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### Winners

#### AFRICA

#### SINGLES

Title: *Tamale Safalu*

© **Marijn Fidder**



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Caption:

Bodybuilder Tamale Safalu trains in front of his home. Kampala, Uganda, 25 January 2024.

Story:

Despite losing his leg after a terrible motorcycle accident in 2020, Tamale Safalu remained committed to competitive bodybuilding, becoming the first disabled athlete in Uganda to compete against able-bodied athletes. His strength and determination in the face of adversity challenges stereotypes and serves as an inspiration to people from all walks of life. *“By competing as a bodybuilder on stage, I want to encourage other people with disabilities to recognize their own talents and never put their heads down,”* says Tamale.

Title: *Life Won't Stop*

© **Mosab Abushama**




Caption:

002_Africa_Sing les_Mosab Abushama	<p>The groom poses for a portrait at his wedding. In Sudan, announcing a wedding with celebratory gunfire is a tradition. Omdurman, Sudan, 12 January 2024. This photo was taken with a mobile phone camera.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>In January 2024, the photographer was asked by a friend to document his wedding in Omdurman, a city constantly targeted by airstrikes. <i>"Despite the clashes and random shelling in the city, the wedding was a simple but joyous occasion with family and friends. The war in Sudan, which began in April 2023, brought horrors and displacement, forcing me to leave my childhood home and move to another part of the city. It was a time none of us ever expected to live through. Yet, this wedding was a reminder of the joy of everyday life still possible amidst the tragedy and despair,"</i> explains Mosab.</p>
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Title: *Mother Moves, House Approves*




© **Temiloluwa Johnson**


 003_Africa_Sing les_Temiloluwa Johnson	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Participants at "Heavenly Bodies," an underground drag ballroom event during Lagos Pride, celebrate the "mother of the year" winner. Lagos, Nigeria, 21 June 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>Members of the LGBTQI+ community in Nigeria face legal prosecution, widespread social discrimination, and physical violence. Held in a secret location, "Heavenly Bodies: Notes on Fola Francis" was the third edition of the Pride celebration in Lagos ballroom, one of the largest drag ballroom experiences in Nigeria. The 2024 series was named after the late Fola Francis, a trans icon, activist, and first openly transgender person to walk the runway during Lagos Fashion Week. Despite all risks, the event was an electrifying experience, providing a vibrant space for celebration of love and free self-expression.</p>
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## STORIES



Title: *The Lake Has Fallen Silent*

© **Aubin Mukoni**



<p>Story:</p> <p>Many stories are woven together at Lake Kivu, a majestic lake at the border between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Beneath the placid beauty of the waters and the fishing communities that surround it lies turbulence and uncertainty. Climate change brings more frequent storms, warming waters, and dwindling fish stocks. Pollution from plastic waste and the discovery of reserves of methane gas in the lake's sediment threatens the future of this delicate ecosystem. This project is a multifaceted document of the complex web of dependence, exploitation, and respect that links people to their natural environment.</p>	
 <p>004_Africa_Stories_Aubin Mukoni</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Sambaza, a sardine local to the waters of Lake Kivu, are captured in a net. Several factors, including overfishing and the presence of gas extraction plants, threaten the sambaza population. Goma, DRC, 20 March 2024.</p>
 <p>005_Africa_Stories_Aubin Mukoni</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Women selling sambaza at Rond-Point Rutshuru, a busy street in the city of Goma, DRC, 13 April 2024.</p>
 <p>006_Africa_Stories_Aubin Mukoni</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Emanuel Chabala (33), watches over two of his five children while arranging his nets in front of his home. Goma, DRC, 17 April 2024.</p>

 <p>007_Africa_Stories_Aubin Mukoni</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Fishermen returning to the shore. Goma, North Kivu, DRC, 20 March 2024.</p>
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Title: *Kenya's Youth Uprising*  
 © **Luis Tato**, Agence France-Presse

<p>Story:</p> <p>In 2024, the National Treasury of Kenya proposed additional taxes on everyday items to generate additional income and alleviate Kenya's high debt burden. Protests against the bill erupted, led by young Kenyans who organized actions over social media. On 25 June, protestors stormed Parliament and clashed with police; many were killed or abducted and hundreds were injured. Though President William Ruto withdrew the bill, protests persist into 2025, fueled by anger over economic hardship, corruption, police brutality, and distrust of the political class. All across Kenya, young people have emerged as a driving force, demanding accountability and systemic reforms.</p>	
 <p>008_Africa_Stories_Luis Tato_Agence France-Presse</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Protesters chant slogans and push a makeshift barricade as they clash with Kenyan police officers during an anti-government demonstration. Nairobi, Kenya, 2 July 2024.</p>
 <p>009_Africa_Stories_Luis Tato_Agence France-Presse</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A protestor raises a fist in defiance as Kenyan police officers use a water cannon to disperse the gathering. Pink dye in the water is often used by police at protests to mark individuals for identification. Nairobi, Kenya, 20 June 2024.</p>



 <p>010_Africa_Stories_Luis Tato_Agence France-Presse</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Two protestors helping injured people are hit with tear gas outside the Kenyan Parliament during a national strike against the Finance Bill 2024. Nairobi, Kenya, 25 June 2024.</p>
 <p>011_Africa_Stories_Luis Tato_Agence France-Presse</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Kenyan police officers and security personnel protect the Kenyan Parliament against protestors attempting to storm the building. Reports that police fired live ammunition at demonstrators led to condemnation by human rights groups and other countries calling for investigations and police reform. Nairobi, Kenya, 25 June 2024.</p>

Title: *The Elephant Whisperers of Livingstone*  
 © **Tommy Trenchard**, Panos Pictures, for NPR

<p>Story:</p> <p>In Livingstone, Zambia, a succession of failed rainy seasons and human encroachment onto land traditionally used by elephants have led to a rapid increase in human-wildlife conflict over the past few years. During the dry season, elephants enter Livingstone in search of food, raiding gardens, vegetable patches, and fruit trees. When harassed and startled by residents, these interactions can become dangerous. In 2024, at least eleven people were killed by elephants in the town. The three-person Elephant Response Team, a volunteer group, works to keep people and elephants safe. Although the job is demanding and dangerous, the team is motivated by their love for their community and for elephants.</p>	
 <p>012_Africa_Stories_Tommy Trenchard_Panos Pictures_for NPR</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Elephant Response Team members observe an elephant feeding near a military base. Livingstone, Zambia, 29 August 2024.</p>



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Trenchard\_Panos Pictures\_for  
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Caption:

An aerial view of newly constructed homes next to the fence line of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. Zambia's population has nearly tripled since 1990. Livingstone, Zambia, 2 September 2024.



014\_Africa\_Stories\_Tommy  
Trenchard\_Panos Pictures\_for  
NPR

Caption:

Residents of the Linda suburb of Livingston watch a herd of elephants passing close by. Livingstone, Zambia, 31 August 2024.



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Caption:

Youths clamor for "chilli bricks" to deter elephants at a public safety event. The bricks are made of elephant dung, used engine oil, and chili, producing a noxious smoke when burned that helps deter elephants. Livingstone, Zambia, 31 August 2024.

## LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Women's Bodies as Battlefields*

© **Cinzia Canneri**, Association Camille Lepage

Story:

In 2017, Cinzia Canneri began documenting the experiences of Eritrean women fleeing Eritrea's repressive government. Since the outbreak of war in the Tigray region of Northern Ethiopia in 2020, her scope has expanded to include the stories of Tigrayan women fleeing from armed invasion. Both groups have been the targets of systematic sexual violence – rape, shooting, torture – that, due to social stigma, limited health facilities, and journalistic access, remains insufficiently reported by news media. By amplifying the stories and voices of the survivors, this project reimagines the idea of resilience as a complex collaborative challenge against pain, trauma, and loss.



