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Afghanistan – Many Afghan children are afraid to go outside, new survey by Save the Children finds

19th November 2019 - The vast majority of respondents said children feel least safe on their way to school, the marketplace or when close to government buildings or checkpoints. Large proportion of children in Afghanistan suffer from symptoms such as depression and anxiety but lack access to vital support services to help them cope.

Save the Children – [Full article](#)

Cameroun – Plus de 855.000 enfants privés d'école par l'instabilité dans les régions anglophones (UNICEF)

5 Novembre 2019 - Plus de 850.000 enfants ont déserté les écoles dans les régions anglophones du Nord-Ouest et du Sud-Ouest au Cameroun, à cause de la violence, selon un communiqué de l'UNICEF diffusé mardi à Genève.

ONU Info – [Article complet](#)

Colombia – Child recruitment in Colombia up 42%: Inspector General

14th November 2019 - Reports of the recruitment of children by illegal armed groups have gone up 41.6% over the past year, Colombia's Inspector General Fernando Carrillo warned on Wednesday. At a forum with mayors and governors elected last month, Carrillo stressed that his office sent out 94 alerts to the national government about the phenomenon in the first nine months of the year.

Colombia Reports – [Full article](#)

Global – Opinion: Why are children still being recruited to fight in horrifying adult wars?

23rd November 2019 - Gen. Roméo Dallaire and Dr. Shelly Whitman: The recruitment of child soldiers has proven repeatedly to be an early warning indicator of mass atrocities, and the international community must now act with foresight.

National Post - [Full article](#)

Israel – Israel arrests 745 children in 2019: NGO

21st November 2019 - Israeli forces arrested around 745 Palestinian children in the first 10 months of the current year, according to a non-governmental organization. In an annual report, the Palestinian Prisoners Society (PPS) said that the children arrested by Israel experienced numerous rights violations.

Anadolu Agency - [Full article](#)

Mali – Journée mondiale de l'enfance 30ème édition : pour que les enfants maliens grandissent en paix et en sécurité

25 novembre 2019 - Le 20 novembre dernier, à travers des conférences-débats et des activités artistiques et sportives, les autorités et les acteurs locaux de la protection de l'enfance, ont célébré la Journée mondiale de l'enfance. À Kidal, Gao et Tombouctou, la MINUSMA, à travers son Unité de protection de l'enfance, a soutenu ces célébrations, afin de contribuer à sensibiliser le public à cette cause.

Africanews – [Article complet](#)

Middle East – The Child Soldier Crisis: 'Kids Are Cheap'

8th November 2019 - The Pentagon's Middle East policy chief decries new recruitment of children in Syria and the Yemen civil war.

Foreign Policy - [Full article](#)

Nigeria – Nigeria Releases 86 More Children and Youth from Military Prison

8th November 2019 - Several months ago, we traveled to northeast Nigeria to interview children who had been imprisoned on suspicion of being members of the extremist armed group Boko Haram. Their stories horrified us. We met a boy who was detained when he was only five years old. Another – whose village had been attacked by Boko Haram – told us he was detained for two years simply for selling yams to Boko Haram members in an effort to make money for his family. Many said they had actually been arrested while fleeing Boko Haram fighters.

Human Rights Watch - [Full article](#)

Rwanda – Rwanda joins global initiative to end child soldiers

15th November 2019 - Rwanda's Ministry of Defense on Friday signed up for a global initiative to end recruitment of child soldiers in armed conflicts. The ministry signed a memorandum of understanding with the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, a global partnership committed to ending use and recruitment of child soldiers worldwide within the framework of the Vancouver Principles.

Anadolu Agency - [Full article](#)

Syrie – Kurdistan syrien : «D'abord et avant tout des enfants»

3 Novembre 2019 - Dans une tribune au Parisien-Aujourd'hui en France, Jean-Marie Dru, président d'Unicef France, et Boris Cyrulnik, neuropsychiatre, estiment que tous les enfants des camps du nord-est de la Syrie doivent être rapatriés.

Le Parisien - [Article complet](#)



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Yemen – Shooting instead of school: the stolen childhood of children in Yemen

20th November 2019 - Going to school: an act of resistance in a war-torn country like Yemen, where children are made into soldiers. Two million children are prevented from going to school: many prefer to join militias. Laura Silvia Battaglia, a war reporter, was in Brussels to raise awareness about this emergency.

Euronews - [Full article](#)