



**Statement by Mr. Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General  
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Film Screening and Roundtable**

**Discussion:**

**20 August 2019**

Excellencies,  
Distinguished guests,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to welcome you to the first in a series of events to commemorate the second International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.

The screening of the documentary  
, is an invitation to reflect on the human impact of terrorism, and the courage of survivors who struggle every day to overcome their tragedy and remake their lives.

Resilience can encompass a myriad ways to cope and heal as the photographic exhibition that can be viewed on the South Wall this week shows us.

The documentary and roundtable discussion will explore what does it mean to be resilient and what coping mechanisms victims and survivors use in their everyday life.

It is the first of our Victims of Terrorism documentary series, produced as part of the UNCCT Victims Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Global Communications, to cover the Lake Chad Basin.

The documentary tells the stories of Wala Matari, an internally displaced woman, and Mohamed Lawan Goni, a Nigerian refugee, both of whom had to flee their homes due to attacks by Boko Haram.

The film shows how terrorism shattered their lives and explores how they bec

The documentary, the photo exhibition, that will be launched tomorrow by the Secretary-General on the International Day, and a Brown Bag discussion on resilience to be held on 22 August, have all been shaped by listening to victims.

But we want to take this one step further, that is why next year we will hold the first Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism during the second Counter-Terrorism Week at the United Nations in New York. By the way, building resilience against violent extremism and terrorism will be the main topic of all the events of this week.

The Congress will be an important milestone in our efforts to assist and support victims. It will bring together victims, Member States, civil society, and international and regional organizations. ~~On~~ ~~TE~~ict -