer	Prime Minister	Antigua and Barbuda
	Jun	Julia Eileen Gillard	Prime Minister	Australia
	Jun	Tillman Joseph Thomas	Prime Minister	Grenada
	Jun	Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono	President	Indonesia
	Jun	Alexandre Padilha	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Jul	Soe Thein	Minister of Industry	Myanmar
	Jul	Thein Htay	Minister for Border Affairs / Minister for Industrial Development of Myanmar	Myanmar
	Jul	Myint Hlaing	Agriculture Minister	Myanmar
	Jul	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Jul	Htay Oo	Member of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Jul	Aung Min	Minister of Rail Transportation	Myanmar
	Jul	Aung Kyi	Minister of Labor / Minister of Social Welfare	Myanmar
	Jul	Kyaw Myint	Former Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Jul	Pe Thet Khin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Jul	Wunna Maung Lwin	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	Jul	Aung San Suu Kyi	Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	Myanmar
	Jul	Surin Pitsuwan	Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Aug	H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama 14th		Tibet
	Aug	Ghulam Nabi Azad	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Aug	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Aug	Shivraj Singh Chauhan	Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh	India
	Aug	A. K. Saxena	Chairperson for National Human Rights Commission	India
	Sep	Maha Chakri Sirindhorn	Princess	Thailand
	Oct	Mukul Wasnik	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment	India
	Oct	Raja Nazrin Shah	Sultan of Perak	Malaysia
	Oct	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Oct	Soe Thein	Minister of Industry	Myanmar
	Oct	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	Oct	Win Shein	Finance Minister	Myanmar
	Oct	Set Aung	Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development	Myanmar
	Oct	Than Nyein	Central Bank Deputy Governor	Myanmar
	Oct	Olusegun Obasanjo	Former President	Nigeria
	Oct	Karl Auguste Offmann	Former President	Mauritius
	Oct	Nicéphore Dieudonne Soglo	Former President	Benin
	Oct	Ruth Oniang'o	Former Member of Parliament	Kenya
	Oct	Karel Schwarzenberg	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Czech
	Oct	Grigoriĭ Alekseevich Yavlinskii	Member of the Parliament	Russia
	Oct	Madeleine Korbel Albright	Former Secretary of State	USA
	Oct	Ales Bialiatki	President, Viasna Human Rights Centre	Belarus
	Oct	Emil Constantinescu	Former President	Romania
	Oct	Yuri Dzhibladze	President, Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights	Russia
	Oct	Jan Fischer	Former Prime Minister	Czech
	Oct	Suzana Grubješić	Deputy Prime Minister	Serbia
	Oct	Ko Ko Gyi	8888 Uprising Student Leader	Myanmar
	Oct	Ales Lahviniets	Activist, Movement for Freedom	Belarus
	Oct	Vesna Pusić	Minister of Foreign and European Affairs	Croatia
	Oct	Fatmir Sejdiu	Former President	Kosovo
	Oct	Enrique ter Horst	Former UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights	Venezuela
	Oct	Shuaib Chalklen	UN Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development	South Africa
	Oct	Nai Hong Sa Boung Khine	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	Nov	José Ramos-Horta	Former President	East Timor
	Dec	Zaw Min	State Minister	Myanmar
	Dec	Kihin Maung Oo	State Minister	Myanmar
	Dec	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
2013	Jan	Win Aung	Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI)	Myanmar
	Jan	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Jan	Win Shein	Finance Minister	Myanmar
	Jan	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Jan	Thura Shwe Mann	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Jan	Nyan Tun Aung	Minister of Transport	Myanmar
	Jan	Htay Oo	Member of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Jan	Nguyen Thi Doan	Vice President	Vietnam
	Jan	Nguyễn Trọng Đàm	Deputy Minister of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs	Vietnam
	Feb	Ko Ko Hlaing	Political Advisor to the President's Office	Myanmar
	Feb	William Lacy Swing	Director General, IMO	USA
	Mar	Yayi Boni	President	Benin
	Mar	Soe Thein	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Mar	Khin Yee	Minister of Immigration and Population	Myanmar
	Mar	Khin Aung Myint	Speaker of the House of Nationalities	Myanmar
	Mar	Thura Shwe Mann	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Mar	Htay Oo	Deputy Chairman of the Union Solidarity and Development Party	Myanmar
	Mar	Ohn Myint	Minister of Livestock and Fishery	Myanmar
	Mar	Aung Min	President's Office Minister	Myanmar
	Mar	Ohn Myint	Minister of Livestock and Fishery	Myanmar
	Apr	Ram Sevak Sharma	Chief Secretary of Jharkhand	India
	Apr	Narayan Roy	Human Rights Commissioner for Jharkhand	India
	May	Nyan Tun Aung	Minister of Transport	Myanmar
	May	Nyan Tun	Vice President	Myanmar
	May	Myat Hein	Communication and Information Technology Minister	Myanmar
	May	Zea Aung	Rail Transportation Minister	Myanmar
	May	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	May	Khin Yee	Minister of Immigration and Population	Myanmar
	May	Pe Thet Khin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Ohn Miynt	Minister of Livestock and Fishery	Myanmar
	May	A.F. Ruhai Haque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	May	Pe Thet Khin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary for Health Surveillance	Brazil

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2013	May	Enrique Tansonan Ona Jr.	Minister of Health	Philippines
	May	Maithripala Sirisena	Minister of Health	Sri Lanka
	May	Nafsiah Mboi	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	May	Navanethem Pillay	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	South Africa
	May	Kesetebirhan Admasu	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	May	Shin Yong-Soo	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	South Korea
	May	Carissa F. Etienne	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Dominican Republic
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	May	Hussein Ali Mwinyi	Minister of Health and Social Welfare	Tanzania
	May	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Jun	Namadi Sambo	Vice President	Nigeria
	Jun	John Dramani Mahama	President	Ghana
	Jun	Yayi Boni	President	Benan
	Jun	Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	President	Uganda
	Jun	Armando Emilio Guebuza	President	Mozambique
	Jun	Hailemariam Desalegn	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Jun	José Condegua António Pacheco	Minister of Agriculture	Mozambique
	Jun	Paulo Zucula	Minister of Transportation and Communication	Mozambique
	Jun	Mousa Sulieyman. Burayzat	Commissioner General The National Centre for Human Rights	Jordan
	Jun	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Jun	Rami Hamdallah	Prime Minister	Palastine
	Jul	Alimov Anvar Valiyevich	Minister of Health	Uzbekistan
	Jul	Amanbay Orinbayev	Chairman of the Supreme Council of Karakalpakstan	Uzbekistan
	Jul	Rahmonov S.B.	Deputy Minister of Health	Tajikistan
	Jul	Shodu Lomami Kalema	Public Minister of Health	DRC
	Jul	Johanita Ndahimananjara	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	Jul	Alexandre Manguuele	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	Jul	Hussein Ali Hassan Mwinyi	Minister of Health and Social Welfare	Tanzania
	Jul	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary for Health Surveillance	Brazil
	Jul	A.F.M. Ruhul Haque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	Jul	Pe Thet Kin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Jul	Vidyadhar Mallik	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Jul	Maithripala Sirisena	Minister of Health	Sri Lanka
	Jul	Sorawong Thienthong	Deputy Minister of Health	Thailand
	Jul	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Aug	Tupou VI	Ambassador of Tonga to Japan (Prince)	Tonga
	Aug	Samlee Plianbangchang	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Thailand
	Aug	Konakuppakatil Gopinathan Balakrishnan	Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission of India	India
	Aug	Keshav Desiraju	Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Aug	Porika Balram Naik	Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment	India
	Aug	Ram Naik	Former Minister of Oil and Natural Gas	India
	Aug	Dinesh Trivedi	Former Minister of Railways	India
	Sep	Princess Astrid of Belgium	Princess	Belgium
	Sep	Hailemariam Desalegn	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Sep	Kesetebirhan Admasu	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	Sep	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	Sep	Tefera Deribew	Minister of Agriculture	Ethiopia
	Sep	Dinesh Trivedi	Former Minister of Railways	India
	Sep	Chandrima Bhattacharya	Minister of Health and Family Welfare, State of West Bengal	India
	Sep	Malay Ghatak	Minister of Agriculture, State of West Bengal	India
	Sep	Justice Asok Kumar Ganguly	Human Rights Commissioner, State of West Bengal	India
	Sep	Earl of St Andrews	George Windsor	UK
	Oct	Tomislav Nikolić	President	Serbia
	Oct	Pe Athet Khin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Oct	Thura Shwe Mann	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Oct	Sai Mauk Kham	Vice President	Myanmar
	Oct	Ohn Myint	Minister of Livestock and Fishery	Myanmar
	Oct	Ahmed Hassan	Minister of Health, State of Uttar Pradesh	India
	Oct	Pravir Kumar	Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Health, State of Uttar Pradesh	India
	Oct	B. L. Joshi	Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh	India
	Oct	Sunil Kumar	Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare, State of Uttar Pradesh	India
	Oct	Ahmed Hassan	Minister of Health, State of Uttar Pradesh	India
	Nov	Michael Reynolds	President of International Bar Association	USA
	Nov	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Nov	Aung San Suu Kyi	Nobel Peace Prize-laureate	Myanmar
	Nov	Thura Shwe Mann	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Dec	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Dec	Temmy L. Shmull	Governor of Peleliu	Palau
	Dec	Thura Shwe Mann	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Dec	Htay Oo	General Secretary of the Union Solidarity and Development Party	Myanmar
	Dec	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Dec	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Dec	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Dec	Alexandre Padilha	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Dec	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary for Health Surveillance	Brazil
	Dec	Maria do Rosário Nunes	Minister of Human Rights	Brazil
	Dec	Simão Robson Oliveira Jatene	Governor of Pará	Brazil
	Dec	Helio Franco	Public health official, Ministry of Health	Brazil

