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Colombia – El reclutamiento de menores para la guerra y la contradicción de Rodrigo Londoño

30 de julio - Las declaraciones recientes de dirigentes del partido Farc en las que relativizan el reclutamiento de menores de edad en las filas de la extinta guerrilla, no evitaron el llamado a 14 ellos para responder por los hechos ante la Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz (JEP).

RCN Radio – [Artículo completo](#)

DR Congo – DR Congo vows zero tolerance over child soldiers, human rights minister says

July 1st - The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) must do more to end the use of child soldiers by the military and armed groups, its human rights minister said after the U.S. government commended the country's progress on fighting human trafficking.

Daily Sabah - [Full article](#)

Global – Urgent to Protect Schools from Military Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic – SRSB for Children and Armed Conflict

July 16th - Reaffirming the calls for a global ceasefire made by the Security Council (SCR 2532) on 1 July and by the Secretary-General on 23 March, the Special Representative further warns that schools are more than ever viewed as strategic assets in several conflict situations and could be instrumentalized as part of hostilities.

United Nations Office of the SRSB for Children and Armed Conflict – [Full article](#)

Global – Human rights council holds interactive dialogues on violence against children and on children and armed conflicts

July 2nd - Najat Maalla M'jid, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children, noted that the measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic had increased the risk of children being exposed to violence at home, online and in the community. More than 1 billion children were exposed to violence every year, a problem that required a genuine child-rights based and multi-sectoral approach. To achieve this, her mandate had continued to mobilise and cooperate with partners at the global, regional and national levels.

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Global – 44th Session of the Human Rights Council: Statement by Ms. Virginia Gamba, SRSB for Children and Armed Conflict

July 2nd - Last year, some 4,400 incidents of denial of humanitarian access to children were verified, as compared to 795 incidents of this nature in 2018: an exponential increase and the highest one for any violation in any one year. This shrinking of the humanitarian space has disastrous repercussions on the rights of conflict-affected children. Humanitarian workers are stopped, threatened, hurt, abducted or robbed depriving the most vulnerable of children of the vital assistance they need to survive.

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Global – La educación en el punto de mira: Más de 11.000 ataques y 22.000 víctimas en cinco años

9 de julio - Entre 2015 y 2019 se han producido ataques como atentados con bomba y quema de escuelas y universidades, así como asesinatos, violación, secuestro, arresto arbitrario o reclutamiento forzoso de estudiantes y educadores tanto por parte de las fuerzas de seguridad como de otros actores no estatales, en especial grupos armados, en el marco de conflictos o de inseguridad.

Europa Press, notimérica – [Artículo completo](#)

India – Kashmiri children: The everlasting scars of a deadly conflict

July 9th - Experts say that children in Kashmir are being increasingly exposed to violence, which has plagued the region for decades. India and Pakistan each rule part of the disputed Himalayan territory but claim it in full. New Delhi accuses Islamabad of backing Kashmiri separatists and militant groups, an allegation Pakistan denies. Schools in Kashmir have been closed for months, and children are unable to go out freely and engage in healthy activities.

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Irak : les enfants yézidis rescapés de Daesh privés de soutien

31 juillet - Amnesty International alerte sur le sort des jeunes Yézidis libérés après avoir été abusés par l'Etat islamique. Et plaide pour qu'ils reçoivent enfin les soins dont ils ont besoin. « Ils m'ont obligé à me battre. Soit je le faisais, soit je mourais. Je n'avais pas d'autre choix. Pour



survivre, j'ai combattu. C'est la pire chose qui puisse arriver à un être humain, la plus dégradante... »

Le Soir - [Article complet](#)

Nigeria – Boko Haram's Tactics Continued to Terrorize Children, While Implementation of Commitments by CJTF Strengthened Efforts to Protect Them

July 24th - Boys and girls in northeast Nigeria continued to endure gruesome violations at the hands of Boko Haram and to be deeply affected by military operations against the group by Government Forces despite noteworthy efforts and commitments, highlighted the second country report of Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict in Nigeria released today. The report described 5,741 grave violations against children between January 2017 and December 2019 in Nigeria; incidents in neighboring Cameroon, Chad and Niger were also reflected in the context of the spillover of Boko Haram's activities beyond Nigeria's borders.

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Sahel – Enfants soldats : "Ces groupes terroristes utilisent aussi bien des filles que des garçons, qui sont parfois à peine âgés de 7 ans"

9 juillet – Alors que le commandant de la force Barkhane déplore le fait que la branche sahélienne du groupe État islamique ait recours à des "enfants soldats, endoctrinés et entraînés", Raphaële Vauconsant de l'ONG "Vision du monde", qui aide à la réinsertion des enfants soldats, explique, jeudi 9 juillet sur franceinfo, que "ces groupes terroristes utilisent des enfants en très bas âge, aussi bien des filles que des garçons, qui sont parfois à peine âgés de 7 ans"

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Soudan: la violence prive de soins 14.000 enfants au Darfour

31 juillet - La violence qui sévit dans une partie du Darfour, dans l'ouest du Soudan, prive de soins et de nourriture plus de 14.000 enfants, a déploré vendredi 31 juillet l'organisation Save the children dans un communiqué. Quelque 500 hommes armés ont attaqué le 25 juillet la localité de Masteri, dans le Darfour-Ouest, faisant 61 morts et 88 blessés, dont 35 dans un état critique. C'est le dernier d'une série d'incidents violents survenus récemment dans la région.

Le Figaro - [Article complet](#)



South Sudan - save the children calls on the government of South Sudan to review covid-19 measures on school closure as violence against children surges

27th July - Save the Children held three consecutive webinars with children across South Sudan on how COVID-19 is affecting their lives whilst they remain at home. Children raised concerns on how COVID-19 has affected their rights to survival, protection and learning. As schools remained closed, violence against children rises.

Save the Children International – [Full article](#)

Sudan – Sudanese School Closed by Pandemic, Kept Closed by Armed Forces - Authorities Should Urgently Remove Armed Forces, Reopen Girls' School.

29th July - On vehicles mounted with machine guns, armed paramilitaries took over a girls' primary school on June 14, 2020, according to a local human rights organization. The armed men, from Sudan's Rapid Support Forces, dug a trench around the school, which is in Kadugli, the capital of Sudan's Southern Kordofan state, and began using it as a training base. Luckily, the school was not in use at the time. Like countless others around the world, it is currently closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the school was supposed to reopen for students to sit secondary-school entrance exams.

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Syria – The Secretary-General's Report on Children and Armed Conflict Shows That Syria Is Either the Worst or Amongst the Worst Countries Worldwide in Several Types of Violations

July 22nd - The six-page report notes that the Secretary-General's report has classified Syria according to a number of patterns of violations as the worst country globally in terms of killings and attacks on schools, the second worst country worldwide in terms of the recruitment of children and attacks on hospitals, and the fourth worst country globally in terms of detentions and denial of humanitarian access.

Syrian Network for Human Rights – [Full article](#)