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Iran – Iran's invisible children

1st August 2019 – There are more than one million people undocumented people in Iran, and a significant number of them are children. One of the main reasons for this inhumane state of affairs is a decades-old law which deprived Iranian women in mixed marriages of the right to pass on their nationality on to their children. A doomed future has already been sealed for thousands of Iranian children even before their birth. These children have no access to education, health care and their names are not even included in the national database.

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Iraq – School Doors Barred to Many Children

28th August 2019 – The Iraqi government is denying thousands of children whose parents have a perceived Islamic State (also known as ISIS) affiliation of their right to access an education, Human Rights Watch said today. The children, who were born or lived in areas under the control of ISIS between 2014 and 2017, lack the civil documentation the Iraqi government requires for school enrollment and the government is making it difficult for them to acquire it.

Human Rights Watch – [Full article](#)

Israel – PA, NGOs irked by UN refusal to slam Israel for 'violating' children's rights

5th August 2019 – UN report on children and armed conflict calls to investigate deaths of 59 Palestinian children in 2018 but stopped short of explicitly condemning Israel. Palestinian UN envoy calls on UN chief to include Israel in "list of shame," warns doing otherwise "undercuts efforts to put an end to the criminal violations against children around the world.

Israel Hayom – [Full article](#)

Lebanon - The Lebanese bus that fights gender-based violence

31th August 2019 - While many women and girls in marginalised areas of Lebanon have no access to protection from gender-based violence, ABAAD, a local NGO that advocates for gender equality, has been reaching out to those in need for such services through its Jina al-Dar project.

The Arab Weekly – [Full article](#)

Maroc – ONDH : 218 millions pour une étude sur le mariage précoce au Maroc

30 août 2019 – La question sur le mariage des mineurs au Maroc préoccupe toujours. La fréquence de ce phénomène connaît une augmentation conséquente. Selon les données du Ministère de la Justice, le taux de mariage précoce au Maroc a doublé depuis 2004, date d'entrée en vigueur du code de la famille, passant de 7.75 % à 10.02 % en 2016, et dont 96 % des cas concernent les filles.

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Maroc – Droits de l'enfant : première explication officielle au sujet du Pacte de l'OCI

26 août 2019 – Le Conseil de gouvernement du 22 août 2019 a adopté un projet de loi relatif au "Pacte des droits de l'enfant dans l'Islam" porté par l'Organisation de la coopération islamique (OCI). Ceci n'a pas manqué de faire réagir la société civile qui s'insurge contre ce pacte qu'elle estime dangereux et désastreux pour les droits des enfants au Maroc.

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Maroc – CNDP / ONDE : un partenariat en perspective pour la protection de la vie privée numérique des enfants et des adolescents au Maroc

30 août 2019 – Omar Seghrouchni, Président de la Commission Nationale du contrôle de la protection des Données à caractère Personnel, CNDP, a reçu, dernièrement, au siège de la CNDP, Lamia Bazir, Directrice Exécutive de l'Observatoire National des Droits de l'Enfant (ONDE).

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Middle East and North Africa – July ends with brutal acts of violence perpetrated against children across the Middle East and North Africa

2nd August 2019 – Since Saturday, violence has taken a grisly toll on the region's young people: two schools and a hospital came under attack in Tripoli, Libya; at least four high-school students were shot to death during demonstrations in North Kordofan, Sudan; and four children were killed, and 14 others injured in an attack on a market in Yemen's Sa'ada Governorate.

UNICEF – [Full article](#)

Middle East and North Africa – Over one third of adolescents aged 15 to 17 are out of school across the Middle East and North Africa

29th August 2019 – Millions of children and young people around the Middle East and North Africa are starting their new school year. But an estimated 9.3 million children between the ages of 15 and 17 – more than one third of adolescents in this age group - are out of school. Girls account for just over half of all out-of-school 15 to 17-year-olds.

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United Arab Emirates – Sharjah to hold first child safety forum on September 17

27th August 2019 - Held under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, wife of His Highness the Ruler of Sharjah and Chairperson of SCFA, the forum will bring together decision makers, institutions involved in child safety and welfare, as well as child protection experts and practitioners in the UAE and the region, to share the best child safety and protection practices and solutions based on the latest international studies.

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