2014	Jan	Klemen Tinal	Vice Governor of Papua	Indonesia
	Jan	Mousa Burayzat	General Commissioner for Human Rights	Jordan
	Jan	Justice K.G. Balakrishnan	Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission of India	India
	Jan	Dianto Bachriadi	Vice Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia	Indonesia
	Jan	Agung Laksono	Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare	Indonesia
	Jan	Klemen Tinal	Vice Governor of Papua	Indonesia
	Jan	Nafsiah Mboi	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Feb	Christopher Loepak	President	Marshall Islands
	Feb	Thet Naing Win	Boader Affairs Minister	Myanmar

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2014	Feb	Mohamed Azmin Ali	4th Deputy President of the People's Justice Party	Malaysia
	Feb	Lim Guan Eng	Chief Minister of Penang	Malaysia
	Feb	Thet Naing Win	Boader Affairs Minister	Myanmar
	Mar	Xasan Sheekh Maxamuud	President	Somalia
	Mar	14th Dalai Lama		Tibet
	Mar	Khagaraj Adhikari	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Mar	Pushpa Kamal Dahal	Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre)	Nepal
	Mar	Ram Baran Yadav	President	Nepal
	Mar	Sushil Koirala	Prime Minister	Nepal
	Apr	Tsakhiaagiin Elbegdorj	President	Mongolia
	Apr	Than Htay	Railways Transportation Minister	Myanmar
	May	Maithripala Sirisena	Minister of Health	Sri Lanka
	May	Gotabaya Rajapaksa	Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development	Sri Lanka
	May	Basil Rajapaksa	Minister of Economic Development	Sri Lanka
	May	Percy Mahendra 'Mahinda' rajapaksa	President	Sri Lanka
	May	Benjamin Netanyahu	Prime Minister	Israel
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	May	Pe Thet Khin	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Jose Van-Dunem	Minister of Health	Angola
	May	Enrique Tangonan Ona Jr.	Minister of Health	Philippines
	May	Shin Yong-Soo	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	South Korea
	May	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary for Health Surveillance	Brazil
	May	Seif Seleman Rashidi	Minister of Health and Social Welfare	Tanzania
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	Carissa F. Etienne	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Dominican Republic
	May	Ala Alwan	Regional Director, EMRO, WHO	Iran
	May	Maithripala Sirisena	Minister of Health	Sri Lanka
	May	Mahinda Rajapaksa	President	Sri Lanka
	May	Mamy Lalatiana Andriamanarivo	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Félix Kabange Numbi Mukwampa	Minister of Public Health	DRC
	Jun	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Jun	Shimon Peres	President	Israel
	Jun	Mahmoud Abbas	President	Palestine
	Jul	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Jul	Khin Yee	Minister of Immigration and Population	Myanmar
	Jul	Ohn Myint	Minister of Livestock and Fishery	Myanmar
	Jul	Thet Naing Win	Minister of Boader Affairs	Myanmar
	Jul	Myat Myat Ohn Khin	Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Myanmar
	Jul	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Jul	Edward Ssekandi	Vice President	Uganda
	Sep	Narendra Damodardas Modi	Prime Minister	India
	Oct	John Major	Former Prime Minister	UK
	Oct	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Oct	Giorgi Margvelashvili	President	Gruziya
	Oct	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Oct	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Nov	Akhilesh Yadav	Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh	India
	Nov	Ram Naik	Governor of Uttar Pradesh	India
	Nov	14th Dalai Lama		Tibet
	Nov	Narendra Damodardas Modi	Prime Minister	India
	Nov	Miguel de Serpa Soares	UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel	Portugal
	Dec	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Dec	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
2015	Jan	José Ramos-Horta	Former President	East Timor
	Feb	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Feb	Wunna Maung Lwin	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Myanmar
	Feb	Tin Naing Thein	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Mar	Kan Zaw	Minister of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations	Myanmar
	Mar	Seyyed Hassan Ghazizadeh Hashemi	Minister of Health and Medical Education	Iran
	Mar	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	Mar	Davaajav GANKHUYAG	Member of Mongolian Parliament / Chairman of. Mongolia-Japan Interparliamentary Group	Mongolia
	Mar	Sükhbaataryn Batbold	Member of Mongolian Parliament / Vice Chairman of. Mongolia-Japan Interparliamentary Group	Mongolia
	Mar	Sirwan Zahawy	Legal Adviser of Prime Minister	Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)
	Mar	Omed Khoshnav	Parliament Member of Kurdistan	KRG
	Mar	Serwan Abdulla Ismail	Parliament Member of Federal Republic of Iraq	KRG
	Mar	Noori Rashid Ali	Chairman of Kurdistan Japan Friendship Association	KRG
	Mar	Anote Tong	President	Kiribati
	Mar	Hassan Wirajuda	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Indonesia
	Apr	Kesetebirhan Admasu	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	Apr	Félix Kabange Numbi Mukwampa	Minister of Public Health	DRC
	Apr	Aubin Minaku	President of the National Assembly	DRC
	Apr	Victor Makwenge Kaput	Former Minister of Health	DRC
	Apr	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Apr	Khin Yee	Minister of Immigration and Population	Myanmar
	Apr	Than Htay	Minister for Rail Transportation	Myanmar
	Apr	Tun Tun Oo	Chief Justice of Myanmar	Myanmar
	May	Michael Thomas Somare	Former Prime Minister	Papua New Guinea
	May	Mamy Lalatiana Andriamanarivo	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	May	Félix Kabange Numbi Mukwampa	Minister of Public Health	DRC
	May	Mouzinho Saide	Vice President	Mozambique
	May	Than Aung	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Shin Yong-Soo	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	South Korea
	May	Matshidiso Moeti	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Republic of Congo
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India

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2015	May	Nila Moeloek	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	May	Victor Makwenge Kaput	Former Minister of Public Health	DRC
	May	Oban Minako	Member of the Parliament	DRC
	May	Felix Kabange Numbi Mukwampa	Minister of Public Health	DRC
	May	Than Aung	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Kyaw Min	Former Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary of Science, Technology and Strategic Supplies	Brazil
	May	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	May	Shin Yong-Soo	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	South Korea
	May	Zhang Yong	Director of the China Food and Drug Administration	China
	May	Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	May	Tsakhiaagiin Elbegdorj	President	Mongolia
	May	Lundeg Purevsuren	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Mongolia
	May	Anote Tong	President	Kiribati
	May	Najib Razak	Prime Minister / Minister of Finance	Malaysia
	May	Liow Tiong Lai	Minister of Transport	Malaysia
	May	Idris Jala	Minister of the Prime Minister's Office	Malaysia
	May	Ali Hamsa	Chief Cabinet Secretary	Malaysia
	May	Lee Teng-hui	President	Taiwan
	May	Cài Yingwén	Chairman of the Democratic Progressive Party	Taiwan
	Jul	Hun Sen	Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Jul	Prayuth Chan-o-cha	Prime Minister	Thailand
	Jul	Thongsing Thammavong	Prime Minister	Laos
	Jul	Nguyễn Tấn Dũng	Prime Minister	Vietnam
	Jul	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Jul	Soe Thein	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Jul	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Jul	Win Aung	Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI)	Myanmar
	Jul	Maithripala Sirisena	President	Sri Lanka
	Aug	Marcos Virmond	President of International Leprosy Association	Brazil
	Aug	Antonio Silva de Paixao	Deputy Secretary-General of the Episcopal Conference	Brazil
	Aug	Arthur Chioro	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Aug	Jorge Vianna	Senator for Acre	Brazil
	Aug	Surin Pitsuwan	Former Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Aug	Margareta Wahlström	UN Assistant Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction	Sweden
	Aug	Shin Yong-Soo	Regional Director, WPRO, WHO	South Korea
	Sep	Soe Thein	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Sep	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Sep	Than Htay	Minister of Rail Transportation	Myanmar
	Sep	Ohn Myint	Minister of Livestock and Fishery	Myanmar
	Sep	Ye Thu	President Secretary for Public Relations	Myanmar
	Sep	Zayar Aung	Minister of Energy	Myanmar
	Sep	Ye Aung	Legal Adviser of Prime Minister of KRG	Myanmar
	Sep	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Sep	Sai Mauk Kham	Vice President	Myanmar
	Sep	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Sep	Thura Shwe Mann	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Sep	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Sep	Aung San Suu Kyi	Leader of National League for Democracy (NLD)	Myanmar
	Oct	Anote Tong	President	Kiribati
	Oct	Akka Rimon Fukuyama	Secretary, Minister of Foreign Affairs	Kiribati
	Oct	Anthony Gates	Chief Justice	Fiji
	Oct	Jone Usamate	Minister for Infrastructure and Meteorological Services	Fiji
	Oct	Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau	First Lady	Fiji
	Nov	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Nov	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Nov	Tin Oo	Founder and Former President of NLD	Myanmar
	Dec	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	Dec	Bill Gates	Founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	USA