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on Camille  
Lepage

Caption:





Yohanna (22) resting next to her mother after she received treatment for complications arising from kidney removal. Shot by Eritrean police at the border, she woke up at a hospital where she learned that one of her kidneys had been removed. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 31 October 2017.





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Caption:

Zayid (23, not her real name) shows a scar left by a bullet. Zayid was raped at a refugee camp in Amhara. When fleeing to Addis Ababa with her family, she and her sister were shot and wounded by Amhara soldiers. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 30 November 2022.


 <p>018_Africa_Long-Term Projects_Cinzia Cannari_Associati on Camille Lepage</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Despite experiencing trauma, the girls find strength and support in their shared experiences, fostering resilience, self-confidence, and collective strength. Um Rakuba Refugee camp, Gedaref, Sudan, 4 June 2021.</p>
 <p>019_Africa_Long-Term Projects_Cinzia Cannari_Associati on Camille Lepage</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Objects on display at the Martyr's Memorial Monument Museum belonging to women who were raped there. The museum originally memorialized the Tigrayan struggles against Ethiopian forces; when war broke out in 2020, Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) turned it into a detention center where Tigrayan women were raped and tortured. Mekelle, Tigray, Ethiopia, 25 December 2023.</p>
 <p>020_Africa_Long-Term Projects_Cinzia Cannari_Associati on Camille Lepage</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Tsigue (39, not her real name) and her daughter (5) embrace each other. Tsigue was raped by Eritrean soldiers when the war began. Her husband left her shortly thereafter. Women raped during the war are almost always abandoned by their husbands. Adigrat, Tigray, Ethiopia, 12 December 2023.</p>
 <p>021_Africa_Long-Term Projects_Cinzia Cannari_Associati on Camille</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Marhawit (21, center) leads a group of female soldiers in a cheer. Many are minors who joined the Tigrayan army for safety. Leaders like Marhawit provide emotional support and a sense of unity and purpose. Neblet, Tigray, Ethiopia, 7 April 2024.</p>

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 <p>022_Africa_Long-Term Projects_Cinzia Canneri_Associati on Camille Lepage</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Despite facing immense challenges, young Tigrayan refugee women dedicate time to self-care and socialization. Social interaction provides a crucial support system, helping them process trauma, maintain normalcy, and redefine their identities. Shire, Tigray, Ethiopia, 26 March 2024.</p>
 <p>023_Africa_Long-Term Projects_Cinzia Canneri_Associati on Camille Lepage</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Zhaynesh (38) and Salem (40), not their real names, present data they have collected on sexual violence during the Tigray war. The governments of Ethiopia and Eritrea have never acknowledged any war crimes or acts of sexual violence committed by their armed forces. Sheraro, Tigray, Ethiopia, 22 December 2023.</p>

## ASIA-PACIFIC AND OCEANIA

### SINGLES


Title: *Korea Adoption Fraud*  
 © **Jae C. Hong**, Associated Press

 <p>024_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Singles_Jae C. Hong_Associated Press</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Nicole Motta (left) and her birth father Jang Dae-chang wipe away tears after an emotional reunion, some 40 years after they were separated. Seoul, 31 May 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p>
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	<p>Nicole's documents say she was adopted from a Korean orphanage in 1985, after being in the care of neighbors. Dae-chang says his family was torn apart following the failure of his business. When he tried to find Nicole, he learned a relative had given her away.</p> <p>Some 200,000 Korean children have been adopted into the US since the 1950s. An investigation by Associated Press uncovered evidence of fraudulent documentation in many of these adoptions. Children like Nicole grew up searching for their roots, but discovered their life story is not what they thought.</p>
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Title: *Gabriel Medina During the Paris 2024 Olympic Games*

© **Jerome Brouillet**, Agence France-Presse

 <p>025_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Singles_Jerome Brouillet_Agence France-Presse</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Brazil's Gabriel Medina bursts out triumphantly from a large wave in the fifth heat of round three of men's surfing, during the 2024 Olympic Games. Teahupo'o, Tahiti, French Polynesia, 29 July 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>Medina scored a near-perfect 9.9 in the heat, and went on to pick up bronze, ceding the gold medal to France's Kauli Vaast. This photograph circulated widely, attracting more than 9.5 million likes on Medina's Instagram alone.</p> <p>Surfing made its Olympic debut at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. For the 2024 Paris games, the surfing contests were held almost 26,000 kilometers from France, in Tahiti in semi-autonomous French Polynesia, a region renowned for its challenging waves.</p>
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Title: *The Impact of Nickel Mining on Halmahera Island*

© **Mas Agung Wilis Yudha Baskoro**, for China Global South Project



026\_Asia-Pacific and Oceania\_Singles\_Mas Agung Wilis Yudha Baskoro\_for China Global South Project

Caption:

Workers ride towards a nickel smelting and processing plant, amid heavy rains that continued for two days, causing flooding. Weda, Halmahera, Indonesia, 12 August 2024.

Story:

Nickel mining in Indonesia has ramped up in the past decade, and Weda Bay now accounts for 17% of global production of a metal essential for electric vehicle batteries and renewable energy storage. Research indicates that deforestation from mining leads to longer and more frequent flooding. Air pollution from nickel smelting and coal-based energy production has also surged, with one local health center recording a 25-fold increase in respiratory diseases between 2020 and 2023.

## STORIES

Title: *No More Monkey Mania in Thai Town*

© **Chaline Thirasupa**, Reuters

Story:




Macaques, believed to bring good fortune, are part of the identity of “Monkey City” – Lopburi, north of Bangkok, Thailand. Tourists flocked to see them, feeding them fruit. By 2020, the monkey population had reached 3,121, but during COVID-19, tourists disappeared. Marauding monkeys became more aggressive, confronting residents, stealing food, and fighting. Residents tried unsuccessfully to deter them with slingshots, and from April 2024 authorities intervened with a sterilization program to bring the situation back under control.






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Caption:

A man sprays alcohol toward long-tailed macaques to keep them from stealing goods near Phra Prang Sam Yot temple, a monkey hotspot.

Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Chaline Thirasupa_Reut ers	Lopburi, Thailand, 25 May 2024.
 028_Asia- Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Chaline Thirasupa_Reut ers	Caption:  A long-tailed macaque looks into a motorbike's side mirror, near Phra Prang Sam Yot temple. Lopburi, Thailand, 3 February 2024.
 029_Asia- Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Chaline Thirasupa_Reut ers	Caption:  A long-tailed macaque attacks a shop employee, opposite Phra Prang Sam Yot temple. Lopburi, Thailand, 3 February 2024.
 030_Asia- Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Chaline Thirasupa_Reut ers	Caption:  A young long-tailed macaque lies sedated as veterinarians from the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation carry out a sterilization procedure, in Lopburi, Thailand, 25 May 2024.







