

Press release

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Zooming in on world events

In the exhibitions 'World Press Photo 2023' and 'Swiss Press Photo 23', the National Museum Zurich is showcasing some of the world's and Switzerland's best photo journalism and allowing visitors to step back from and reflect on the headlines of a turbulent 2022.

Photo journalism is an essential part of daily news coverage. The two exhibitions 'World Press Photo 2023' and 'Swiss Press Photo 23' feature some of the best press photos of the last year from all over the world and from Switzerland. They allow visitors to take a rare step back from the fast-moving news cycle, think about it from a fresh perspective, and critically reflect on it. The photographs span the full spectrum of world events, from dominant stories such as the war in Ukraine and the women's protests in Iran, to global topics such as the impact of climate change in Morocco and the melting of the glaciers in the Alps, to national and local events, such as the Federal Council elections and the national scout camp in Goms.

The 'Swiss Press Photo' exhibition, which focuses on photo journalism from Switzerland, presents some 130 pictures in the categories news, daily life, Swiss stories, people, sports and world. Meanwhile, the 'World Press Photo' exhibition features the work of photographers from every continent. To avoid an overly Western perspective, the competition is broken down into six regional categories, each with its own jury. This pre-selection is subsequently assessed by a global panel in order to pick 24 regional winners and four overall winners. The exhibition includes some 120 photographs from the winning projects.

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