



UNITED NATIONS YEAR IN REVIEW 2011

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(Video: Newborn baby with mother – in Dadaab camp – green pastures – drought/famine – Tahrir Square from AP – Madrid or Athens protests – Ban Ki-moon goes to podium)

Ban Ki-Moon on camera, GA opening

Libya – AP ?

Refugees

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2011 – Earth’s 7 billionth resident was born into a world of contradiction and change – there could be enough food for all, yet a billion are still hungry. **Throughout this year, people around the world** were seeking freedom from oppression and better opportunities for themselves and their families.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

BAN KI-MOON: (English)

“Seven billion now look to us, the world’s **leaders**. They need solutions. They demand leadership. They want us to act./ Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth, these are one and the same fight.”

NARRATION:

In Libya, Colonel Ghaddafi’s security forces began systematically shooting at peaceful protesters. More than 600.000 people fled the fighting and chaos **and Ban Ki-moon** urged the international community to

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	ensure the protection of civilians.
	<u>BAN KI-MOON</u> in Security Council:
<i>SG in Security Council on camera</i>	“I have spoken out bluntly and repeatedly: The violence must stop.”
	<u>NARRATION:</u>
<i>Security council vote</i>	In March, the Security Council adopted a resolution with 10 yes and 5 abstentions to take all necessary measures to prevent further attacks and the loss of innocent lives in Libya.
	Susan Rice, Permanent Representative of the United States:
<i>Security council</i>	<u>SUSAN RICE, US PERM. REP.</u>
<i>Susan Rice soundbite, 17 March</i>	“The Security Council has authorized the use of force, including the enforcement of a no-fly zone, to protect civilians and civilian areas.”
	<u>NARRATION:</u>
<i>Libya newsfootage</i>	Soon NATO began a bombing campaign.
<i>UNifeed footage on bombed Misrata, hospitals</i>	UN humanitarian agencies delivered vital supplies to the population.
	With casualty numbers rising, Russia’s ambassador Vitaly Churkin voiced his concern:
	<u>AMB. CHURKIN: 4 May</u>

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“Any act going beyond the mandate established by the resolution in any way or any disproportionate use of force is unacceptable.”

NARRATION

In October, Libyans greeted the death of the dictator with celebratory gunfire – yet weeks of relentless urban conflict have reduced cities to ruins and hospitals are filled with the wounded. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the president of the General Assembly, **Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, made a historic visit to Libya.

SG soundbite

(BAN KI-MOON):

“The road ahead for Libya and its people will be difficult and full of challenges. Now is the time for all Libyans to come together.”

NARRATION:

In Syria, pressure was on for President Al-Assad to step down after thousands of people were killed in pro-democracy protests. **The General Assembly voted on a resolution condemning Syria for the ongoing violence and called for the government to end all human rights violations.**

People partying in Ramallah – UN images on large screen (source

People in the streets of Ramallah cheered

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*Pal journalist, pending) Abbas –
SG Photoopp*

Soundbites in GA

Netanyahu on camera

*UNWRA story on destroyed
housing in OPT*

*UNESCO footage- vote for
membership*

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the news that their president Mahmoud Abbas had presented an application for full UN membership to **Ban Ki-moon**.

MAHMOUD ABBAS IN GA:

“After 63 years of ongoing tragedy – Enough, enough, enough! The time has come for the Palestinian spring, the time for independence.”

Israeli **Prime Minister**, Benjamin Netanyahu:

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU:

“We have to stop negotiating about the negotiations. Lets just get on with it. Lets negotiate peace.”

NARRATION:

Meanwhile on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, housing demolition for Israeli settlement building continued.

ORIGINAL SOUND – CAN BE TRANSLATED OR LEFT AS SOUND BACKGROUND: WOMAN IN UNESCO MEETING:

“Request for admission of Palestine to UNESCO”

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NARRATION:

UNESCO granted Palestine full membership,

SOUND BACKGROUND: WOMAN:

“The decision is adopted and – hammer!”

NARRATION:

leading to the withdrawal of US funding for the organization.

SOUND BACKGROUND, US

REPRESENTATIVE: MAN:

“...to express our strong opposition to this resolution.”

NARRATION:

Flagraising South Sudan at UN

UNifeed footage people moving to polls – Rebecca voting at 115

Soundbite Sarah in Juba

In July, the newborn country of South Sudan became the 193rd Member State of the United Nations. After decades of civil war in Africa’s largest country, the UN helped organize a referendum on unity or separation. At over 100, Rebecca Kadi was one of the oldest voters to take part:

SARAH MODI, REBECCA’S

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GRANDDAUGHTER:

“She was telling me, after I vote, if I die I will be very very happy, because I finished everything.”

Unifeed – festivities in Juba – new baby

NARRATION:

Over 99% supported separation and **on the 9th of July** a new country was born.

Ban Ki-moon in Security Council

BAN KI-MOON IN SECURITY COUNCIL:

‘As any newborn, South Sudan needs help. Together, South and North must face their common future as partners, not rivals.’

NARRATION:

Still tension persists in the border regions. 4200 Ethiopian troops were authorized by the Security Council to provide the much needed peacekeeping force.

Ethiopian troops on the move

In 2011, more than 120.000 UN peacekeepers were deployed in 16 missions on 4 continents. **Dozens** died in the line of duty:

Peacekeeping images

In Afghanistan, seven UN staff members were killed when a crowd of 3000 people protesting against the burning of a Koran in the United States turned violent.

