



Newsletter on Children's rights – Children and Armed Conflict

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Burkina Faso – Conflict: HRW says 350,000 children out of school

26th may – Human Rights Watch says the armed conflict in West Africa's Burkina Faso has forced 350,000 children out of school. The international rights agency's report says armed groups are targeting institutions to destroy any form of secular education. (Video)

AlJazeera – [Full article](#)

Global – UN experts urge States to protect children from sale, sexual exploitation and recruitment and use in hostilities

25 mai – GENEVA / NEW YORK – The Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OPAC) prohibits children from taking part in hostilities, urges all States to set their minimum age of conscription to 18 years, and prohibits the recruitment under the age of 18 by non-state armed groups



United Nations – [Full article](#)

Global – Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict: 20 Years After the Adoption of OPAC

25th may – Joint Statement by the African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security, the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

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Global – Stop Backsliding on Use of Child Soldiers

25th may – Because of the treaty, governments – including the United States and United Kingdom, which used 17-year-olds in combat – have changed their deployment practices. More than 140,000 child soldiers have been released or demobilized.

Human Rights Watch – [Full article](#)

Libya – Report: Child soldiers deployed to Libya by Turkish-backed Syrian National Army

8th may – Factions of the Turkish-backed opposition Syrian National Army are recruiting minors to fight in Libya, according to a report laying out in exhaustive detail Turkey's use of Syrian rebels to prop up Libya's Government of National Accord.

Al-Monitor – [Full article](#)

México – Los niños, la población más vulnerable en tiempos de guerra y de paz

30 de abril – Los conflictos armados en el mundo dejan tras su paso pobreza extrema que afecta de manera global a la población, pero que en los hechos demuestra que son los niños quienes más sufren, pues se encuentran en una fase constante de desarrollo y cambio que no sólo concluirá con su infancia sino que delimitará su estructura mental como adultos.

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Nigeria – Amnesty pointe les conséquences désastreuses de l'insécurité sur les jeunes

27 mai – Voilà plus de dix ans que le nord-est du Nigeria est déstabilisé par l'insécurité provoquée par l'insurrection armée de groupes jihadistes. Cette insécurité se répercute de manière néfaste sur les jeunes : dans un rapport publié ce mercredi 27 mai et intitulé « Nous avons séché nos larmes ; gérer les conséquences du conflit sur les enfants dans le nord-est du



Nigeria », l'ONG Amnesty International enquête sur les violences commises sur les jeunes, à la fois par les jihadistes et par les forces armées.

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Philippines– Lasting Harm to Children from ‘Drug War’

27th may – MANILA – Thousands of children in the Philippines have suffered lasting physical, emotional, and economic harm from President Rodrigo Duterte’s abusive “war on drugs,” Human Rights Watch said in a report and accompanying video released today. Governments at the United Nations Human Rights Council in June 2020 should support an independent international investigation into the “drug war” killings in the Philippines, including violations against children.

Human Rights Watch – [Full article](#)

Tunisie – L’Etat tunisien appelé à sauver les enfants bloqués dans les zones de conflits armés

12 mai – L’Observatoire des droits et libertés en Tunisie a envoyé, hier 11 mai 2020, une lettre ouverte aux trois présidences les appelant à prendre des mesures urgentes pour sauver les enfants coincés dans les zones de tension internationales.

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West Africa – The children left behind in West Africa's conflict-torn regions

27th may – Human rights groups say children in conflict regions aren't receiving enough support. Children who have escaped from Boko Haram are treated with suspicion in Nigeria, while schools are closing in Burkina Faso.

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Yemen – War in Yemen forces more girls into child marriage

11th may – An extraordinary case of child marriage in Yemen has highlighted the rising number of forced, underage weddings. In rare instances, women have managed to fight back, reports Safia Mahdi from Sana'a.

Deutsche Welle – [Full article](#)