

Newsletter on Children's rights – Children and Armed Conflicts

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Afrique – Afrique : Près de 2 millions d'enfants privés d'éducation à cause de la violence

23 août 2019 – Dans un rapport intitulé "SOS Enfants", l'agence des Nations Unies pour les droits de l'enfant (Unicef) revient sur la situation des dizaines de milliers d'enfants restés à la maison en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centrale. Dans son rapport, l'Unicef fait savoir qu'en juin 2019, environ 1,91 million d'enfants étaient privés d'éducation en raison de la violence et de l'insécurité au sein et aux abords des écoles.

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Global – Children continue to bear brunt of conflicts

9th August 2019 – Children hold a special place in any society. They are to be protected. All children have the right to live free from violence, which harms their physical and mental growth.

None of us grow up to be man or woman without passing through that beautiful, carefree phase called childhood. Unfortunately, 2018 turned out to be the worst year on record for children caught up in armed conflict; the year saw the highest numbers killed or maimed since the United Nations began monitoring the violation.

Gulf Today – [Full article](#)

Global – Tués, mutilés, violés, détenus : l'ONU dénonce les atteintes aux enfants dans les conflits armés

2 août 2019 – Deux hautes responsables des Nations Unies ont appelé vendredi le Conseil de sécurité à redoubler d'efforts pour protéger les enfants victimes des conflits armés.

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Global – UN Security Council Summoned to Protect Children in Conflict

27th August 2019 – More than 80 UN Member States expressed concern about the effects on children of ongoing conflicts, and discussed efforts needed to address these children's needs, with many supporting enhanced efforts for their reintegration in society. The UN Security Council held an open debate on children and armed conflict and considered a report of the UN Secretary-General on the topic.

The International Institute for Sustainable Development – [Full article](#)

Global – Worst year for loss and injury of children in war

16th August 2019 – LAST year was the worst year since records began for the number of children killed or injured in armed conflict, the United Nations has revealed: 12,000 children were maimed or killed in 20 different conflicts around the world.

Church Times – [Full article](#)

Irak/Syrie – Ces enfants-soldats enrôlés par Daech appelés "bombes à retardement", je les ai rencontrés

17 août 2019 – Dans l'Irak de l'Etat Islamique, l'utilisation des enfants comme boucliers humains et armes de guerre était systématique. "Enfants-soldats", ou encore "lionceaux du Califat", leur définition englobe les espions, les kamikazes, les passeurs, les gardes aux postes de contrôle. Malgré la chute de Daech, cette situation perdure parmi les groupes armés qui ont mainmise sur une partie des zones reprises dans la région de Mossoul.

Huffpost – [Article complet](#)

Israel – PA, NGOs angered after UN doesn't single out Israel for violating children's rights

5th August 2019 – Annual U.N. report on Children in Armed Conflict calls to investigate the deaths of Palestinian children in 2018, but doesn't explicitly condemn Israel. Palestinian U.N. envoy: omission "undercuts efforts to put an end to the criminal violations against children around the world."

Jewish News Syndicate – [Full article](#)

Mali – Mali witnesses a 'disturbing' rise in child deaths and injuries due to conflict, Unicef warns

13th August 2019 – The number of children in Mali killed or maimed due to conflict has skyrocketed so far this year, a Unicef report has warned. In the first six months of 2018, 35 children died as a result of violence in the west African nation. But in 2019 this figure rose to 154 – an increase of more than 330 per cent.

The Telegraph – [Full article](#)

Myanmar – Protections for children in armed conflicts submitted to parliament

30th August 2019 – U Kyaw Tin, Union minister of International Cooperation, submitted the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Assembly of the Union) on Wednesday. "The objective of the protocol is to protect children from being recruited and used in armed conflicts. It is a very important international protocol in protecting children's rights," he said.

Myanmar Times – [Full article](#)

United Kingdom – PM offers education lifeline to 600,000 children living in conflict

25th August 2019 – The UK will lead the way in ensuring education for children in the world's most dangerous and unstable countries. Children in the world's most dangerous countries will be given the chance to go to school for the first time thanks to £90m of UK aid funding, the Prime Minister will announce today.

UK Government – [Full article](#)

Venezuela – Venezuelan refugees recruited as child soldiers in Colombia: Report

8th August 2019 – As Venezuelans flee their country in search of safety and economic security, another set of dangers awaits them across the border. In Colombia's northeast, where many Venezuelans have ended up, rival armed groups control illegal border crossings and wreak havoc on civilians with killings, intimidation, sexual violence and recruit children as soldiers, according to a new report by NGO Human Rights Watch.

CNN – [Full article](#)