

World Refugee Day



World Refugee Day is held on June 20 each year. This day was arranged by the United Nations General Assembly. It is a day to raise awareness about the difficult situations that refugees are in around the world. It was first held on June 20 in 2001. The UN chose to do this because 50 years earlier an **agreement** about what rights refugees have was made.

To mark this day, many countries hold events. In fact, there are different events in more than 100 countries. Famous people, members of governments, aid workers and refugees participate in these events. At some events, films are played to show how refugees have to live and the terrible conditions they are in. Some people write letters to their government. They ask for more help for the refugees. Other people who want to see changes to how refugees are treated hold protests. These people are usually called activists.

The UN Refugee Agency is involved in this day. Their logo is associated with World Refugee Day. The logo has two olive branches which **symbolize** peace. Inside the two branches are two hands. They are surrounding the figure of a person. The two hands are protecting the person. The pictures on the logo are usually in blue on a white background, but sometimes they are white on a blue background.



1. According to the article, when is World Refugee Day?
 - a) on June 19
 - b) on June 20
 - c) on June 21
 - d) on June 22
2. The word 'agreement' in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) difference
 - b) arrangement
 - c) argument
 - d) admission
3. According to the article, when was the first World Refugee Day held?
 - a) in 2001
 - b) in 2002
 - c) in 2003
 - d) in 2004
4. According to the article, what are people who hold protests usually called?
 - a) actors
 - b) activists
 - c) activates
 - d) actresses
5. According to the article, who is associated with World Refugee Day?
 - a) The UN Refugee Agency
 - b) The UN Security Council
 - c) The UN Food and Agriculture Organization
 - d) The International Monetary Fund
6. The word 'symbolize' in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) represent
 - b) simplify
 - c) describe
 - d) entertain

Answers: 1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (a) 6. (a)