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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SECRETARIAT

BY BOLARINWA BOLUWATIFE

On this day, it is with great pleasure that I am addressing everyone reading this note, with the hope and desire to see our world evolve into a better place for all.

The evolvement of our world involves the practices of every individual to make and act on the right decisions that can better our world. Despite these actions, we are hindered by

the level of lack of proper education and understanding affecting the younger generations in our global space.

This problem needs to be solved by all means necessary as every child deserves a good education. The causes of limited education are different including but not limited to lack of finance, oppression, corruption, natural disasters, lack of technologies, and many more.

Our thrive for a whelming future should click into humanity and love, that assures good and adequate education in the world.

I am happy that our organization, the International Youth Organization for Peace and Sustainability, has chosen the task to engage the world in this.



(via Sunday Alamba/AP)

TOP NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BY ASWIN RAGHAV

Nigeria - According to the international human rights organization Amnesty International, at least 56 people have died in the past couple of weeks of demonstrations across Nigeria. The protests began to force the country's government to close the police Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) but have since widened to demand [better governance](#) from the country's politicians. (AP)

France - Samuel Paty, a French history teacher was beheaded by an 18-year-old Russian refugee. It is said that Paty was murdered as he used some caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed, released by a Danish newspaper in 2005, in one of his classes to show as an example for [freedom of expression](#). (CNN)

Israel - Israel will not extend or issue fresh visas to foreign officials from the UN [human rights](#) agency (OHCHR) - the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. (Al Jazeera)

United Nations - The UN on its [World's Women 2020 report](#), states that only 47% of women of working age, globally, have a job. (MIA)

USA - Hatice Cengiz is going to sue the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, over the killing of her fiancée, [Jamal Khashoggi](#). The lawsuit is filed in the District of Columbia, as Cengiz feels that she won't get justice if the case is undertaken in the courts of Turkey or Saudi Arabia. Khashoggi, a US-based journalist, died in Istanbul in the year 2018. However, his remains were never to be found. (NPR)

THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL
LEADERSHIP TODAY IS
INFLUENCE, NOT AUTHORITY.

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KEN BLANCHARD
AUTHOR

New Zealand - The 40-year-old Labour Party candidate and current PM of New Zealand won another term, by sweeping the nation's parliamentary elections. [Jacinda Arden](#) became a global icon with the way she handled the country's COVID-19 crisis. (The Hindu)

Thailand - The [Thai government](#) lifts the state of emergency that was declared a week ago, as they believe that the protestors can be controlled now. Demonstrations are happening for months now, as the country's citizens, mostly students, are demanding the resignation of PM Prayuth Chan-Ocha due to his government's incompetency. (BBC)

Bolivia - Luis Arce becomes the next [President of Bolivia](#). An economist by trade, Arce has been credited with the country's 'miraculous' socialist growth in the 2000s, which brought many citizens out of poverty. He was a strong supporter of nationalizing certain sectors, which in turn made Bolivia one of the fastest-growing economies of Latin America. (Reuters)

IYOPS EXTRA - CORRUPTION

BY EDUARDO AUGUSTO MANSANO MANZO

Corruption is a complex social, economic and political phenomenon which affects all countries around the globe. In different contexts, corruption harms democratic institutions, slows economic development and contributes to political instability.

Corruption attacks the foundations of democratic institutions by distorting electoral processes, perverting the rule of law and subtracting bureaucracy of its legitimacy.

This discourages investment and the creation and development of businesses, which cannot afford the startup costs required because of corruption.

The concept of corruption is wide, including bribes and kickbacks, fraud, misappropriation of funds or any other diversion of funds by a public agent.

Moreover, it can involve cases of nepotism, extortion, trading in influence, use of privileged information for personal purposes and selling of judicial sentences, among other practices.

Recognizing the necessity for a global instrument that could assist the Member States in the fight against corruption, the UN General Assembly approved, in 29th September 2003, the [United Nations Convention against Corruption](#) - the first legally binding international anti-corruption instrument.



(via Markus Spicke/Unsplash)

Transparency International makes recommendations to fight corruption. Governments promote the separation of powers, strengthen the independence of the judiciary and preserve the system of checks and balances.

For a democracy to be effective in tackling corruption, governments must ensure that they are free and local. Preventing and creating sanctions against vote-buying and disinformation are essential to rebuild trust and guarantee that citizens can punish corrupt politicians at the polls.

To end corruption and restore confidence in politics, it is imperative to prevent loopholes for political corruption and to foster the integrity of political systems.

Wanjira Mathai, a social entrepreneur and the daughter of the first African woman to win a Nobel Prize - Wangari Maathai, shares some strategies to uproot the culture of corruption by teaching children about leadership, purpose and integrity in this [TED talk - 3 ways to uproot a culture of corruption](#).

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