

Newsletter on Children's rights – MENA

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Djibouti – Djibouti Invests in the Future with New Project to Expand Education to 35,000 new students

3rd October 2019 - The World Bank announced today new support for Djibouti's efforts to expand access to quality education for 35,000 children, composed of young girls, poor and rural students, out-of-school children, disabled students, and refugees along with children in the communities that host them.

Modern Diplomacy – [Full article](#)

Egypt – National Childhood Council says 93% of Egyptian children suffer from violence

30th October 2019 - Roughly 93 percent of Egyptian children aged one to 14 years old suffer from violence, said Khalid Darwish, advisor to the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood. Prosecution is one of the most important pillars in eliminating child abuse, he added, stressing the importance of cooperation between the council and Public Prosecution in this regard.

Egypt Independent – [Full article](#)

Iran – Des dizaines de mineurs dans le couloir de la mort en Iran

23 octobre 2019 - Le Rapporteur spécial des Nations unies sur la situation des droits de l'homme en Iran, Javaid Rehman, a déclaré que l'Iran avait exécuté sept contrevenants mineurs l'année dernière et deux depuis le début de l'année, alors que la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant interdit le recours à la peine de mort pour les mineurs.

La Presse – [Article complet](#)

Iran – Des écoles peu accessibles aux enfants handicapés

2 octobre 2019 - Les enfants handicapés font l'objet de discrimination et se heurtent à d'importants obstacles pour obtenir une éducation en Iran, ont déclaré Human Rights Watch et le Centre pour les droits humains en Iran dans un rapport publié conjointement aujourd'hui, au commencement de l'année scolaire dans ce pays.

Human Rights Watch – [Article complet](#)

Iraq – The teenager married too many times to count

4th October 2019 - A BBC investigation has uncovered a secret world of sexual exploitation of children and young women by religious figures. Clerics are grooming vulnerable girls in Iraq and offering them for sex, using a controversial religious practice known as "pleasure marriage".

BBC – [Full article](#)

Kuwait – Kuwait committed to protecting children's rights

12th October 2019 - Kuwait affirmed its commitment to protect children's rights and support countries and organizations' efforts to create a better world for children. The remarks were made by third secretary in Kuwait's permanent mission at the UN, Seba Al-Fuhaid, late Thursday, during a meeting of the third committee of the United Nations Children's Fund's (UNICEF) General Assembly.

Kuwait Times – [Full article](#)

Maroc – Éradication du mariage des enfants: Les agences des Nations unies appellent le Maroc à faire mieux

9 octobre 2019 - Aujourd'hui, au Maroc, le mariage de fillettes reste une pratique "normale" surtout dans le milieu rural. Chaque année, il y aurait près de 40.000 mariages de mineures au Maroc, véritable fléau face auquel l'urgence d'intervenir avec force et collectivement s'impose. C'est ce dont sont convaincues les agences des Nations Unies, UNFPA, UNICEF et ONU Femmes. Celles-ci ont publié, ce mercredi, un appel unanime "à un engagement collectif pour une éradication du mariage d'enfants au Maroc".

HuffPost Maghreb – [Article complet](#)

MENA – Too little or too much: more than 16 million children are poorly nourished in the Middle East and North Africa

20th October 2019 - Region is now second in the world for overweight children. Despite some improvements including progress in addressing under-nutrition, overall trends in children's nutrition have either begun to stagnate or have worsened since the year 2000 in the Middle East and North Africa.

UNICEF – [Full article](#)

Saudi Arabia – Saudi Regulations Work to Protect Children from Abuse

11th October 2019 - The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reaffirmed that its laws and regulations are concerned with child protection and combating all forms of child abuse, including neglect, discrimination, and exploitation.

Asharq Al-Awsat - [Full article](#)

Tunisia – Tunisia joins convention to protect children against sexual violence

15th October 2019 - Today Tunisia became the 45th state to join the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No.201 - "Lanzarote Convention"). Naiha Laâbidi, Minister of Women, Family and Children, has deposited the instrument of accession during a ceremony with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni.

Council of Europe – [Full Article](#)