

**19 AUGUST - DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BOMBING OF UNHQ IN BAGHDAD**  
**Headquarters Observance**  
**Monday, 19 August 2024**

The commemoration of the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad will be observed on Monday, 19 August with a brief ceremony organized by the UN Staff Union’s Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service.

The ceremony also marks the observance of World Humanitarian Day designated by the General Assembly in 2008 to coincide with the date of the bombing in Baghdad. The Day also honours humanitarian aid workers who have been killed or injured in the course of their work.

**WHEN:** Monday, 19 August 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** General Assembly Building public lobby  
 Front of memorial plaque located outside meditation room

**WHAT:** Wreath-laying by **Mr. Atul Khare**, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Operational Support (accompanied by survivors of that bombing). The USG will lay a wreath in front of the plaque honouring those who lost their lives in Baghdad, followed by a moment of silence.

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11:30 a.m.: Participants gather

11:45 a.m.: Wreath-laying by **Mr. Atul Khare**, Under-Secretary-General  
 (Wreath will be moved by Honour Guard provided by Security)

11:45 a.m.: **Mr. Atul Khare**, Under-Secretary-General delivers remarks on behalf of H.E. Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

11:50 a.m. Moment of Silence

11:50 a.m.: **Dr. Abbas Al-Fatlawi**, Chargé d’Affaires of Iraq to the United Nations delivers remarks on behalf of Iraq

11:55 a.m.: **Mr. Abdul Alrashid**, Co-chair, Standing Committee on the Security and Independence delivers remarks on behalf of survivors in Baghdad, UNAMI

12:00 p.m. Ceremony closes – USG meets for a few minutes with survivors

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Nationalities of those killed

Brazil  
Canada  
Egypt  
France  
Iran  
Iraq  
Jordan  
Philippines  
Spain  
United Kingdom  
United States of America

Working for

UN various departments (including OCHA, DPA)  
UNHCR  
UNICEF  
UNOPS