



WHEN GEOPOLITICS TRUMP HUMAN RIGHTS, WE
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For a fleeting moment this month, global attention switched from guns to people and from geopolitics to human rights. Many were too busy fighting wars or speaking the "language of power" to pay attention.

But for those who did find the time, the United Nations "special days" in March dedicated to gender equality, fighting anti-Muslim discrimination and eliminating racism, were a sobering reality check on the state of human rights across the world.

Spoiler alert

Seventy-five years after they signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the gap is widening between states' commitments to basic rights and the harsh reality of their actions. Sadly, the universal human rights story has no heroes. Violations take place in 'good' democracies and 'bad' autocracies, in the Global West and the Global South.

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