SDGs in Focus: Goal 16

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Rising conflicts and violent organized crime persist around the world.

- The number of forcibly displaced people reached an unprecedented 120 million in May 2024.
- Civilian casualties in conflicts rose by 72% from 2022 to 2023.
Corruption continues to divert resources from sustainable development

- About 19% of people reported being asked to pay or having paid a bribe to a public official in the last 12 months.
- Ranging from an average of 9% in high-income countries to 32% in low-income countries.
Slow progress in reducing homicides continues even as the world has moved past a 2021 spike in rates.

In 2022, 88,000 women became homicide victims globally compared to 360,000 men.

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Note: Projections for the years 2023-2030 represent linear extrapolations of trends observed for the years 2015-2022.
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- Conflict zones saw a sharp increase in the killings of journalists and media workers, with 40 lives lost.
- 70% of all killings occurred in Latin America and the Caribbean.

IN 2023,
THE KILLINGS OF 320 HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS WERE REPORTED IN 40 COUNTRIES.
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