<p>Story:</p> <p>Four consecutive cyclones, three of which developed into typhoons, hit the Philippines in a matter of days in late October and early November 2024. Tropical Storm Trami, followed by Typhoons Yinxing, Toraji, and Usagi left a trail of destruction, mostly in the northern Luzon region. A Philippine Climate Change Assessment Cycle report points to a 210% increase in typhoons hitting the Philippines since 2012, and other studies indicate that the climate crisis is intensifying extreme rainfall and flooding worldwide.</p>	
 <p>031_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Stories_Noel Celis_Associated Press</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Residents carry their belongings as the river swells, following heavy rains from Typhoon Torajii (locally known as Nika). The typhoon blocked roads with debris, complicating relief efforts. Ilagan City, Isabela, northern Philippines, 11 November 2024.</p>
 <p>032_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Stories_Noel Celis_Associated Press</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A man wades through a street flooded by heavy rains from Typhoon Torajii. Ilagan City, Isabela, northern Philippines, 12 November 2024.</p>
 <p>033_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Stories_Noel Celis_Associated Press</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>People rescue a cow trapped by debris in flood waters caused by Typhoon Usagi. The typhoon destroyed infrastructure and led to extensive agricultural losses. Gonzaga, Cagayan, northern Philippines, 15 November 2024.</p>

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 <p>034_Asia- Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Noel Celis_Associate d Press</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Graduation and family pictures are laid out to dry on a flood-damaged sofa, after continuous rains during Tropical Storm Trami. Naga City, Camarines Sur, northern Philippines, 25 October 2024.</p>

Title: *A Nation in Conflict*

© **Ye Aung Thu**

<p>Story:</p> <p>Myanmar has been racked by internal conflict for decades, most recently a 2021 military coup, which sparked widespread armed opposition, leading to revolution. Different civilian militias, loosely organized into the People's Defense Forces (PDF), escalated resistance in 2024.</p> <p>The photographer lived through a 1988 military coup, aged six, and saw history repeat itself when his own son was six in 2021. He has since traveled across the country, documenting different insurgent groups, and observing how their determination brings hope in dark times.</p>	
 <p>035_Asia- Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Ye Aung Thu</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Insurgents from different opposition groups gather in the jungle before launching an attack on a government base in Hpasawng township. Kayah (Karenni) State, Myanmar, 22 January 2024.</p>
 <p>036_Asia-</p>	<p>Caption:</p>

Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Ye Aung Thu	Members of the Special Operations Force (SOF), a PDF unit, dig graves for four resistance fighters who died in an attack on a government military camp. Taung Soon, Kayin State, Myanmar, 26 April 2024.
 037_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Ye Aung Thu	Caption:  Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and SOF fighters fire a heavy machine gun, in an attack on a government military camp. Taung Soon, Kayin State, Myanmar, 21 April 2024.
 038_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Stories _Ye Aung Thu	Caption:  Khu Reedu (27, center), the commander of the Karenni Nationalities Defense Force, and fellow fighters celebrate victory over a government military base. Shadaw, Kayah (Karenni) State, 14 February 2024.

## LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Te Urewera – The Living Ancestor of Tūhoe People*

© **Tatsiana Chypsanava**, Pulitzer Center, *New Zealand Geographic*

Story:

The Ngāi Tūhoe people of the Te Urewera region in New Zealand have maintained a staunch independence. Tūhoe have never lost their connection to their language and cultural identity, and in a groundbreaking 2014 agreement, the New Zealand government opened the way to Tūhoe managing their ancestral lands according to their cultural values.

Recent changes by New Zealand’s right-wing government are seen as reversals of such hard-fought progressive policies regarding indigenous peoples. Yet the Tataiwhetu Trust farm in Te Urewera offers a revitalizing model for a younger generation.



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Caption:

Tāme Iti, a prominent Tūhoe activist bearing a traditional facial tattoo, stands at the 2014 Tūhoe-Crown Settlement Day ceremony where the government formally apologized for historical injustices. Tāneatua, New Zealand, 22 August 2014.



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Projects\_Tatsiana  
Chypsanava\_Pulit  
zer Center\_New  
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Geographic

Caption:


Horses roam freely in Te Urewera, serving as crucial transportation in the rugged terrain. Maungapohatu, New Zealand, 21 April 2024.





041\_Asia-Pacific  
and  
Oceania\_Long-  
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Chypsanava\_Pulit

Caption:

Ruiha Te Tana (12) relaxes at her grandfather's home. Built by an ancestor in 1916, the homestead serves as a living archive of Tūhoe history. Ruatoki, New Zealand, 26 January 2022.

<p>zer Center_New Zealand Geographic</p>	
 <p>042_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Long- Term Projects_Tatsiana Chypsanava_Pulit zer Center_New Zealand Geographic</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Carol Teepa sits in her kitchen with her youngest grandchild, Mia, and her son, Wanea, one of more than 20 children she adopted according to Māori custom, to strengthen traditions and family ties. Ruatoki, New Zealand, 2 September 2017.</p>
 <p>043_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Long- Term Projects_Tatsiana Chypsanava_Pulit zer Center_New Zealand Geographic</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Mihiaata Teepa (16) and her Tūhoe Māori Rugby League U16 teammates perform a haka during practice before a game. Rotorua, New Zealand, 12 January 2025.</p>
 <p>044_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Long- Term Projects_Tatsiana Chypsanava_Pulit</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Children from the Teepa family drive the younger siblings home, after a swim in the river. Tūhoe children are taught independence and to care for other family members. Ruatoki, New Zealand, 27 January 2022.</p>

zer Center_New Zealand Geographic	
 <p>045_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Long- Term Projects_Tatsiana Chypsanava_Pulit zer Center_New Zealand Geographic</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Apprentices from a local school learn essential farming skills at Tataiwhetu Trust, an organic dairy farm – the united effort of six families. Ruatoki, New Zealand, 14 January 2022.</p>
 <p>046_Asia-Pacific and Oceania_Long- Term Projects_Tatsiana Chypsanava_Pulit zer Center_New Zealand Geographic</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Teepa children share a watermelon. John Rangikapua Teepa and his wife Carol have raised more than 20 children adopted according to the Māori whāngai custom, to strengthen traditions and family ties. Ruatoki, New Zealand, 27 January 2022.</p>

## EUROPE

## SINGLES

Title: *Beyond the Trenches*  
© **Florian Bachmeier**



047\_Europe\_Singles\_Florian  
Bachmeier

**Caption:**

Anhelina (6), who is traumatized and suffers panic attacks after having to flee her village, lies in bed in her new home. Borshchivka, Ukraine, 7 March 2024.

**Story:**

Ongoing conflict in their home village near Kupiansk (a frontline city in Russia's invasion of Ukraine) forced Anhelina's family to seek refuge. She now lives with her grandmother, Larisa, in Borshchivka, 95 kilometers from Kupiansk, while her mother lives and works in Kharkiv, about an hour's journey away. The photographer wished to shed light on children who have grown up surrounded by violence, their innocence fractured but their spirit enduring as they adapt to a new life.

Title: *Underground Field Hospital*

© **Nanna Heitmann**, Magnum Photos, for *The New York Times*



048\_Europe\_Singles\_Nanna  
Heitmann\_Magnum Photos\_for  
The New York Times

**Caption:**

A soldier injured near the city of Bakhmut, lies in a field hospital set up in an underground winery. His left leg and arm were later amputated. Donbas, Ukraine, 22 January 2024.

**Story:**

The soldier was conscripted to fight for the Russian-backed, separatist "republic" of Donetsk in eastern Ukraine on 22 February 2022, two days before the full-scale Russian invasion of the country. Later, Russia unilaterally annexed the territory, and the militia that conscripted him was merged into a unit of the Russian army. Russia has occupied vast swathes of eastern Ukraine, and the city of Bakhmut has seen some of the bloodiest battles of the war.

