

Press release

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Zooming in on world events

In the exhibitions 'World Press Photo 2025' and 'Swiss Press Photo 25', the National Museum Zurich is showcasing some of the best photo journalism of 2024 and taking a look at the events behind the headlines.

Each spring, the National Museum Zurich presents a selection of the best photojournalism from Switzerland and around the world. Once again in 2025, the exhibitions 'Swiss Press Photo 25' and 'World Press Photo 2025' take a look back at some striking images from the previous calendar year. As well as showing current events, frequently from fresh perspectives, the photos take visitors on a journey. For example, to Kampala, where Tamale Safalu became the first disabled bodybuilder in Uganda to compete against able-bodied athletes. The photo by Marijn Fidder, which picked up an award in the 'World Press Photo' competition, shows Safalu training with a strength and determination that serves as an inspiration to others.

One series of photos in the 'Swiss Press Photo' exhibition takes viewers to four run-down apartment blocks near Zurich's main station. They are owned by the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) and were built in 1965 to house unmarried migrant workers. Intended as nothing more than a temporary solution, these 'bachelor pads' are still standing today. Annick Ramp's photo spread portrays two workers, one from Portugal and one from eastern Germany, who live in the buildings, which are similar in style to the prefabricated housing typically found throughout the former Soviet bloc.

In the 'Swiss Press Photo' exhibition, some 150 pictures will be exhibited in the categories News, Daily Life, Swiss Stories, People, Sports and World. Impressive works by the winners in each of the various categories will be on show at the National Museum Zurich. Meanwhile, the 'World Press Photo' exhibition comprises some 160 photos, covering all continents, which will subsequently tour to more than 80 cities around the world. Both exhibitions will also be shown at the Château de Prangins from mid-November 2025.

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