2016	Jan	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Jan	Nyan Win	NLD's Central Executive Committee and Spokesman	Myanmar
	Jan	Thein Sein	President	Myanmar
	Jan	Tsai Ing-wen	Chairwoman of the Democratic Progressive Party	Taiwan
	Jan	Lee Chia-chin	President of Association of East Asian Relations	Taiwan
	Jan	Ma Ying-jeou	President	Taiwan
	Jan	Paschal Dike	Global President of the Junior Chamber International (JCI)	Nigeria
	Jan	Tim Hughes	Deputy Executive Director of the International Bar Association (IBA)	UK
	Jan	Otmar Kloiber	Secretary General of the World Medical Association	Germany
	Jan	Judith Shamian	President of the International Council of Nurses	Canada
	Jan	Obiora Okafor	UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity	Nigeria
	Feb	James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.	Former President	USA
	Feb	Hilda Cathy Heine	President	Marshall Islands
	Feb	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Feb	Peter Martin Christian	President	Micronesia
	Feb	Inia Seruiratu	Minister for Agriculture and Natural Disaster Management	Fiji
	Feb	John J. Hamre	CEO of Center for Strategic and International Studies	USA
	Feb	Dennis Cutler Blair	Former United States Director of National Intelligence	USA
	Mar	Aye Myint Kyu	Minister of Culture	Myanmar
	Mar	Aung Min	Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Mar	Nan Khin Htwe Myint	Chief Minister of Kayin State	Myanmar
	Mar	Robert Glasser	UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction	USA
	Mar	HM Subuh	Director General of Disease Control and Environmental Health, Ministry of Health	Indonesia
	Mar	Harsono	Director General of Health, East Java	Indonesia
	Mar	Danilo Turk	Former President	Slovenia

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2016	Apr	Frances Hughes	Director General of the International Council of Nurses	New Zealand
	May	Shahindokht Molaverdi	Vice President of Iran for Women and Family Affairs	Iran
	May	Mohammad Javad ZARIF	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Iran
	May	Masoumeh Ebtekar	Head of Department of Environmen	Iran
	May	Hassan Ghazizadeh Hashemi	Minister of Health, Treatment, and Medical Education	Iran
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	May	Tarun Das	Former Chief Mentor of Confederation of Indian Industry	India
	May	Lee Teng-hui	Former President	Taiwan
	May	Wú Cháo-hsièh	Secretary-General of the National Security Council elect	Taiwan
	May	Wang Jin-pyng	Former President of the Legislative Yuan	Taiwan
	May	Tsai Ing-wen	President	Taiwan
	May	Maria Neira	Director of the Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health Department of WHO	Spain
	May	Philippe Douste-Blazy	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs / Health/ Culture	France
	May	A. Fonseca Santos	Secretary of Health Inspection, Ministry of Health	Brazil
	May	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.	Secretary of Health Surveillance, Ministry of Health	Brazil
	May	Nazira Karimo Vali Abdula	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	May	Felix Kabange Numbi Mukwampa	Minister of Public Health	DRC
	May	Nata Menabde	Executive Director of WHO	Georgia
	May	Kesetebirhan Admasu	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	May	Myint Htwe	Minister of Health and Sports	Myanmar
	May	Palitha Mahipala	Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health	Sri Lanka
	May	Wiendra Waworuntu, M. Kes	Principal Expert Policy Analyst, Ministry of Health	Indonesia
	May	Paiaon Dakulala	Deputy Secretary for Health, Ministry of Health	Papua New Guinea
	May	M. M. Ulisubisya	Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health	Tanzania
	May	Marlyn W. Convocar	Director for Region VI of Department of Health	Philippines
	May	Tarun Das	Former Chief Mentor of Confederation of Indian Industry	India
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	May	Judith Shamian	President of the International Council of Nurses	Canada
	May	Habil Nikolay Popov	Professor of Sofia University	Bulgaria
	Jun	Francis	Pope	Argentina
	Jun	Zygmunt Zimowski	Roman Catholic Archbishop	Poland
	Jun	Obiora Chinedu Okafor	UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity	Nigeria
	Jun	Michel Recipon	President of Raoul Follereau Foundation	Swiss
	Jun	Dominique Prince de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel	Grand Hospitaller and president of the French Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta	France
	Jun	Phramaha Boonchuy Doojai	Chairperson of the Asian Interfaith Network on AIDS (AINA)	Thailand
	Jun	Michele Aramini	Professor of the Catholic University of Milan	Italy
	Jun	Marcos Virmond	President of International Leprosy Association	Brazil
	Jun	Barbara Frey	Director of the Human Rights Program in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota	USA
	Jun	Ann Aerts	Chairperson, Novartis Foundation	Belgium
	Jun	Anastas Georgiev Gerdzhikov	Rector of Sofia University	Bulgaria
	Jun	Albert II de Monaco	Sovereign Prince of Monaco	Monaco
	Jul	Andre Mama Omgba Fouda	Minister of Health	Cameroon
	Jul	Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti	Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Cameroon
	Jul	Muongo Gregorie	Governor of East Cameroon	Cameroon
	Jul	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Jul	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Jul	Anote Tong	President	Kiribati
	Jul	Houcine Abbassi	Secretary General of the Tunisian General Labour Union (UGTT) / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Jul	Wided Bouchamaoui	leader of the Tunisian Confederation of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA) / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Jul	Abdessattar Ben Moussa	Chairman of the Tunisian Human Rights League / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Jul	Mohamed Fadhel Mahfoudh	President of the Tunisian Order of Lawyers / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Aug	Li Chuanhong	Chinese Nationalist Party	Taiwan
	Aug	Surin Pitsuwan	Former Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Aug	Nicéphore Dieudonne Soglo	Former President	Benin
	Aug	Ibrahim Boubacar Keita	President	Mali
	Aug	Akinwumi Adesina	President of African Development Bank	Nigeria
	Aug	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Aug	Aung Min	Former Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Aug	Tin Oo	Founder and Former President of NLD	Myanmar
	Aug	Ye Aung	Minister of Boarder Affairs	Myanmar
	Aug	Tin Myo Win	Chairperson, the 21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference	Myanmar
	Aug	Khin Zaw Oo	Member, the 21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference	Myanmar
	Aug	Ban Ki-moon	Secretary General of UN	South Korea
	Aug	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Oct	Robin Niblett	Director and Chief Executive of Chatham House	UK
	Oct	Baroness Ashton of Upholland	Vice President of the European Commission in the Barroso Commission	UK
	Oct	Carol N. Gluck	Professor of History, Columbia University	USA
	Oct	Alberto Kenya Fujimori Fujimori	Former President	Peru
	Oct	Philip Lee Craven	President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)	UK
	Oct	Sumitra Mahajan	Speaker of Lok Sabha	India
	Oct	Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	Oct	Saber Hossain Chowdhury	President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	Bangladesh
	Nov	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Nov	Nursultan Abishuly Nazarbayev	President	Kazakhstan
	Nov	Kyaw Win	Minister for Planning and Finance	Myanmar
	Nov	Narendra Damodardas Modi	Prime Minister	India
	Nov	Dinesh Trivedi	Former Minister of Railways	India
	Nov	Sumitra Mahajan	Speaker of Lok Sabha	India
	Nov	Javed Abidi	Global Chair of Disabled People's International (DPI)	India
	Nov	Surin Pitsuwan	Former Secretary General of ASEAN	Thailand
	Nov	Nurul Izzah Anwar	Member of the Malaysian Parliament for Lembah Pantai / Vice President of the People's Justice Party	Malaysia
	Nov	Taha Ozhan	Member of Parliament and Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Grand National Assembly	Turkey