Title: *Mika*

© **Prins de Vos**, Queer Gallery



049\_Europe\_Singles\_Prins de Vos\_Queer Gallery

Caption:

Mika (21) has been waiting for 22 months for a first consultation at a gender clinic. Meanwhile, he has personally covered the costs of top surgery and hormone treatment. He finally had his first consultation in May 2024. Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 2 February 2024.

Story:

Prolonged waits for first appointments for gender-affirmation (supporting a person in being able to live as the gender they identify with) are a reality both in the Netherlands and globally. The toll on non-binary and trans people's wellbeing can be profound, causing frustration, isolation, and despair. The photographer aims to highlight these issues, foster a greater understanding of the impact waiting has on people's lives, and to encourage a more inclusive and compassionate approach to gender-affirming care.

## STORIES

Title: *MARIA*

© **Maria Abranches**

Story:

Ana Maria Jeremias' life as a carer and domestic worker in Portugal echoes the experience of countless women around Europe. Trafficked from Angola to Portugal aged nine, under false promises of education, Ana Maria has spent more than four decades working in other people's homes, making a vital contribution to their daily lives. By focusing on Ana Maria's story, the photographer aims to encourage reflection on privilege, as well as to honor her life (and that of so many women like her).



 <p>050_Europe_Stories_Maria_Abranches</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>One of Ana Maria's uniforms hangs ready for work. Originally called Utima (the Kimbundu word for "heart"), she was given her new name by the family that brought her to Portugal. Lisbon, Portugal, 27 November 2023.</p>
 <p>051_Europe_Stories_Maria_Abranches</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Ana Maria commutes to work at dawn. After freeing herself, aged 21, from employment by an abusive family, she eventually bought a house on the outskirts of Lisbon. Rio de Mouro, Portugal, 9 January 2024.</p>
 <p>052_Europe_Stories_Maria_Abranches</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Ana Maria takes care of a woman she has been employed by for five years. Lisbon, Portugal, 11 December 2023.</p>
 <p>053_Europe_Stories_Maria_Abranches</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Ana Maria sits exhausted after helping a client who has had a fall. Lisbon, Portugal, 11 December 2023.</p>

Title: *Protests in Georgia*

© **Mikhail Tereshchenko**, TASS Agency

Story:

Citizens took to the streets across Georgia in November 2024 when prime minister Irakli Kobakhidze announced a four-year suspension of talks on joining the EU. This followed the European Parliament's rejection of Georgia's recent elections, amidst claims of vote rigging. In the capital, Tbilisi, as thousands demonstrated, clashes erupted between police and protesters outside the parliament building.

Protests continued, despite a severe government crackdown on dissent in late December, when a law was passed criminalizing even symbolic acts of protest, such as the public posting of stickers.



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Caption:

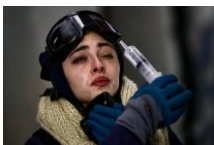
Protesters wave Georgian and European Union flags at a rally in front of the Georgian Museum of Fine Arts, opposite the parliament building. Tbilisi, Georgia, 6 December 2024.



055\_Europe\_Stories\_Mikhail Tereshchenko\_TASS Agency

Caption:

A woman confronts riot police during a rally outside the Parliament of Georgia, on Rustaveli Avenue. Police had brought water cannons onto the avenue to disperse protesters. Tbilisi, Georgia, 7 December 2024.



056\_Europe\_Stories\_Mikhail Tereshchenko\_TASS Agency

Caption:

A protester rinses her eyes after police have deployed tear gas. She wears a protective ski mask, respirator, and gardening gloves (to pick up hot gas containers). Tbilisi, Georgia, 7 December 2024.



057\_Europe\_Stories\_Mikhail Tereshchenko\_TASS Agency

**Caption:**

Rustaveli Avenue, which runs past the parliament of Georgia, lies covered by smoke, after police deployed tear gas against protesters. Demonstrators tried to take shelter in nearby alleys. Tbilisi, Georgia, 7 December 2024.

Title: *Democracy Dies in Darkness*

© **Rafael Heygster**, for *Der Spiegel*

**Story:**

Germany's nationalist, anti-immigrant Alternative für Deutschland (AfD), which styles itself as the "party of the little people", made major gains in 2024, and achieved 20.8% of the vote in the 2025 national elections. In 2024, the photographer attended AfD rallies to examine and question the way the far-right party presents itself. Far-right and populist political groups across Europe are proving adept at using new media to spread their ideologies. Opponents accuse them of amplifying misinformation, spreading division and hatred, and endangering democracy.



058\_Europe\_Stories\_Rafael Heygster\_for Der Spiegel

**Caption:**



Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) holds a federal party conference. Many Germans see the party's far-right views as a threat to democracy. Essen, Germany, 30 June 2024.



059\_Europe\_Stories\_Rafael Heygster\_for Der Spiegel

**Caption:**


AfD party members and supporters sing a song with rewritten lyrics about deportation in an incident investigated by the police for incitement to hatred. Potsdam, Germany, 22 September 2024.




 <p>060_Europe_Stories_Rafael Heygster_for Der Spiegel</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>AfD co-leader Alice Weidel has embraced the controversial term “remigration”, which calls for large-scale deportations of immigrants. Essen, Germany, 30 June 2024.</p>
 <p>061_Europe_Stories_Rafael Heygster_for Der Spiegel</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>AfD party members cast their votes at a party convention to choose candidates for upcoming European elections. Magdeburg, Germany, 29 July 2023.</p>





## LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *It Smells of Smoke at Home*

© **Aliona Kardash**, DOCKS Collective, for *Stern Magazine*

<p>Story:</p> <p>Russia’s de facto ban on critical media and suppression of anti-war protests has created an alternative reality with its own take on what Russia calls its “special military operation” in Ukraine instead of a full-scale invasion. In this story, Aliona Kardash, Russian-born, but now resident in Germany, reflects on the loss of home, and on love for people who believe in a different version of reality. Making a return visit to her hometown, Aliona tries to capture how war transforms us, and to sustain the belief that personal bonds are stronger than the forces that tear us apart.</p>	
 <p>062_Europe_Long-Term</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>The letter Z, which went from a military marking to become a symbol of public support for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, shines among Christmas decorations. Tomsk, Russia, 29 December 2022.</p>

Projects_Aliona Kardash_DOCKS Collective_for Stern Magazine	
 063_Europe_Long -Term Projects_Aliona Kardash_DOCKS Collective_for Stern Magazine	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A party at a club in Tomsk, where DJs played a few tracks in Ukrainian. By 2023, playing Ukrainian music in Russia was perceived as civil disobedience. Tomsk, Russia, 6 January 2023.</p>
 064_Europe_Long -Term Projects_Aliona Kardash_DOCKS Collective_for Stern Magazine	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Aliona (left) sits with her younger sister Sanya, a mother of two. Aliona has never talked to Sanya about the war and has no idea of what it must be like to raise a son in wartime Russia. Tomsk, Russia, 5 August 2023.</p>
 065_Europe_Long -Term Projects_Aliona Kardash_DOCKS Collective_for Stern Magazine	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Russian flags and those of various units of the Russian defence forces and Wagner Group fly over the graves of soldiers killed in Ukraine. Tomsk, Russia, 30 August 2023.</p>

