

Activities of Secretary-General in Tajikistan

On 4-5 July, the United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, arrived in Dushanbe from Astana, Kazakhstan, on Thursday evening, 4 July. On Friday morning, the Secretary-General held a bilateral meeting with the President of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon. They discussed UN-Tajikistan cooperation on climate, sustainable development, and counter-terrorism, as well as regional security in Central Asia. The Secretary-General commended the President of Tajikistan for his leadership on the water agenda and the preservation of glaciers. In a press encounter after the meeting, the Secretary-General said that in a splintered world, he is heartened that Central Asia is choosing a different path — a path of solidarity and coming together around common solutions. He noted that Tajikistan is a critical part of this, with remarkable leadership. The Secretary-General highlighted that full respect for human rights is also a solid base for peace, security, and development.