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2016	Nov	Rahimah "Ima" Abdulrahim	Indonesia
	Nov	Shada Islam	Belgium
	Nov	Reem Abu Hassan	Jordan
	Nov	Roger Singleton	UK
	Dec	Irene Hirano	USA
	Dec	William Espero	USA
	Dec	Mia Su-Ling Gregerson	USA
	Dec	Mark Lee Keam	USA
	Dec	Aruna Miller	USA
	Dec	Eugene Y. Wu	USA
	Dec	Nila Farid Moeloek	Indonesia
	Dec	Nasrul Abit	Indonesia
	Dec	Mohamad Subuh	Indonesia
2017	Jan	Cliff Stearns	USA
	Jan	Tim Petri	USA
	Jan	Dennis Hertel	USA
	Jan	Connie Morella	USA
	Jan	Sabine Schleidt	USA
	Jan	Dawn Hetzel	USA
	Jan	Rajendra Singh	India
	Jan	Saber Hossain Chowdhury	Bangladesh
	Jan	Thawar Chand Gehlot	India
	Jan	Ajay Chandrakar	India
	Feb	Prasanna R.	India
	Feb	Thawar Chand Gehlot	India
	Feb	Anil Kumar	India
	Feb	Shahindokht Molaverdi	Iran
	Feb	Than Myint	Myanmar
	Feb	Aung Min	Myanmar
	Feb	Thein Sein	Myanmar
	Feb	Philip Craven	UK
	Feb	Robin Niblett	UK
	Feb	Ramshila Sahu	India
	Feb	Sonmoni Borah	India
	Mar	Pramod Kumar Meherda	India
	Mar	Kamal Kharrazi	Iran
	Mar	Tin Myo Win	Myanmar
	Mar	Nan Khin Htwe Myint	Myanmar
	Mar	Justice B.K. Misra	India
	Mar	Jagdish Prasad	India
	Mar	Chandra Kishore Mishra	India
	Mar	Niten Chandra	India
	Mar	Minato Behera	India
	Mar	Pradip Kumar Amat	India
	Mar	Naveen Patnaik	India
	Mar	Aditya.Prasad Padhi	India
	Mar	S. C. Jamir	India
	Apr	Margaret Chan	Hong Kong
	May	Kofi Atta Annan	Ghana
	May	Margaret Chan	Hong Kong
	May	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Ethiopia
	May	Davaajantsangiin Tsogtsetseg	Mongolia
	May	Myint Htwe	Myanmar
	May	Dirk Engels	Belgium
	May	Francisco Becerra	Mexico
	May	Poonam Singh	India
	May	Shin Yong-Soo	South Korea
	May	Haya bint Hussein	Jordan
	May	Judith Shamian	Canada
	Jun	Mikheil Janelidze	Georgia
	Jun	Miguel de Serpa Soares	Portugal
	Jun	Vincent Meriton	Seychelles
	Jun	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	Palau
	Jun	Anote Tong	Kiribati
	Jun	Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama	Fiji
	Jun	António Guterres	Portugal
	Jun	Peter Thomson	Fiji
	Jun	Jioji Konrote	Fiji
	Jun	Kofi Atta Annan	Ghana
	Jun	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Ethiopia
	Jun	Margaret Chan	Hong Kong
	Jun	A.Tsogtsetseg	Mongolia
	Jun	Myint Htwe	Myanmar
	Jun	Francisco Becerra	Mexico
	Jun	Shin Yong-Soo	South Korea
	Jun	Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu	Turkey
	Jul	Kailash Satyarthi	India
	Jul	Jagat Prakash Nadda	India
	Jul	Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	India
	Jul	Javed Abidi	India
	Jul	Asrun Padoma	Indonesia
	Jul	Mohamad Nasir Thaib	Indonesia
	Jul	Yasti Soepredjo Mokoagow	Indonesia
	Jul	Olly Dondokambey	Indonesia
	Aug	Muhammad Abdul-Kareem AL-issa	Saudi Arabia

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		Name	Title	Country
2017	Sep	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Sep	Mohamed Trabelsi	Minister of Social Affairs	Tunisia
	Sep	Beji Caid Essebsi	President	Tunisia
	Sep	Mohamed Zine Elabidine	Minister of Cultural Affairs	Tunisia
	Sep	Sabri Bachtobji	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs	Tunisia
	Sep	Habib Ben Yahia	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Tunisia
	Sep	Ouided Bouchamaoui	Leader of the Tunisian Confederation of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA) / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Sep	Mohamed Fadhel Mahfoudh	President of the Tunisian Order of Lawyers / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Sep	Ben Moussa	Chairman of the Tunisian Human Rights League / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Sep	Houcine Abassi	Secretary General of the Tunisian General Labour Union (UGTT) / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Tunisia
	Oct	Robert Andres Bonta	State Assembly Member, California	USA
	Oct	Aaron Ling Johanson	Member, Hawii House of Representative, Hawaii	USA
	Oct	Clarence Lam	Maryland House of Delegate, Maryland	USA
	Oct	Rady Mom	State Representative	USA
	Oct	Brian Shiozawa	State Senator	USA
	Oct	Monica Jurado Stonier	Member, Washington House of Representative, Washington	USA
	Oct	Irene Hirano	Founding President of the U.S.-Japan Council	USA
	Oct	Jacques Lochard	Vice-Chair of the Main Commission of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP)	France
	Oct	Giorgi Zauris dze Gakharia	Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development	Georgia
	Oct	Giorgi Kvirikashvili	Prime Minister	Georgia
	Oct	Giorgi Margvelashvili	President	Georgia
	Nov	Aung Min	Former Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Nov	Anies Rasyid Baswedan	Governor of Jakarta	Indonesia
	Nov	Jusuf Kalla	Vice President	Indonesia
	Nov	Raynold B. Oilouch	Vice President	Palau
	Nov	Luiz Loures	Deputy Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	Brazil
	Nov	Jacques Lochard	Vice-Chair of the Main Commission of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP)	France
	Dec	Sunil Bharti Mittal	Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce	India
	Dec	Rakesh Bharti Mittal	Vice Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce	India
	Dec	Shilpa Gupta	Vice President of Bharti Enterprises	India
	Dec	Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Dec	Preeti Sudan	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Dec	Mahesh Sharma	Minister of Cultural Affairs	Indonesia
	Dec	Tin Kyaw	President	Myanmar
	Dec	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	Dec	Ashin Say Kane Da	Chief Priest	Myanmar
	Dec	Ashin Ko Yin Lay	Chief Priest	Myanmar
2018	Jan	Aung Min	Former Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Jan	Ashin Say Kane Da	Chief Priest	Myanmar
	Jan	Khin Zaw Oo	Member, the 21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference	Myanmar
	Jan	Arrey Obenson	Secretary General of Junior Chamber International (JCI)	Cameroon
	Jan	Kim Hong-Gul	Member of the Parliament	South Korea
	Jan	Mahesh Sharma	Minister of Cultural Affairs	India
	Jan	Ram Nath Kovind	President	India
	Jan	Kate Gilmore	United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights	Australia
	Feb	Ramchandra Chandravanshi	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, State of Jharkhand	India
	Feb	Louis Marandi	Minister of Social Welfare, State of Jharkhand	India
	Feb	Raghubar Das	Chief Minister of Jharkhand	India
	Feb	Sudhir Tripathi	Director General of Health Department, State of Jharkhand	India
	Feb	Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson	Former President	Iceland
	Feb	Kyaw Tin Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Mar	Aung Min	Former Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Mar	Nyi Pu	Chief Minister of Rakhine State	Myanmar
	Mar	Min Than	Minister of Security and Border Affairs	Myanmar
	Mar	Pallewatte Gamaralalage Maithripala Yapa Sirisena	President	Sri Lanka
	Mar	Anung Sugihantono	Director of Disease Control Department, Ministry of Health	Indonesia
	Mar	H Muchlis	Regional Secretary of Gowa	Indonesia
	Mar	Mohamad Irwan Lapatta	Regent of Sigi	Indonesia
	Mar	Longki Djanggola	Governor of Central Sulawesi	Indonesia
	Mar	Halimah Binte Yacob	President	Singapore
	Mar	Mary Robinson	Former President	Ireland
	Mar	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Mar	Kailash Satyarthi	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	India
	Mar	Leymah Roberta	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Liberia
	Apr	Kailash Satyarthi	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	India
	Apr	E.Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Apr	Wáng Yì	Minister of Foreign Affairs	China
	Apr	Hun Manet	Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces	Cambodia
	Apr	Carl XVI Gustaf	King	Sweden
	Apr	Silvia Renate Sommerlath	Queen	Sweden
	May	Isabella Lövin	Deputy Prime Minister	Sweden
	May	Vincent Meriton	Vice President	Seychelles
	May	Sindisiwe Chikunga	Deputy Minister of Railways	South Africa
	May	Kim Jong-pil	Former Prime Minister	South Korea
	May	Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama	Prime Minister	Fiji
	May	Enele Sosene Sopoaga	Prime Minister	Tuvalu
	May	Taneti Mamau	President	Kiribati
	May	E.Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	May	Hilda Cathy Heine	President	Marshall Islands
	May	Baron WAQA	President	Nauru
	May	Rick Houenipwela	Prime Minister	Solomon Islands
	May	Myint Htwe	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	May	Tsogtsetseg Ayush	Minister of Health	Mongolia