 <p>066_Europe_Long -Term Projects_Aliona Kardash_DOCKS Collective_for Stern Magazine</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Impromptu memorials sprung up around the country after a 22 March attack by Islamist extremists on the Crocus City Hall in Moscow, which killed 145 people. Tomsk, Russia, 25 March 2024.</p>
 <p>067_Europe_Long -Term Projects_Aliona Kardash_DOCKS Collective_for Stern Magazine</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Since Aliona's grandmother very rarely leaves the house, television (here broadcasting an address by President Putin) is often her window to the world. Tomsk, Russia, 12 January 2023.</p>
 <p>068_Europe_Long -Term Projects_Aliona Kardash_DOCKS Collective_for Stern Magazine</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Footage from a drone attack on a Ukrainian target is displayed alongside trophies from the front, in an exhibition at a Tomsk local history museum. Tomsk, Russia, 2 April 2024.</p>
 <p>069_Europe_Long -Term Projects_Aliona</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>At the age of 94, Aliona's grandmother votes for the president. She says: <i>"God bless me, old fool, that I can vote for Putin one more time!"</i> Tomsk, Russia, 16 March 2024.</p>


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## NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

## SINGLES

Title: *Attempted Assassination of Donald Trump*

© **Jabin Botsford**, for *The Washington Post*

 <p>070_North and Central America_Single s_Jabin Botsford_for The Washington Post</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Members of the United States Secret Service help Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump off stage moments after a bullet from an attempted assassin hit his ear during a campaign rally. Butler, Pennsylvania, United States, 13 July 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>The assassination attempt on Donald Trump, and the media coverage that followed, is believed to have marked a turning point in the presidential campaign that would shape not only the election to come, but the United States' political future. Shortly after the shooting, the 2024 Republican presidential nominee defiantly shouted "Fight, fight, fight!" as he was escorted off the stage. Notably, this image, captured seconds later, presents a rare and candid moment of fragility in a campaign that focused on vitality and strength.</p>
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Title: *Night Crossing*

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Caption:

Chinese migrants warm themselves during a cold rain after crossing the US–Mexico border. Campo, California, 7 March 2024.

Story:

Unauthorized immigration from China to the US has increased dramatically in recent years due to a host of factors, including China’s struggling economy and financial losses after strict zero-COVID policies. Moreover, people are being influenced by video tutorials on how to get across the border, shown on Chinese social media platforms. This image, both otherworldly and intimate, depicts the complex realities of migration at the border, which is often flattened and politicized in public discourse in the United States.

Title: *Constance Wynn II, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 2025*

© **Philip Montgomery**, for *The New York Times Magazine*



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Caption:

On Election Day 2024, Constance Wynn sits in the front parlor of her home built by her great-great-grandfather. Her ancestors escaped slavery by fleeing to Pennsylvania, the first state to become a haven for enslaved people after the first gradual abolition law was passed. Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, United States, 5 November 2024.

Story:

This image captures an anxious moment on the day of the 2024 US presidential election. Constance Wynn has just downloaded Project 2025, a 900-page document released by the conservative Heritage Foundation calling for a sweeping agenda that would radically restructure the federal government and dismantle many civil rights protections. Philip







	<p>Montgomery spent weeks before and after the election in Luzerne County, where voting patterns shifted from favoring Democrats to Republicans over the past 12 years. He visited homes, gathering spaces, rallies, businesses, and churches to reveal the complexities of the politically significant swing county where an increasing majority embraced Donald Trump.</p>
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## STORIES

Title: *A Place to Die*

© **Oliver Farshi**

<p>Story:</p> <p>A very special house sits in a quiet residential neighborhood in the state of Washington, a place of reflection, grief, joy, life, and death. Here, the terminally ill come to spend their last hours – held in the presence of compassion, tenderness, and community – before drinking a medication that ends their lives. This project explores how some choose to encounter their own death in this unique space: from issues of community and access, care-giving and medical aid, to the intimate process of dying and the tenderness of grieving. While death often happens behind closed doors and in clinical settings, these photographs are an invitation to look at an inevitable aspect of life from a new perspective.</p>	
 <p>073_North and Central America_Stories_Oliver Farshi</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>View from the death bed. There are no permanent residents here. 22 February 2024.</p>
 <p>074_North and</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A death doula, an end-of-life companion, prepares for a guest's death with flowers. The service is free of charge because the experience is grounded in community care, not profit. 1 March 2024.</p>

Central America_Stories_Oliver Farshi	
 <p>075_North and Central America_Stories_Oliver Farshi</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A bottle of DDMP2, a medical compound used by Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) programs to assist in death. 1 March 2024.</p>
 <p>076_North and Central America_Stories_Oliver Farshi</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A guest's body, wrapped in a death shroud. This guest caught a bad cold and discovered she had stage four lung cancer during a hospital visit. 2 March 2024.</p>

Title: *A Town Derailed*

© **Rebecca Kiger**, Center for Contemporary Documentation, *TIME*

Story:

On 3 February 2023, a Norfolk Southern train derailed in East Palestine, Ohio, a small town of 4,700 residents. The train contained hazardous materials, including known carcinogens. It was one of the most toxic train spills in the history of the United States, which raised concerns about the environmental and public health impacts of the derailment. This project chronicles the aftermath of the disaster and its continuing impact on the local community after national media attention waned. Embedded with residents as they sought corporate accountability and navigated conflicting health information, the photographer captures the nuanced new reality of East Palestine in limbo, highlighting the complex relationships between residents and their environment, health, and governing institutions.



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Caption:

Rick Tsai, an East Palestine resident, walks in Sulphur Run near the train derailment site wearing protective gear. He believes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has misled residents. East Palestine, Ohio, United States, 7 August 2023.



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Documentation  
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Caption:

LaBrea Letson (8) sells lemonade made with bottled water outside her grandmother's home near the derailment site. A van passing by tests the air for hazardous chemicals. East Palestine, Ohio, United States, 18 August 2023.



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Caption:

Phil Gurley (left) of the EPA gives a presentation on the remediation process to a biology class at East Palestine High School. East Palestine, Ohio, United States, 12 October 2023.



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Caption:



Connie Fortner addresses National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) members after several hours of listening to the board's investigative findings. East Palestine, Ohio, United States, 6 June 2024.

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Title: *Crisis in Haiti*

© **Clarens Siffroy**, Agence France-Presse

<p>Story:</p> <p>Haiti is suffering from an unprecedented surge in gang violence. Since President Moïse was assassinated in 2021, armed gangs have proliferated and violence has intensified. Around 300 criminal groups are active in the country, controlling a territory inhabited by 2.7 million Haitians. Gang violence, reaching levels comparable to war zones, includes killings, disappearances, torture, arson, and systematic sexual violence, notably against women and children. This crisis is deeply rooted in Haiti's colonial past, slavery, and the crippling independence debt imposed by France, which fueled long-term inequalities. This project, photographed by a resident of Port-au-Prince, captures the human elements behind the statistics of the ongoing crisis.</p>	
 <p>081_North and Central America_Stories_Clarens Siffroy_Agence France-Presse</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Police forces take part in an operation against powerful gangs near the National Palace. Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 9 July 2024.</p>
 <p>082_North and Central America_Stories</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A local resident throws tires on the bodies of suspected gang members killed by police. Pétion-Ville, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 19 November 2024.</p>

s_Clarens Siffroy_Agence France-Presse	
 083_North and Central America_Stories s_Clarens Siffroy_Agence France-Presse	Caption:  Residents flee gang violence in their neighborhood. According to the United Nations, thousands of Port-au-Prince residents were killed and more than a million were displaced in 2024. Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 19 November 2024.
 084_North and Central America_Stories s_Clarens Siffroy_Agence France-Presse	Caption:  People grieving after learning that their family members were among a dozen people shot and killed by an armed gang. Pétion-Ville, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 18 March 2024.

## LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Life and Death in a Country Without Constitutional Rights*  
© **Carlos Barrera**, El Faro, NPR

Story:

In 2022, El Salvador’s President Nayib Bukele and its legislative assembly passed a law declaring a “state of emergency” that limited the rights of El Salvadorans to freedom of assembly, privacy of communication, and due process under the law. This temporary measure, designed to curb gang violence responsible for El Salvador’s high murder rate, has been renewed 35 times as of March 2025, turning El Salvador into a nation where mass incarceration is the norm. Prisons in El Salvador have become severely overcrowded and reports of inhumane treatment, poor medical care, violence, and murder are common. This

project focuses on the stories of individuals and affected families to show the private struggles behind public policy.



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Caption:

A man is taken into custody by police on the day the El Salvadoran Legislative Assembly approved the “state of emergency.” Since that day, more than 80,000 people have been arrested. Santa Tecla, El Salvador, 27 March 2022.



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Barrera\_El  
Faro\_NPR

Caption:

A group of arrested people awaits entrance to Ilopango jail. Many will spend over a year behind bars without due process. Trials are conducted in groups rather than on a case-by-case basis. Ilopango, San Salvador, El Salvador, 27 September 2022.



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Projects\_Carlos  
Barrera\_El  
Faro\_NPR

Caption:

Cecilia Abrego holds a T-shirt with photographs of her sons, who were detained and imprisoned in May 2022. Cecilia has cancer and must find money to send to her sons and for her own treatment. San Salvador, El Salvador, 12 May 2023.



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America\_Long-  
Term  
Projects\_Carlos  
Barrera\_El  
Faro\_NPR

Caption:

A boy (16) was captured, beaten, and tortured by members of El Salvador's naval force. Usulután, El Salvador, 8 November 2022.



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Projects\_Carlos  
Barrera\_El  
Faro\_NPR

Caption:

Maria Elena Lozano mourns at her son's coffin. Maria Elena's son, Marvin Diaz Lozano, became sick in jail, was released after photographs of his mistreatment went viral on social media, and later died due to lack of proper medical treatment while imprisoned. Usulután, El Salvador, 29 July 2024.



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Caption:


Alba (28) was living with her parents and getting ready to travel to the United States on a work visa program when she was arrested by National Civil Police without evidence or a warrant. In prison, she was abused and tortured, witnessing death and miscarriages among the other inmates. San Salvador, El Salvador, 28 June 2024.



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Caption:

Andrés (28) is the first college graduate in his family. Months after obtaining his degree as an engineer, he was arrested by state agents without explanation. During his eight-and-a-half months in prison, he witnessed hundreds of cases of severe malnutrition. On the day of his


America_Long-Term Projects_Carlos Barrera_El Faro_NPR	<p>release, he was arrested at the gates of the prison, again without explanation. Usulután, El Salvador, 15 May 2023.</p>
 <p>092_North and  Central  America_Long-Term  Projects_Carlos  Barrera_El  Faro_NPR</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Mothers of hundreds of those captured during the “state of emergency” march in protest, demanding better conditions for the prisoners. San Salvador, El Salvador, 9 December 2024.</p>

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

## **SINGLES**

Title: *Botafogo Fans: Pride and Glory*

© **André Coelho**, EFE


 <p>093_South  America_Singles  André  Coelho_EFE</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Botafogo fans celebrate their team’s victory. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 30 November 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>Two of Brazil’s oldest and most venerable football clubs met at the Mês Monumental Stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for the final match of the Confederación Sudamericana de Fútbol (CONMEBOL) Libertadores cup. Botafogo, a team that has never before won the cup, defeated its rivals Atlético Mineiro by 3-1. Thousands of Botafogo fans, watching the match</p>
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	on screens at the Nilton Santos Stadium, the team's home stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, celebrate their team's historic victory.
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Title: *Aircraft on Flooded Tarmac*

© **Anselmo Cunha**, Agence France-Presse

 <p>094_South America_Singles_Anselmo Cunha_Agence France-Presse</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A stranded Boeing 727-200 surrounded by floodwaters at Salgado Filho International Airport. Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 20 May 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>Between April and June 2024, record-breaking rainfall in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, led to the worst flood in the area's history. More than half a million people were displaced and more than 183 died in the floods. According to scientists, climate change – driven primarily by the burning of fossil fuels, including those used in passenger air travel – almost certainly intensified the floods. In the larger context of the global climate crisis, this image of a plane suspended between sky and water becomes a foreboding symbol.</p>
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Title: *The Last Hope*


© **Gabriela Orúa**, Reuters




 <p>095_South America_Singles_Gabriela Orúa_Reuters</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado greets supporters from atop a vehicle during a campaign rally for the opposition presidential candidate, Edmundo González Urrutia. Mérida, Venezuela, 25 June 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>In 2023, María Corina Machado won the opposition primaries to challenge Nicolás Maduro in the presidential elections, but Venezuelan authorities</p>
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	<p>subsequently barred her from running. As a result, she endorsed former ambassador Edmundo González Urrutia as the opposition’s candidate and led his political campaign across the country. After the election, authorities declared Maduro the winner, but the opposition contested the results, citing vote tallies that indicated a victory for González. Allegations of electoral irregularities led many countries to question the legitimacy of the outcome. Although Maduro retained power and González was forced into exile, Machado remains in hiding as the leader of the opposition and a key figure advocating for political change.</p>
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STORIES

Title: *Brazil's Worst-Ever Floods*  
© **Amanda M. Perobelli**, Reuters

<p>Story:</p> <p>Record-breaking floods in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, have caused environmental devastation, the displacement of over 600,000 residents, and the death of 183 people. The government declared it the state’s largest climate disaster ever, with 2.39 million residents affected and major human, non-human, and economic losses. According to a team of international scientists, climate change, intensified by El Niño, made the flooding twice as likely. Experts warn that such extremely rare weather events, once expected to occur every 100 to 250 years, will become more frequent due to the burning of fossil fuels and other forms of environmental degradation. The floods have devastated local economies and communities. While some residents are leaving to start anew, others are choosing to stay and rebuild their lives.</p>	
 <p>096_South America_Stories_Amanda M. Perobelli_Reuters</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Flooded streets in Canoas, one of the cities most affected in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. 6 May 2024.</p>

 <p>097_South America_Stories_Amanda M. Perobelli_Reuters</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Volunteers use their own boats to rescue people trapped by rising floodwaters. Emergency teams and local volunteers navigated strong currents to evacuate families and pets to safety. Canoas, Brazil, 5 May 2024.</p>
 <p>098_South America_Stories_Amanda M. Perobelli_Reuters</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>João Engelmann opens a washing machine full of muddy water after floods at the Integracao Gaucha settlement at his daughter's house. Following three days of rain, Engelmann and his wife fled their home. Eldorado do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil, 10 May 2024.</p>
 <p>099_South America_Stories_Amanda M. Perobelli_Reuters</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A flooded street corner in Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 5 May 2024.</p>

Title: *Droughts in the Amazon*

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<p>Story:</p> <p>The Amazon River is experiencing record low-water levels due to severe drought intensified by climate change. This ecological crisis threatens biodiversity, disrupts ecosystems, and impacts local communities reliant on rivers for survival. As droughts intensify, many settlers face the difficult choice of abandoning their land and livelihoods for urban areas, changing the social fabric of this region permanently. This project makes the effects of climate change, which can so often be abstract or difficult to represent, appear as a tangible and concrete</p>
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reality shaping the futures of vulnerable communities closely connected with the natural world.



