

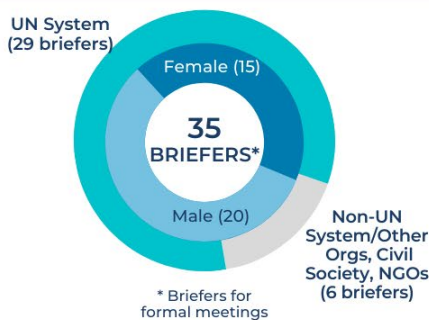
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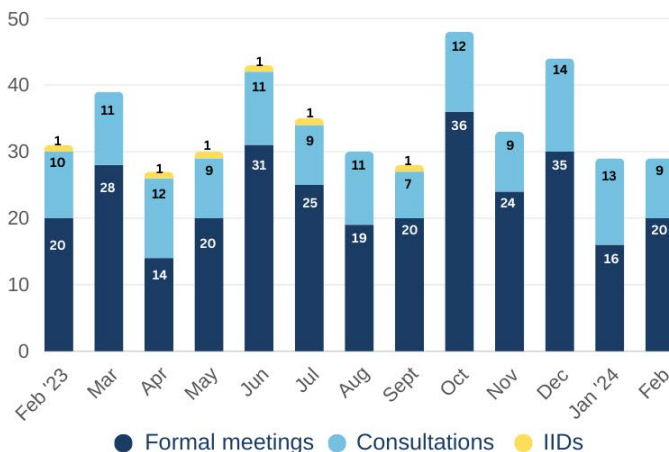


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February 2024 at a Glance



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Under the **Presidency of Guyana**, the Security Council held one signature event:

- A high-level open debate on **maintenance of international peace and security** (13-14 February), focused on the impact of climate change and food insecurity (S/2024/146). The President of Guyana presided over the meeting and the Secretary-General provided a briefing.

Key Topics

The **Middle East, including the Palestinian question**, (12, 20, 22 and 29 February) was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions, followed by **Ukraine** (6, 12 and 23 February).

On 23 February, the Council held a high-level briefing on the **maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine** during which the Secretary-General provided a briefing.

The **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (12 and 20 February) and the **Middle East** (Syria and Yemen) (14 and 27 February) were also considered more than once. Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Myanmar, Iraq, Kosovo, Libya, Somalia, Central African Republic and Afghanistan**. Council members also discussed, under other matters (AOB), the **humanitarian situation in the Sudan**.

In addition to the signature event, the Council heard a thematic briefing on **Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts**. Council members also discussed “**Threats to international peace and security**” (5 February) and heard a briefing on food security risks in Gaza under the item “**Protection of civilians in armed conflict**” (27 February).

Procedural notes

On 8 February, further to a letter dated 5 February (S/2024/134), in which the representative of Serbia invoked **Article 35** of the Charter, the Council convened a meeting under the item entitled “Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)” (see S/PV.9545).

On 20 February, a draft resolution (S/2024/173) submitted under the item entitled “**The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question**”, was not adopted due to a **veto** cast by the United States (see S/PV.9552). Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/262, on 26 February, the Council submitted a special report to the Assembly on the use of the veto in this instance (A/78/786).

Press statements

In February 2024, the Council issued **four press statements** on the following topics: terrorist attacks in Pishin and Qila Saifullah, Balochistan, **Pakistan** (SC/15583); peacekeeper deaths in **Abyei** (SC/15584); the political process in **Libya** (SC/15603); and terrorist attacks in **Burkina Faso** (SC/15607).

Other activities

During the period from 7 to 11 February, the Council undertook a **field mission to Colombia** (S/2024/165). Representatives of Guyana, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, as co-leads of the mission, briefed the Council on the visit on 22 February (see S/PV.9555).

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