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2018	May	Hussein bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	May	Tauane'i Marea	Minister of Health	Kiribati
	May	Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	May	Emais Roberts	Minister of Health	Palau
	May	Padma Kumari Aryal	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	Kalami Kaneko	Minister of Health	Marshall Islands
	May	Pedro Comissario	Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations	Mozambique
	May	Rashid Mohamed Mbarak Fatma	Minister of Health	Comoros
	May	Luis Gallegos	Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva	Ecuador
	May	Marcus Samo	Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health	Micronesia
	May	Norris Jack Kalmet	Minister of Health	Vanuatu
	May	Saia Ma'u Piukala	Minister of Health	Tonga
	May	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	May	Osagie Ehanire	Minister of Health	Nigeria
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	May	Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Iceland
	May	Ts'ai Ing-wen	President	Taiwan
	Jun	Zeid Raad Al Hussein	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Jordan
	Jun	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Jun	Alice Cruz	UN Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Persons Affected by Leprosy and Their Family Members	Ecuador
	Jun	Mathew Mathews	Deputy Assistant Secretary	USA
	Jun	Sun Guoxiang	Special Envoy for Asian Affairs	China
	Jun	Limin Liu	Former Vice Minister of Education	China
	Jul	Mohamed El - Amine Souef	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Comoros
	Jul	Azali Assoumani	President	Comoros
	Jul	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	Jul	Victor Borges	Governor of Nampula Province	Mozambique
	Jul	Munira Abudou	Director General of Health Department, Nampula Province	Mozambique
	Jul	Nazila Vali Abdula	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	Jul	Aung Min	Former Minister of the President's Office	Myanmar
	Jul	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Jul	Tin Myo Win	Vice Chairman of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) and Chairman of the Peace Commission	Myanmar
	Jul	Sun Guoxiang	Special Envoy for Asian Affairs	China
	Jul	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Jul	Khin Zaw Oo	Peace Commission secretary	Myanmar
	Jul	Thein Zaw	Vice Chairman Union Peace-making	Myanmar
	Jul	Christine Schreiner Bergner	United Nations special envoy for Myanmar	Germany
	Jul	Mohamed Ahamada	Deputy Minister of Transport	Comoros
	Jul	Rashid Mohamed Mbarak Fatma	Minister of Health	Comoros
	Jul	Joseph Muscat	Prime Minister	Malta
	Aug	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	Aug	Benjamin Mkapa	Former President	Tanzania
	Aug	Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki	Former President	South Africa
	Aug	Olusegun Matthew Okikiola Aremu Obasanjo	Former President	Nigeria
	Aug	Nicéphore Soglo	Former President	Benin
	Aug	Azali Assoumani	President	Comoros
	Aug	Roch Marc Christian Kaboré	President	Burkina Faso
	Sep	Margaret Chan	Former Director General, WHO	Hong Kong
	Oct	Sigit Priohutomo	Deputy Minister for Health Improvement, Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture	Indonesia
	Oct	Ir H Said Assagaff	Governor of Maluku Province	Indonesia
	Oct	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Oct	Miguel de Serpa Soares	Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel	Portugal
	Oct	Michael Lodge	Deputy Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority	UK
	Oct	Soe Thein	Minister of the President Office	Myanmar
	Nov	Roch Marc Christian Kaboré	President	Burkina Faso
	Nov	Nikolai Astrup	Minister of International Development	Norway
	Nov	Peter Maurer	President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Swiss
	Nov	Tin Myo Win	Vice Chairman of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) and Chairman of the Peace Commission	Myanmar
	Nov	José Ramos-Horta	President	East Timor
	Dec	Hussein bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	Dec	THITAGU	Chief Priest	Myanmar
	Dec	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Dec	Myint Htwe	Minister of Health	Myanmar
	Dec	Thein Sein	Former President	Myanmar
	Dec	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Dec	Win Myat Aye	Minister of Social Welfare	Myanmar
2019	Jan	Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Jan	Thawar Chand Gehlot	Minister of Social Justice	India
	Jan	Pramod Kumar Mishra	Additional Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister	India
	Jan	Ravi Shankar Prasad	Minister of Law and Justice	India
	Jan	John W.H. Denton	Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	India
	Jan	Arman Ali	Executive Director, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People	India
	Jan	Preeti Sudan	Secretary General, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Jan	Rajendra Singh	Director General, India Coast Guard	India
	Jan	Nara Chandrababu Naidu	Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh	India
	Jan	V.K.Das	Director of Medical and Health Services, Dadra and Nagar Haveli Union Territory	India
	Jan	Ashin Thittagu	Chief Priest	Myanmar
	Jan	Nila Djuwita F. Moeloek	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Jan	Phyu Phyu Thin	MP, House of Representatives	Myanmar
	Jan	E.Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Jan	Sunil Bharti Mittal	Honorary Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce	India
	Feb	Sheikh Hasina Wazed	Prime Minister	Bangladesh
	Feb	Zahid Maleque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	Feb	Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury	Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad	Bangladesh

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2019	Feb	Muhammad Musa	Executive Director of Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC)	Bangladesh
	Feb	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Feb	Khin Zaw Oo	Peace Commission Secretary	Myanmar
	Feb	Ram Nath Kovind	President	India
	Feb	Narendra Damodardas Modi	Prime Minister	India
	Feb	Luis Gallegos	Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva	Ecuador
	Feb	Miguel de Serpa Soares	Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel	Portugal
	Feb	António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres	Secretary General of UN	Portugal
	Mar	Win Myat Aye	Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar	Myanmar
	Mar	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Mar	Christine Schraner Burgener	United Nations special envoy for Myanmar	Germany
	Mar	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Mar	Ye Aung	Minister of Boarder Affairs	Myanmar
	Apr	John W.H. Denton	Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	India
	Apr	Hilda Cathy Heine	President	Marshall Islands
	Apr	John Silk	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Marshall Islands
	Apr	Brenson Wase	Minister of Finance	Marshall Islands
	Apr	Jack Ading	Minister of Transportation, Communication and Information Technology	Marshall Islands
	Apr	Tony Muller	Minister of Public Infrastructure	Marshall Islands
	Apr	Kalani Kaneko	Minister of Health and Social Services	Marshall Islands
	Apr	Wilbur Heine	Minister of Education, Sports and Vocational Training	Marshall Islands
	May	Tarun Das	Former Chief Mentor of Confederation of Indian Industry	India
	May	S.Jaishankar	Former Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs	India
	May	Anil Chopra	National Security Advisory Board and of the Defence Acquisition Council	India
	May	Chandrajit Banerjee	Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry	India
	May	Kiran Pasricha	Executive Director & CEO. Ananta Aspen Centre	India
	Jun	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	Myanmar
	Jun	Tarja Halonen	Former President	Finland
	Jun	Masoumeh Ebtekar	Vice President	Iran
	Jun	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	Jul	Luiz Henrique Mandetta	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Jul	Osmar Terra	Minister of Citizenship	Brazil
	Jul	Wanderson Kléber	Director General of Health Department, Ministry of Health	Brazil
	Jul	Dom Joel Portela	General Secretary of the National Conference of Bishop of Brazil (CNBB)	Brazil
	Jul	Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Brazil
	Jul	Helder Barbalho	Governor of the State of Pará	Brazil
	Jul	Alberto Beltrame	Director General of Health Department, State of Pará	Brazil
	Jul	Tiao Miranda	Mayor of Marabá	Brazil
	Jul	Flavio Dino	Governor of Maranhão State	Brazil
	Jul	Jair Messias Bolsonaro	President	Brazil
	Jul	Carlos Lula	Health Secretary of Maranhao State	Brazil
	Jul	Damares Alve	Minister of Human Rights, Family and Women	Brazil
	Jul	Jair Soares Júnior	Deputy Federal Public Defender	Brazil
	Jul	Helder Salomão	Congressman / President of the Human Rights and Minorities Committee, in the Deputies' Chamber	Brazil
	Jul	Antonio Brito	Congressman / President of the Social Security and Family Committee in the Deputies' Chamber	Brazil
	Jul	Min Thu	Union Minister of Union Government Office of Myanmar	Myanmar
	Jul	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Aug	Azali Assoumani	President	Comoros
	Aug	Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo	President	Ghana
	Aug	Akinwumi Adesina	President of African Development Bank	Nigeria
	Aug	Ralph Jooma	Minister of Transport and Public Works	Malawi
	Aug	Salim Bagus	Minister of Industry Trade and Tourism	Malawi
	Aug	Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta	President	Mali
	Aug	Julius Maada Bio	President	Sierra Leone
	Aug	Roch Marc Christian Kaboré	President	Burkina Faso
	Aug	Adriano Afonso Maleiane	Minister of Economy and Finance	Mozambique
	Aug	Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Former President	Mozambique
	Aug	Abiy Ahmed	Prime Minister	Ethiopia
	Aug	Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	President	Uganda
	Sep	Francisco T. Duque	Secretary of Health	Philippines
	Sep	Jan van Berkel	President of ILEP	Swiss
	Oct	Ola Elvesten	Minister of Climate and the Environment	Norway
	Oct	Haakon Magnus	Crown Prince	Norway
	Oct	Erna Solberg	Prime Minister	Norway
	Oct	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Oct	Than Htay	President of USDP	Myanmar
	Oct	Enda Kenny	Former Prime Minister	Ireland
	Nov	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	President	Palau
	Nov	David W. Panuelo	President	Micronesia
	Dec	Andrew Parsons	President of the International Paralympic Committee	Brazil
	Dec	Shelik Hasina Wazed	Prime Minister	Bangladesh