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Caption:

A young man brings food to his mother who lives in the village of Manacapuru. The village was once accessible by boat, but because of the drought, he must walk 2 kilometers along the dry riverbed of the Solimões River to reach her. Amazonas, Brazil, 5 October 2024.



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Caption:

Elidia Carolina lives with her partner and their two-year-old daughter in a “floating house” built on stilts. Due to the droughts, the area around their home now resembles a desert, and they must walk almost 2 kilometers to reach the shore of the Río Solimões. Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil, 3 October 2024.



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Caption:

Aerial view of the Tarumã River, which has become unnavigable due to drought. The landscape is marked by lines left by boat propellers before the river became impassable. Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, 4 October 2024.



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Caption:


A man drags a boat through shallow water near São Francisco de Marina. Drought has grounded floating homes and made travel by river nearly impossible. Manaus, Brazil, 4 October 2024.

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Title: *Jaidë*

© **Santiago Mesa**


<p>Story:</p> <p>The Emberá Dobida are a nomadic indigenous people of Colombia who historically have inhabited an area around the Bojayá River. Many Emberá have migrated to Bogotá, fleeing conflict among Colombia's paramilitary forces and searching for safety and opportunity. In the capital, they face discrimination and marginalization, living in overcrowded and unsafe conditions. Suicides in the Emberá community have sharply increased, from 15 cases between 2015 and 2020 to 67 suicides and over 400 attempts by 2024, according to the Church of Bellavista in Bojayá. This project follows the lives of Emberá women impacted by the crisis, bringing attention and empathy to a harsh reality.</p>	
 <p>104_South America_Stories Santiago Mesa</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Liria Cheito attempted suicide using her paruma, a traditional garment of her community, on 7 April 2023, after being abused by her husband. Puerto Antioquia, Chocó, Colombia, 20 June 2024.</p>
 <p>105_South America_Stories Santiago Mesa</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>María Camila, Luisa, and Noraisi Birry stand by the grave of their sister Yadira, while wearing the paruma shawls Yadira left behind. Yadira Birry (16) took her own life with a paruma on 7 April 2023. Chocó, Colombia, 20 June 2024.</p>
	<p>Caption:</p>





106_South America_Stories_Santiago Mesa	Ahitana (23) has attempted suicide several times. Originally from the Emberá Katio community, she now lives in Bogotá, where she faces hostility, mistreatment, and lack of economic opportunities. Bogotá, Colombia, 9 February 2024.
 107_South America_Stories_Santiago Mesa	<p>Caption:</p> <p>The Emberá Dobida community of Puerto Antioquia, in Chocó, has 141 inhabitants and has reported more than 15 suicide attempts since 2015. Chocó, Colombia, 21 June 2024.</p>




## LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Paths of Desperate Hope*

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<p>Story:</p> <p>This project documents the perilous journeys of migrants traversing the Darién Gap, a 100-kilometer long stretch of dense jungle connecting Colombia and Panama. Over a million people have braved this route since 2021. They hail from diverse nations – Afghans escaping Taliban rule, Venezuelans seeking refuge from economic collapse, Chinese fleeing authoritarianism, and many others – driven by the pursuit of a better life. Their stories are full of danger: treacherous rivers, unforgiving terrain, and the constant threat of violence and exploitation. Many never make it. Those who succeed find themselves only at the beginning of a different and difficult journey through Central America and Mexico to the United States.</p>	
 108_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A group of Afghan, Chinese, Venezuelan, and Ecuadorian migrants wade toward a boat headed for the Darién Gap. Many of the Afghans had never seen the ocean before. Capurgana, Colombia. 2 March 2023.</p>

 <p>109_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Yineska Andreina Colina (18) sits with her two daughters, Enyerlis Sofia Colina (2) and Eduanyerlis Saray Colina (9 months). By the time they got to Capurganá, Yineska had run out of money and had no idea how she would pay her way through the jungle. Capurganá, Colombia, 30 July 2023.</p>
 <p>110_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Thousands of migrants waded into the Rio Muerto (“Death River”) at the Darién Gap, where several have drowned in its treacherous waters. They assist one another to prevent drowning in the swift currents. Rio Muerto, Colombia, 2 August 2023.</p>
 <p>111_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Luis Miguel Arias (28) takes a break with his daughter Melissa (4) as they climb a hill. They are from Venezuela and joined the over 250,000 migrants who traversed the gap in 2022. Darién Gap, 23 September 2022.</p>
 <p>112_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Migrants arrive at Las Banderas (“The Flags”), a spot on the border between Colombia and Panama. Darién Gap, 3 August 2023.</p>

 <p>113_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Rubén Guaynora, a local indigenous man, carries Kimberly Rodriguez, a Venezuelan who fainted several times while crossing the Darién Gap. He will help her onto a canoe that will transport her to Bajo Chiquito, where she may receive medical attention. Darién Gap, Panama, 21 September 2024.</p>
 <p>114_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>A member of the Panama National Border Service instructs a group of Haitian migrants who have just arrived in Quiebra Venado, the first indigenous community on the Panama side of the Darién Gap, after days of crossing the jungle. Darién Gap, Panama, 29 September 2021.</p>
 <p>115_South America_Long- Term Projects_Federico Ríos</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Ali, Taiba, and their son, from Afghanistan, are on a three-day bus trip, the last leg of their journey from Mexico City to Tijuana, where they will cross the border into the United States. Tepic, Mexico, 31 March 2023.</p>

## WEST, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH ASIA

## SINGLES

Title: *Drone Attacks in Beirut*

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**Caption:**

People glance anxiously upwards during an Israeli drone strike, as they take refuge away from buildings in Beirut's Dahiyeh neighborhood. Jets and drones often fly at low altitudes, causing fear and distress. Lebanon, 29 September 2024.

**Story:**

Cross-border attacks between Israel and Lebanon-based Hezbollah – ongoing since the outbreak of the war in Gaza – escalated sharply in September 2024. Israel announced a new goal to eliminate the militant group, first launching airstrikes into southern Lebanon, and later a ground offensive. Beirut, initially a refuge for those fleeing airstrikes in southern Lebanon, itself came under fire as attacks spread northwards. From 27 September, Israel targeted buildings, including apartment blocks in Dahiyeh, saying that Hezbollah was headquartered in the densely populated suburb.

Title: *Mahmoud Ajjour, Aged Nine*

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**Caption:**

Photographer Samar Abu Elouf was herself evacuated from Gaza in December 2023. She now lives in the same apartment complex as Mahmoud in Doha, where she has documented the few badly wounded Gazans who, like Mahmoud, have made it out for treatment. Doha, Qatar, 28 June 2024.


