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## **Afghanistan - Afghanistan War's Terrible Toll on Children**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 – On July 1, a Taliban truck bomb apparently aimed at a Ministry of Defense facility in Kabul blew out the windows of a nearby school, injuring many civilians, including dozens of children. The attack is a grim reminder of the war in Afghanistan's horrific toll on children. Since 2016, children have accounted for roughly 30 percent of the estimated 11,000 civilian casualties every year in the conflict.

Human Right's Watch – [Full article](#)

## **Afghanistan - Children are once again paying the price for decades of conflict**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Children are once again paying the price for nearly two decades of conflict in Afghanistan. Today's brutal attack in Kabul injured at least 50 children, some of them seriously, when part of their primary school collapsed following a car bomb nearby.

Save the Children – [Full article](#)

## **Global - More than 12,000 children killed, injured in armed conflict in 2018: UN report**

29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - More than 12,000 children were killed and injured in armed conflicts last year — a record number — with Afghanistan, the Palestinians, Syria and Yemen topping the casualty list, according to a new U.N. report.

Global News – [Full article](#)

## **Global - Saudi-led forces, Israel among states rapped by U.N. for killing children**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - A Saudi Arabia-led military coalition fighting in Yemen killed or injured 729 children during 2018, accounting for nearly half the total child casualties, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a report to the Security Council on Friday that blacklisted the coalition for a third year.

Reuters – [Full article](#)

## **Kashmir - UN Reports Serious Abuses**

10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - India and Pakistan should act on the recommendations of the United Nations human rights office to protect basic rights in the contested region of Kashmir, Human Rights Watch said today. The 43-page report by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), released on July 8, 2019, raises serious concerns about abuses by state security forces and armed groups in both Indian and Pakistan-held parts of Kashmir.

Human Right's Watch – [Full article](#)

## **Mali - Le retour à la paix et à la stabilité est essentiel pour prévenir les violations graves contre les enfants – RSSG pour les enfants et les conflits armés**

15 Juillet 2019 - La Représentante spéciale du Secrétaire général pour les enfants et les conflits armés, Virginia Gamba, a salué la volonté du gouvernement et de toutes les parties au Mali de mettre fin aux violations graves contre les enfants et de les prévenir, tout en rappelant que celles-ci devaient être accompagnée d'un retour à la paix et à la stabilité ainsi qu'à l'autorité de l'État et aux services de base dans toutes les régions du Mali.

UN Children and Armed Conflict – [Article complet](#)

## **République centrafricaine - Signature d'un nouveau plan d'action pour protéger les enfants**

5 Juillet 2019 - Le Front populaire pour la Renaissance de la Centrafrique (FPRC), un groupe armé appartenant à la Coalition ex-Séléka et signataire de l'Accord Politique pour la Paix et la Réconciliation en République centrafricaine, a signé avec les Nations Unies un plan d'action pour mettre fin aux violations graves contre les enfants.

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## **Syria - At least seven children killed in yet another attack on civilians in northwest Syria**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - "At least seven children are confirmed to have been killed in an attack yesterday on the village of Mhambel in northwest Syria. It has been reported that most of those who lost their lives were internally displaced, having already been forced from their communities by previous waves of fighting [...]"

UNICEF – [Full article](#)

## **Syria - Syrian Democratic Forces Sign Action Plan to End and Prevent the Recruitment and Use of Children**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 - The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) signed an Action Plan with the United Nations to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children under the age of 18. The Force Commander of the SDF, General Mazloum Abdi, signed on behalf of the SDF and the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Virginia Gamba, signed on behalf of the United Nations during an official ceremony at the Palais des Nations on June 29th, 2019.

UN Children and Armed Conflict – [Full article](#)

## **Ukraine - Millions of people risk being cut off from safe water as hostilities escalate in Eastern Ukraine**

4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - An escalation in fighting is threatening access to safe water and sanitation for 3.2 million people, including 500,000 children, as well as the safety of workers risking their lives to repair damaged infrastructure in Eastern Ukraine, said UNICEF today.

UNICEF – [Full article](#)