2020	Jan	TAKIDDINE Youssouf	Secretary of State in charge of Cooperation	Comoros
	Jan	Rebecca Adam	President of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)	Australia
	Jan	Duane Kale	Vice President of International Paralympic Committee (IPC)	New Zealand
	Jan	Luts Hegemann	CEO of Novartis	Swiss
	Jan	Harsh Vardhan	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Jan	Thaaar Chand Gehlot	Minister of Social Justice	India
	Jan	Krishnaswamy Natarajan	Director General of the Indian Coast Guard	India
	Jan	S.Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs	India
	Feb	B.G. Nainvale	Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities	India
	Feb	Khin Zaw Oo	Peace Commission Secretary	Myanmar
	Feb	Ashin Say Kane Da	Chief Priest	Myanmar
	Feb	Paul Deighton	Chairman of The Economist Group	UK
	Mar	Cheng Wen-tsan	Mayor of Taoyuan	Taiwan
	Mar	Johnny Chiang Chi-chen	Chairman of the Kuomintang	Taiwan
	Mar	Tsai Ing-wen	President	Taiwan

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2020	Nov	Kyaw Tint Swe	Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor	
	Nov	Hla Thein	Honorable Chairman of the Union Election Commission	
	Nov	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	
	Dec	Min Thu	Union Minister of Union Government Office of Myanmar	
	Dec	Hla Thein	Honorable Chairman of the. Union Election Commission	
	Dec	Min Twe	Miniter of Sports and Health	
	Dec	Aung San Suu Kyi	State Counsellor	
2021	Mar	Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi	Minister of Foreign Affairs	
	May	Surangel Whipps Jr.	President	
	May	Miguel de Serpa Soares	Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel	
	May	Christine Schraner Burgener	United Nations Special Envoy on Myanmar	
	Jul	Masoumeh Ebtekar	Vice President	
	Jul	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	
	Oct	Derek Chollet	Counselor of the United States Department of States	
	Nov	Thet Khaing	Minister of Health	
	Nov	Phạm Minh Chính	Prime Minister	
	Nov	Robert Rydberg	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs	
	Dec	Muhammad Yunus	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	
	2022	Feb	Surangel Whipps Jr.	President
		Feb	Hun Manet	Commander of the Royal Cambodian Army
Feb		Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi	Minister of Foreign Affairs	
Mar		Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi	Minister of Foreign Affairs	
Mar		Than Htay	Deputy Minister of Health	
Mar		Prak Sokhonn	Deputy Prime Minister / Minister of Foreign Affairs/ ASEAN's special Envoy to Myanmar	
Mar		Bun Sambo	Minister of State	
Mar		Hun Sen	Prime Minister	
Mar		Don Pramudwinai	Minister of Foreign Affairs	
Mar		Cham Presidh	Senior Minister	
Apr		E. Tommy E. Remengesau	Former President	
May		Anwar bin Ibrahim	President of People's Justice Party	
May		Ahmad Azam Ab Rahman	Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs/ Commissioner to the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)	
May		Saifuddin bin Abdullah	Minister of Foreign Affairs	
May		Kailash Satyarthi	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	
May		Boris Tadic	Former President	
May		Francisco Guterres	Former President	
May		José Ramos-Horta	President	
May		Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	
May		Ingvild Kjerkol	Minister of Health	
May		Armando Daniel Tiago	Minister of Health	
May		Pierre N'gou Dimba	Minister of Health	
May		Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	
May		Birodh Khatiwada	Ministry of Health and Population	
May		Osagie E. Ehanire	Minister of Health	
May		Elizabeth Achuei	Minister of Health	
May		Marcus Samo	Minister of Health	
May		Marcelo Queiroga	Minister of Health	
May		Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	
May		Zahid Maleque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	
May		Tinte Itinteang	Minister of Health	
May		Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin	Minister of Health	
May		Todd Howland	Chief of the Right to Development, Sustainable Development, and Economic and Social Rights Branch of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	
May		Carissa F. Etienne	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	
May		Diana DeGette	U.S. House of Representatives	
May		Larry Bucshon	U.S. House of Representatives	
May		Raul Ruiz	U.S. House of Representatives	
May		John Curtis	U.S. House of Representatives	
May		Darren Soto	U.S. House of Representatives	
May		August Pfluger	U.S. House of Representatives	
May		Deborah Ross	U.S. House of Representatives	
Jun		John Wren	Global CEO of Omnicom	
Jun		Carmine Di Sibio	Global CEO of EY	
Jun		Dana Strong	Group CEO of Sky	
Jun		Hans Vestberg	Global CEO of Verizon	
Jun		David S. Taylor	Executive Chairman of the Board of P&G	
Jun		Tim Cook	Global CEO of Apple	
Jun		Oliver Baete	Global CEO of Allianz	
Jun		Sharon Thorne	Global Chair of Deloit	
Jun		Tim Davie	Global Chair of BBC	
Jun		Ilgar Rahimov	President, National Abilympics Federation	
Jun		Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama	Prime Minister	
Jun		Surangel Whipps Jr.	President	
Aug		Houcine Abbassi	Secretary General of the Tunisian General Labour Union (UGTT) / Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	
Aug		Macky Sall	President	
Aug		Obeth Mbuipaha Kandjoze	Director General of the National Planning Commission	
Aug	Alan Ganoo	Minister of Foreign Affairs		
Aug	Najla Bouden Romdhane	Prime Minister		
Sep	Ergoge Tesfaye	Minister of Women and Social Affairs		
Sep	Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin	Minister of Health		
Sep	Surangel S. Whipps Jr.	President		
Sep	Steven Victor	Minister of Agriculture, Fishery and Environment		
Sep	Charles I. Obichang	Minister of Public Infrastructure and Industries		
Sep	Ngirabelas Tmetuchl	Minister of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism and Development		
Sep	Secilil Eldebechel	Member of House of Senate		

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		Name	Title	Country
2022	Sep	Warren S. Umetaro	Member of House of Delegates	Palau
	Sep	Fleming Umiich Sengebau	Member of House of Senate	Palau
	Sep	Mengkur Rechelulk	Member of House of Delegates	Palau
	Sep	Landisang Kotaro	Chief of Staff, Office of the President	Palau
	Sep	Laydee Melangch Ngirmeriil	Special Assistant to the Minister of State	Palau
	Sep	Rajdeep Roy	Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	India
	Sep	Priyanka Chaturvedi	Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha	India
	Sep	Manoj Kumar Jha	Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha	India
	Sep	Ritesh Pandey	Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	India
	Sep	Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka	Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	India
	Sep	Vladimir Ryabinin	Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO	Russia
	Sep	Erling Rimestad	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs	Norway
	Sep	Ian Borg	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Malta
	Sep	Pekka Haavisto	Pekka Olavi Haavisto	Finland
	Sep	E. Tommy E. Remengesau	Former President	Palau
	Sep	Surangel S. Whipps Jr.	President	Palau
	Oct	Hillary Rodham Clinton	Former Secretary of State	USA
	Nov	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	Nov	Banna Gupta	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, State of Jharkhand	India
	Nov	Hemant Soren	Chief Minister of Jharkhand	India
	Nov	Lutz Hegemann	Chief Operating Officer, Global Health, Novartis	Swiss
	Nov	Alvaro Lario	President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Spain
	Nov	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
	Nov	Ukhnaa KHURELSUKH	President	Mongolia
	Dec	Guðni Jóhannesson	President	Iceland
	Dec	Peter Thomson	UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean	Fiji
	Dec	Richard Marles	Deputy Prime Minister / Minister of Defense	Australia
2023	Jan	Don Pramudwinai	Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister of Foreign Affairs	Thailand
	Jan	Prayuth Chan-o-cha	Prime Minister / Minister of Defense	Thailand
	Jan	Alvaro Lario	President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Spain
	Jan	Francisco	Pope	Argentina
	Jan	George William Vella	President	Malta
	Jan	Robert Abela	Prime Minister	Malta
	Feb	David W. Panuelo	President	Micronesia
	Feb	Diana DeGette	U.S. House of Representatives	USA
	Feb	Larry Bucshon	U.S. House of Representatives	USA
	Feb	Ami Bera	U.S. House of Representatives	USA
	Feb	Ted W. Lieu	U.S. House of Representatives	USA
	Feb	Chrissy Houlahan	U.S. House of Representatives	USA
	Feb	Carol Miller	U.S. House of Representatives	USA
	Feb	Kathy Ellen Manning	U.S. House of Representatives	USA
	Mar	João Gomes Cravinho	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Portugal
	Mar	Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson	President	Iceland
	Mar	Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson	Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate	Iceland
	Mar	Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Indonesia
	Mar	Aaja Chemnitz Larsen	Member of the Parliament	Denmark
	Mar	Bun Sambo	Minister of the State	Cambodia
	Mar	Hun Sen	Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Mar	Prak Sokhonn	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Cambodia
	Mar	Hun Manet	Commander of Royal Cambodian Army	Cambodia
	Mar	Amirudin Shari	Selangor Chief Minister	Malaysia
	Mar	Anwar bin Ibrahim	Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Mar	Mary Robinson	Former President	Ireland
	Apr	Rosemary DiCarlo	Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)	USA
	Apr	Kim Hong-gul	Member of the Parliament	South Korea
	Apr	Alvaro Lario	President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Spain
	Apr	Fuadi Pitsuwan	President of Surin Pitsuwan Foundation	Thailand
	Apr	Tim Hughes	Deputy Executive Director: of the International Bar Association	UK
	May	Pornpimol Kanchanalak	Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs	Thailand
	May	Ruth Khasaya Oniang'o	Former Member of the Parliament	Kenya
	May	Poonam Singh	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	India
	May	Mohan Bahadur Basnet	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	RANDRIAMANANTANY Zely Arivelo	Minister of Health	Madagascar
	May	Joe Bejang	Minister of Health	Marshall Islands
	May	Nísia Trindade Lima	Minister of Health	Brazil
	May	Tinte Itinteang	Minister of Health	Kiribati
	May	Zahid Maleque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	May	Loub Yacout Zaidou	Minister of Health	Comoros
	May	Luis Gomes Sambo	Former Regional Director, AFRO, WHO	Angola
	May	Volker Türk	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Austria
	May	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	May	Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	May	Martin Chungong	Secretary General of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	Cameroon
	May	Jarbas Barbosa	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Brazil
	May	Ahmed Al Mandhari	Regional Director, EMRO, WHO	Oman
	May	Kerstin Vesna Petrič	Executive Board of WHO	Slovenia
	Jun	Joyce Msuya	Acting Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs	Tanzania
	Jun	Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.	President	Palau
	Jun	Gustav Aitaro	Minister of the State	Palau
	Jun	Secilil Eldebechel	Member of the Parliament	Palau
	Jun	Sebastian Marino	Member of the Parliament	Palau
	Jun	Mengkur Rechellulk	Member of the Parliament	Palau
	Jul	Ganbold Ganbayar	Deputy Minister of Education	Mongolia
	Jul	Ukhnaa Khurelsukh	President	Mongolia
	Jul	Batmunkh BATTSETSEG	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Mongolia
	Jul	Gordan Grlčić Radman	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Croatia
	Jul	Cao Xuetao	Vice Minister of the National Health Commission	China