**Story:**

Mahmoud Ajjour was severely injured while fleeing an Israeli attack in Gaza City in March 2024. After he turned back to urge his family onward, an explosion severed one of his arms and mutilated the other. The family were evacuated to Qatar where, after medical treatment, Mahmoud is learning to play games on his phone, write, and open doors with his feet. Mahmoud's

	<p>dream is simple: he wants to get prosthetics and live his life as any other child. The war in Gaza has taken a disproportionate toll on children. The UN estimates that by December 2024, Gaza had the highest number of child amputees per capita anywhere in the world.</p>
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Title: *The Canvas of Power*

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 <p>118_West, Central, and South Asia_Singles_S uvra Kanti Das_for The Daily Prothom Alo</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>People vandalize a statue of former Bangladesh president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the father of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who had resigned following weeks of unrest. Dhaka, Bangladesh, 5 August 2024.</p> <p>Story:</p> <p>A July 2024 student protest against a restrictive government job quota scheme escalated into a mass uprising against a government accused of unlawful detentions, enforced disappearances, and widespread suppression of dissent. Unrest took place against a backdrop of struggles for fair elections, and a cyber-security law seen to erode freedom of speech.</p> <p>Although initially peaceful, demonstrations became violent after authorities and pro-government paramilitaries cracked down on protesters, killing at least 1,400 people. By August the regime had collapsed. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and went into exile, and army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman announced the formation of an interim government.</p>
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## STORIES

Title: *Gaza Under Israeli Attack*

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Story:

Israel continued its war on Gaza throughout 2024, leaving much of it in ruins. The UN reports more than 60% of homes have been destroyed and 95% of hospitals are non-functional. Nearly two million people have been displaced amid acute shortages of food, clean water, and medicines, due to Israeli restrictions.

With international journalists effectively barred from Gaza, local photographers risked their lives to document the war. The photographer, who has also lost family members, says: *"Every time I photograph a destroyed house, I remember mine. Every time the wounded and martyred are pulled from the rubble, I remember my father and siblings."*



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Caption:

Residents return to their homes in Khan Younis after an Israeli withdrawal on 7 April. In July and August, Israel would launch two more ground incursions into the southern city. Gaza, 9 April 2024.



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Caption:


An injured boy is treated at al-Aqsa Hospital, Deir al-Balah, after an Israeli attack on al-Maghazi refugee camp. The population of the camp tripled in the first months of the war. Gaza, 1 January 2024.



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Caption:




People watch as smoke and flames rise over a building, following Israeli attacks on Deir al-Balah. Israel bombarded the central Gazan city multiple times throughout the year. Gaza, 6 June 2024.

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 <p>122_West, Central, and South Asia_Stories_Ali Jadallah_Anado lu Agency</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Relatives of people killed in an Israeli attack on the Nuseirat refugee camp mourn as the bodies are brought to al-Aqsa Hospital. Deir al-Balah, Gaza, 9 August 2024.</p>

Title: *No Woman's Land*

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<p>Story:</p> <p>In Afghanistan, the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban government denies women access to education beyond elementary school, bars them from most work outside the home, and in some regions forbids them from leaving home without a male guardian, or with their face uncovered. The spaces where women once gathered freely – schools, parks, gyms, beauty salons, and offices – are now off limits.</p> <p>Despite these restrictions, Afghan women find subtle but powerful ways to resist. Their defiance unfolds quietly behind closed doors: in homes, secret classrooms, and in private celebrations.</p>	
 <p>123_West, Central, and South Asia_Stories_Ki ana Hayeri_Fondati on Carmignac</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Some 700 young women manage to study at this private institute. However, they still cannot receive an official Afghan diploma or go on to university. Kabul, Afghanistan, 17 February 2024.</p>

 <p>124_West, Central, and South Asia_Stories_Ki ana Hayeri_Fondati on Carmignac</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Wazhmah sits at home with her daughter Tahmeena (19). Wazhmah's own education was halted during Taliban control in the 1990s, and she now sees history repeating itself. Kabul, Afghanistan, 6 February 2024.</p>
 <p>125_West, Central, and South Asia_Stories_Ki ana Hayeri_Fondati on Carmignac</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Plastic bags cover the heads of mannequins wearing wedding dresses. Women's faces on advertisements, posters, and other public displays in Afghanistan are also erased or covered, in response to Taliban restrictions. Kabul, Afghanistan, 6 February 2024.</p>
 <p>126_West, Central, and South Asia_Stories_Ki ana Hayeri_Fondati on Carmignac</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Young women celebrate a friend's birthday. The Taliban have forbidden music and dancing, but women continue to dance and celebrate in private, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2 March 2024.</p>

Story:

Syria's long civil war reached a turning point when on 8 December 2024, after a two-week upsurge in success, rebel forces took the capital Damascus with little resistance, toppling President Bashar al-Assad's 24-year regime. The rebel forces immediately began to free inmates from a vast network of detention centers, with the much-feared Sednaya military prison at its core. Survivors' accounts revealed the extent of the Assad regime's systematic detention, torture, and secret execution of its opponents, which transformed its already brutal prison system into a weapon of war.



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Caption:

Relatives of people who have been missing for years crowd around a man transferred from Sednaya prison to the Ibn Al-Nafees Hospital. They are desperate for news, although he can barely speak. Damascus, Syria, 12 December 2024.



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Caption:

A corridor of the infamous Sednaya prison, which at some point held up to 20,000 inmates, and where military defectors and dissidents were subject to brutal beatings, electric shocks, and starvation. Damascus, Syria, 14 December 2024.



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Caption:

Mohamed Khaled Krayem, free after seven years in prison for marijuana possession, finds his muscle memory instinctively reproduces the sleeping position he was forced to adopt in his crowded cell. Damascus, Syria, 15 December 2024.



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Caption:

Personal files left piled in the infamous “Palestine Branch” interrogation and detention center. Human rights groups estimate at least 150,000 people went missing under Assad’s regime. Damascus, Syria, 18 December 2024.

## LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Title: *Bullets Have No Borders*

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Story:

*Kolbars* (border couriers) carry goods, such as household appliances, mobile phones, and clothes, on their backs through treacherous terrain from Iraq and Turkey into Iranian Kurdistan. The Iranian government bans import of many such goods to protect local production and save foreign currency in the face of Western sanctions. Decades-long marginalization of Kurds means widespread unemployment in the region, driving many to kolbari. In addition, many kolbars see the activity as legitimate, as they feel ties with fellow Kurds across nation-state borders they do not acknowledge. However, kolbars risk being shot by security forces and border patrols.



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Caption:

A kolbar follows an arduous mountain path. Kolbars’ packs can weigh around 50 kg, and crossings take an average of eight to 12 hours. Kurdistan, Iran, 1 June 2019.



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Caption:

At least 2,463 kolbars were killed or injured in Iranian Kurdistan between 2011 and 2024. Every year brides become widows due to the dangerous occupation. Kurdistan, Iran, 21 March 2023.



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Caption:

Mohammad (22) shares a farewell with his mother before embarking on a journey to Europe to seek better opportunities. Tehran, Iran, December 2023.



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Caption:

Khaled (32) had to have both eyes removed after being shot in the head by a border guard. He has two children aged two and seven. Kurdistan, Iran, 21 August 2019.






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Caption:

Kolbars make the perilous climb on a border crossing route known as the "Passage of Death" because of the number of lives it claims. Kurdistan, Iran, 1 June 2019.



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 <p>136_West, Central, and South Asia_Long- Term Projects_Ebrahim Alipoor</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Some goods kolbars carry across the border are freely available in Iran, but fuel a thriving black market in the region that avoids import duties. Kurdistan, Iran, 1 June 2019.</p>
 <p>137_West, Central, and South Asia_Long- Term Projects_Ebrahim Alipoor</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Cross-border transactions are conducted in US dollars, despite US sanctions on Iran. Many of the goods brought in end up in luxury stores across the nation. Kurdistan, Iran, 14 January 2019.</p>
 <p>138_West, Central, and South Asia_Long- Term Projects_Ebrahim Alipoor</p>	<p>Caption:</p> <p>Thousands have lost their lives crossing these mountains. Kurdistan, Iran, 8 February 2019.</p>

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