Wreath laying, photos of angry crowd, coffins

Only days later a plane crash in the Democratic Republic of the Congo took the

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AP

UN peacekeepers patrolling, lines of people waiting in the rain to vote, counting ballots

Nobel Prize Ceremony

Haiti cholera, rubble removal, gravel production, school, ceremony with president

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lives of 35 UN **personnel**. And in Nigeria, 18 people were killed in a terrorist attack in the UN office in the country's administrative capital, Abuja.

In Liberia's presidential elections, the UN mission deployed ground troops and increased air patrols to improve security and reassure citizens, as they went to the ballots. Voters turned out undeterred – despite some clashes that prompted the boost in security. President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf was not only re-elected – she was also one of three women activists who were jointly awarded the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

The arrests of former Cote D'Ivoire President Laurent Gbagbo in April and accused war criminal and former Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic in May provided further evidence that the era of impunity may come to an end and the rule of international law is here to stay.

Haiti slowly recovered from a major cholera epidemic. One year after the devastating earth quake, 40 % of the 10 million cubic meters of rubble have been removed. The UN Development Program and other UN

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agencies created jobs in a pilot project to transform some of the debris into gravel to build new homes and schools.

UNICEF brought in **supplies – now** 140.000 children who have never been enrolled before are going to school.

Haiti's new **president, Michel Martelly:**

MICHEL MARTELLY, PRESIDENT OF HAITI (creole)

“Step by step, we are going forward on the way to bring every child to school for free.”

Soundbite Michel Martelly

NARRATION:

Thailand has seen the worst flooding in 70 years. Unusually heavy rainfalls left large parts of the country, including the capital Bangkok, inundated.

Ban Ki-moon flying over floods, visiting refugees

A report by the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change** warns that global warming will cause more extreme weather: more floods, more heat waves and more droughts.

Extreme weather collage

In Somalia, war and the worst drought in decades uprooted a million and a half people. The World Food Program opened feeding centers bringing relief to millions in desperate need. Executive Director, Josette

Somalia, people walking to feeding center, Josette Sheeran visiting

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Sheeran:

JOSETTE SHEERAN, WFP:

“It is very dangerous and risky, but we have to reach people.”

Josette Sheeran soundbite

NARRATION:

Hundreds of thousands Somalis walked for weeks to Kenya – but many did not make it. The Dadaab Refugee camp, the world’s largest, became the third biggest city in Kenya – with almost half a million residents. The UN’s refugee agency UNHCR airlifted thousands of tents to ease the overcrowding.

Refugees walking, funeral on the way, aerial Dadaab camp, people building tents, airlift of supplies

Famine has spread over Somalia but the consequences of the drought affected the whole Horn of Africa. These farmers lost half of their livestock and **food** supplies are running out.

Pastoralists in group, eating palm nuts, goats eating card board

HELEN AKAI,(Turkana):

“We live on palm nuts, there is nothing more to eat.”

Soundbite man

NARRATION:

UNICEF is scaling up nutrition and water lifelines – but planning and investment is what’s needed to build long-term food security.

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UNICEF water delivery in Kenya

Markets

Valerie Amos in DPRK

Japan earthquake/tsunami damage

*CTBT measurements
IAEA visit to Fukushima*

*Ban Ki-moon in shelter for
evacuated people, bowing to them*

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The planet could easily feed 7 billion people, yet millions continue to starve. High and unpredictable food prices affected poor countries the most during the global economic downturn.

UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos visited the Democratic **People's** Republic of Korea, where a third of all children are chronically malnourished.

25 years after Chernobyl – A tragedy in Japan with multiple consequences. A magnitude 9 earth quake followed by a tsunami seriously damaged the Fukushima nuclear reactor. Dedicated workers prevented a total meltdown, but a large area became contaminated as radiation spread. This was measured by the sensitive instruments of the CTBT, the UN's Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization. Experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency urged Japan to secure permanent sites to store the radioactive waste.

Visiting the **victims**, **Ban Ki-moon** pledged to keep nuclear safety high on the international agenda:

BAN KI-MOON:

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Soundbite Ban Ki-moon

Iran power plant ?

21 June GA

Sustainable development

*Forest – Felix and his group in GA
with large cut out trees, Felix
covers GA president’s mouth with
his hand*

Felix Finkbeiner soundbite

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“Nuclear accidents respect no borders./ We must treat nuclear safety as seriously as we treat nuclear weapons.”

NARRATION:

Tensions over **Iran**’s nuclear ambitions have increased, since the IAEA reported that the country appeared to have worked on the design of a nuclear bomb and may still be doing secret research.

After being unanimously re-elected for a second term in office starting in 2012, Ban Ki-moon declared sustainable development that reduces poverty and preserves the environment as his top priority.

13-year old environmental activist Felix Finkbeiner told politicians to stop talking and start planting:

FELIX FINKBEINER:

‘It is now time that we work together, we combine our forces, old and young; rich and poor, and together we can plant a trillion trees.’

NARRATION:

Green economy will be the buzz words for **2012**’s Rio+20 Environment Conference in

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Green economy, electricity collage

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Brazil. 2012 will also be the Year of Sustainable Energy for All – accessible to the poorest of the poor.
7 Billion people need clean energy to read – sustainable agriculture to eat – and opportunities and decent jobs to live a life of dignity and **prosperity...**

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