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2023	Aug	DO HUNG VIET	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs	Vietnam
	Sep	Sheikh Hasina Wazed	Prime Minister	Bangladesh
	Sep	Saber Hossain Chowdhury	Member of the Parliament / Former President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	Bangladesh
	Sep	Zahid Maleque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	Sep	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
	Sep	Don Pramudwinai	Former Deputy Prime Minister / Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Thailand
	Oct	Hun Sen	Former Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Oct	Hun Manet	Prime Minister	Cambodia
	Nov	Nurul Izzah Anwar	Former Member of the Malaysian Parliament	Malaysia
	Nov	Zambry Abdul Kadir	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Malaysia
	Nov	Nik Nazmi Bin Nik Ahmad	Minister of Natural Resources, Environment & Climate Change	Malaysia
	Nov	Anwar bin Ibrahim	Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Nov	Saber Hossain Chowdhury	Member of the Parliament	Bangladesh
	Nov	Zahid Maleque	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	Nov	Sheikh Hasina Wazed	Prime Minister	Bangladesh
	Nov	Surakiart Sathirathai	Former Deputy Prime Minister	Thailand
	Dec	Earl of St Andrews	George Philip Nicholas Windsor	UK
	Dec	Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Indonesia
	Dec	Anwar bin Ibrahim	Prime Minister	Malaysia
	Dec	Mohamad bin Haji Hasan	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Malaysia
	Dec	Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz	Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry	Malaysia
2024	Jan	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	Feb	Aleksandar Vučić	President	Serbia
	Feb	Ana Brnabić	Prime Minister	Serbia
	Feb	Nikola Selaković	Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy	Serbia
	Mar	José Maria Costa	Secretary of State for Marine Affairs	Portugal
	Mar	Tran Luu Quang	Deputy Prime Minister	Vietnam
	Mar	Nguyen Xuan Phuc	Former President	Vietnam
	May	Abdul Razak Ahmad	Advisor to Minister of Foreign Affairs	Malaysia
	May	Fadhlina binti Sidek	Minister of Education	Malaysia
	May	Nurul Izzah Anwar	Co-chairperson of the Secretariat of the Special Advisory Body to the Minister of Finance	Malaysia
	May	Anwar bin Ibrahim	Prime Minister	Malaysia
	May	Zambry Abdul Kadir	Minister of Higher Education	Malaysia
	May	Nipat Thonglek	Advisor to Prime Minister	Thailand
	May	Steven Victor	Minister of Agriculture, Fishery and Environment	Palau
	May	Tsai Ing-wen	President	Taiwan
	May	Chen Shui-bian	Former President	Taiwan
	May	Joseph Wu Jaushieh	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Taiwan
	May	Lai Ching-te	President	Taiwan
	May	Chen Chu	President of the Control Yuan	Taiwan
	May	Lin Ching-yi	Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare	Taiwan
	May	Ma Ying-jeou	Former President	Taiwan
	May	Gombojav ZANDANSHATAR	Chairman of the State Great Khural	Mongolia
	May	Mekdes Daba	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	May	Silvia Paula Valentim Lutucuta	Minister of Health	Angola
	May	Ota Kisino	Minister of Health	Marshall Islands
	May	Samanta Lal Sen	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	May	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	May	Bernard Okoe-Boye	Minister of Health	Ghana
	May	Ali Haji Adam	Minister of Health	Somalia
	May	Marcus Samo	Minister of Health	Micronesia
	May	Jarbas Barbosa	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Brazil
	May	Armindo Tiago	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	May	Stefan Löfven	Former Prime Minister	Sweden
	May	Joakim Palme	Son of the Former Prime Minister	Sweden
	May	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	May	Minata Samaté Cessouma	Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, African Union	Burkina Faso
	Jun	Samanta Lal Sen	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Bangladesh
	Jun	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
	Jun	Saber Hossain Chowdhury	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Bangladesh
	Jun	Shelikh Hasina Wazed	Prime Minister	Bangladesh
	Jun	Gurbanmyrat MYRADALYEV	Deputy Minister of Culture	Turkmenistan
	July	Wisely Zackhras	Minister of Justice, Immigration, and Labor	Marshall Islands
	July	Matamua Seumanu Vasati Sili Pulufana	Minister of Justice and Courts Administration	Samoa
	July	Ngiraiabelas Tmetuchl	Minister of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism and Development	Palau
	July	Leonito Bacalando Jr	Acting Secretary and Chief of Law	Micronesia
	July	Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.	President	Palau
	July	Mark Brown	Prime Minister	Cook Islands
	July	Penny Wong	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Australia
	July	Wesley W. Simina	President	Micronesia
	July	Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka	Prime Minister	Fiji
	July	Moetai Brotherson	President	French Polynesia
	July	Uering Iteraera	Secretary for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration	Kiribati
	July	David Adeang	President	Nauru
	July	Claude Gambey	Chief of staff to the President of the Autonomous Government (Special Envoy)	New Caledonia
	July	Winston Peters	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs	New Zealand
	July	Dalton Tagelagi	Prime Minister	Niue
	July	Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.	President	Palau
	July	James Marape	Prime Minister	Papua New Guinea
	July	Hilda C. Heine	President	Marshall Islands
	July	Fiaame Naomi Mata'afa	Prime Minister	Samoa
	July	Jeremiah Manele	Prime Minister	Solomon Islands
	July	Hu'akavameiliku	Prime Minister	Tonga
	July	Feleti Penitala Teo	Prime Minister	Tuvalu
	July	Charlot Salwai Tabimasmas	Prime Minister	Vanuatu
	July	Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka	Prime Minister	Fiji
	July	Hu'akavameiliku	Prime Minister	Tonga
	July	Ergogie Tesfaye	Minister of Women and Social Affairs	Ethiopia

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2024	July	Mekdes Daba Feyssa	Minister of Health	Ethiopia
	July	Yoweri Kaguta MUSEVENI	President	Uganda
	July	Rwamirama Bright K	Minister of State of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries	Uganda
	Sep	Nurul Izzah Anwar	Former Member of the Malaysian Parliament	Malaysia
	Sep	Nik Nazmi Bin Nik Ahmad	Minister of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability	Malaysia
	Sep	Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli	Prime Minister	Nepal
	Sep	Pradip Paudel	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	Sep	Satish Kumar Singh	Chief Minister of Madhesh Province	Nepal
	Sep	Shatrudhan Prasad Singh	Minister of Health and Population of Madesh Province	Nepal
	Sep	Ramchandra Paudel	President	Nepal
	Oct	Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson	President	Iceland
	Oct	Katrín Jakobsdóttir	Prime Minister	Iceland
	Nov	Bajjayant Jay Panda	BJP Spokesperson	India
	Nov	Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
	Nov	Paramesh Sivamani	India Coast Guard Director General	India
	Nov	Nouf bint Muhammad bin Abdullah ALSAUD	Princess	Saudi Arabia
	Nov	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
	Dec	Abbas Araghchi	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Iran
	Dec	Mohammadreza Aref	First Vice President	Iran
2025	Jan	Abdul Razak Ahmad	Advisor to Minister of Foreign Affairs	Malaysia
	Jan	Joyce Msuya	Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator	Tanzania
	Jan	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	Feb	Nyangoda Sri Vijitasiri	Supreme Patriarch	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Yapa Rajapriya SERASINGHE	Sri Lanka Coast Guard Director General	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Harini Nireka Amarasureiya	Prime Minister and Minister of Education	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Vijitha Herath	Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Saroja Savithri Paulraj	Minister of Women and Child Affairs	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Nalinda Jayatissa	Minister of Health and Mass Media	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Anura Kumara Dissanayake	President	Sri Lanka
	Feb	Surangel Whipps Jr.	President	Palau
	Feb	Sadik SAFOEV	First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament)	Uzbekistan
	Feb	Numan Kurtulmuş	Speaker of Grand National Assembly	Turkey
	Feb	Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Indonesia
	Feb	Arif Havas Oegroseno	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs	Indonesia
	Feb	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Feb	Hashim S. Djojohadikusumo	Brother of President	Indonesia
	Mar	Batmunkh BATTSETSEG	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Mongolia
	Mar	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Mar	Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete	Former President	Tanzania
	Mar	Surangel Whipps Jr.	President	Palau
	Mar	Hyun In-taek	Former Minister of Unification	Korea
	Mar	Wesley W. Simina	President	Micronesia
	Mar	Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva	President	Brazil
	Apr	Moza bint Nasser	Sheikha	Qatar
	Apr	Haya Al-Thani	Royalty	Qatar
	Apr	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
	Apr	Muhammad Yunus	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate	Bangladesh
	Apr	Nouf bint Muhammad bin Abdullah ALSAUD	Princess	Saudi Arabia
	Apr	Al Waleed bin Talal Al Saud	Prince	Saudi Arabia
	Apr	Tamir Pardo	Former Head of Mossad	Israel
	Apr	Ehud Barak	Former Prime Minister	Israel
	Apr	Isaac Herzog	President	Israel
	Apr	Hassan bin Talal	Prince	Jordan
	May	Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli	Prime Minister	Nepal
	May	Pradip Paudel	Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
	May	Nalinda Jayatissa	Minister of Health and Mass Media	Sri Lanka
	May	Ussene Hilário Isse	Minister of Health	Mozambique
	May	Alexandre Rocha Santos Padilha	Minister of Health	Brazil
	May	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director General, WHO	Ethiopia
	May	Jarbas Barbosa	Director of the Pan American Health Organization	Brazil
	May	Mohamed Yakub Janabi	Regional Director, AFRO elect, WHO	Tanzania
	May	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	May	Pierre N'gou Dimba	Minister of Health	Côte d'Ivoire
	May	Teodoro Herbosa	Secretary of Health/ Chair of WHO General Assembly	Philippines
	May	Saima Wazed	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Bangladesh
	May	Nassuha O Salim	Minister of Health	Comoros
	May	Jenista Joakim Mhagama	Minister of Health	Tanzania
	Jun	Espen Barth Eide	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Norway
	Jun	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
	Jun	Haakon Magnus	Crown Prince	Norway
	Jun	Vidar Helgesen	Executive Secretary of IOC-UNESCO	Norway
	Jun	Leticia Reis de Carvalho	Secretary General of International Seabed Authority	Brazil
	Jun	António Guterres	Secretary General of UN	Portugal
	Jun	Peter Thomson	UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean	Fiji
	Jun	Igli Hasani	Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs	Albania
	Jun	Bajram Begaj	President	Albania
	Jun	Edi Rama	Prime Minister	Albania
	Jul	Isabelle Berro-Amadeï	Acting Minister of State of Monaco	Monaco
	Jul	Saima Wazed	Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	Bangladesh
	Jul	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Jul	Hashim S. Djojohadikusumo	Brother of President	Indonesia
	Jul	Anies Rasyid	Former Governor of Jakarta	Indonesia
	Jul	Khofifah Indar Parawansa	Governor of East Java	Indonesia
	Jul	Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete	Former President	Tanzania
	Jul	Ibrahim Assane Mayaki	Former Prime Minister	Niger
	Jul	Olusegun Matthew Okikiola Aremu Obasanjo	Former President	Nigeria
	Jul	Jorge Carlos de Almeida Fonseca	Former President	Cape Verde

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2025	Jul	Donald P. Kaberuka	Former President of African Development Bank	Rwanda
	Jul	Geraldine Joslyn Fraser-Moleketi	Former Minister of Public Service & Administration	South Africa
	Aug	Elijah Ngurare	Prime Minister	Namibia
	Aug	Jessica Rose Epel Alupo	Vice President	Uganda
	Aug	Mohamud Abdirahman Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene)	Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development	Somalia
	Aug	William Samoei Arap Ruto	President	Kenya
	Aug	José Ulisses CORREIA E SILVA	President	Cape Verde
	Aug	Monday Simaya Kumba	Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	South Sudan
	Aug	Alvaro Lario	President of IFAD	Portugal
	Aug	Mahmoud Thabit Kombo	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Tanzania
	Sep	Earl of St Andrews	George Windsor	UK
	Sep	Patriarch Kirill of Moscow	Patriarch of Moscow and all Rus', Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church	Russia
	Sep	Alexander Stalyevich Voloshin	Former Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration	Russia
	Sep	Anthony of Sourozh	Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox Church	Russia
	Sep	Vladimir Tolstoy	Former Special Advisor to the President (Culture)	Russia
	Oct	Maxim Stanislavovich Oreshkin	First Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration	Russia
	Oct	Grigory Borisovich Karasin	Chair of the Committee on International Affairs of the Federation Council	Russia
	Oct	Valery Abisalovich Gergiev	General Director of the Bolshoi Theatre	Russia
	Oct	Vladimir Nikolaevich Pligin	Former Member of the State Duma	Russia
	Oct	Anura Kumara Dissanayake	President	Sri Lanka
	Nov	Fadhlina binti Sidek	Minister of Education	Malaysia
	Nov	Zambry Abdul Kadir	Minister of Higher Education	Sri Lanka
	Nov	Gaston Alfonso Browne	Prime Minister	Antigua and Barbuda
	Nov	Surangel Whipps Jr.	President	Palau
	Nov	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
	Nov	Nalinda Jayatissa	Minister of Health and Mass Media	Sri Lanka
	Nov	Anura Kumara Dissanayake	President	Sri Lanka
	Nov	Harini Nireka Amarasuriya	Prime Minister and Minister of Education	Sri Lanka
	Nov	Sidi Ould Tah	President of the African Development Bank Group	Mauritania
	Nov	Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka	Prime Minister	Fiji
	Nov	Dinesh Trivedi	Former Minister of Railway	India
	Nov	Ing Kantha Phavi	Minister of Women	Cambodia
	Nov	Sibi George	Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs	India
	Nov	The 14th Dalai Lama		Tibet
	Nov	Julie Bishop	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	Australia
	Nov	Kako	Princess	Japan
	Nov	Anthony of Sourozh	Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox Church	Russia
	Dec	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Dec	Sihesak Phuangketkeow	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Thailand
	Dec	Kassym-Jomart TOKAYEV	President	Kazakhstan
	Dec	Sadyr ZHAPAROV	President	Kyrgyz Republic
	Dec	Emomali RAHMON	President	Tajikistan
	Dec	Serdar BERDIMUHAMEDOV	President	Turkmenistan
	Dec	Shavkat MIRZIYOYEV	President	Uzbekistan
	Dec	Hossain Zillur Rahman	Chairperson of BRAC	Bangladesh
2026	Jan	Vidar Helgesen	Executive Secretary of IOC-UNESCO	Norway
	Jan	Hashim S. Djojohadikusumo	Brother of President	Indonesia
	Jan	Pratikno	Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Cultural Affairs	Indonesia
	Jan	Ilham Akbar Habibie	Chairman of Habibie Center (Son of the President Habibie)	Indonesia
	Jan	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia
	Jan	Prabowo Subianto	President	Indonesia
	Jan	Lech Wałęsa	Former President	Poland
	Jan	Mathilde Marie Christine Ghislaine d'Udekem d'Acoz	Queen	Belgium
	Feb	Lai Ching-te	President	Taiwan
	Feb	Tsai Ing-wen	Former President	Taiwan
	Feb	Anand Badola	Additional Director General of Indian Coast Guard	India
	Feb	Pramod Krishnam	Acharya	India
	Feb	Arjun Ram Meghwal	Minister of Law and Justice	India
	Feb	Þorgerður Katrín GUNNARSDÓTTIR	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Iceland
	Mar	Surangel Whipps Jr.	President	Palau
	Mar	Pietro Parolin	Secretary of State of the Holy See	Vatican
	Mar	Riccardo Paternò di Montecupo	Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta	Italy
	Mar	Fiammetta SALMONI	Director General of the Defence Industries Agency	Italy
	Mar	Alexandre Padilha	Minister of Health	Brazil
	Mar	Macaé Evaristo	Minister of Human Rights and Citizenship	Brazil
	Mar	Hassan Wirajuda	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Indonesia
	Mar	Muhammad Yunus	Former Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government	Bangladesh
	Mar	Chuan Leekpai	Former Prime Minister	Thailand
	Mar	Budi Gunadi Sadikin	Minister of Health	Indonesia

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