



Press review on Children's rights – Middle East and North Africa

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Afghanistan - Gender Alert on Covid-19

14th October - UN Women, UNICEF and Human Rights Watch jointly issue this fifteenth alert to continue to highlight the gender specific impact of COVID-19 in Afghanistan. This alert focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and girls' education and the long-lasting consequences it will have on gender equality, women's human rights and Afghanistan's development and peace efforts.

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Egypt - Social Solidarity Minister recalls Egypt's human rights progress on International Day of the Girl Child

12th October - Egypt's Social Solidarity Ministry held a celebration on Sunday for the UN-declared International Day of the Girl Child, during which Minister Nevine al-Kabbaj highlighted the numerous human rights-related advancements the country has made over the years.

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Jordan - Pandemic intensifies factors contributing to increased child labour in Jordan

4th October - Experts have warned that factors contributing to increased child labour have intensified in Jordan due to the coronavirus pandemic throughout the past six months, according to a Jordan Labour Watch (JLW) statement released on Thursday.

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Lebanon - In Lebanon, students hit by coronavirus, Beirut blast and economic woes

10th October - Lebanese families, which have been already hit by a crippling economic crisis that has been further exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic and the Beirut port explosion two months ago, are finding that access to education for children in Lebanon is becoming more and more scarce.

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Maroc - L'ONDE se mobilise contre l'exploitation des enfants

1 Octobre - L'Observatoire national des droits de l'enfant (ONDE) a signé, mercredi à Rabat, des conventions de partenariat avec plusieurs acteurs de la société civile et deux centres hospitaliers universitaires (CHU), afin de renforcer les capacités de l'enfant à participer au processus de signalement et à l'encourager à dénoncer toute forme de violence.

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Maroc - Enfants de la rue : les grands oubliés en ces temps de pandémie

19 Octobre - Ils sont des milliers, ces enfants marocains, sans acte de naissance, sans livret de famille, sans carte d'identité. Ce phénomène qui prend de l'ampleur dans le royaume, laisse ces enfants dans l'invisibilité la plus absolue, les privant de tout accès aux services essentiels comme l'éducation ou la santé.

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Sudan - Thousands of boys kept in chains in Islamic Schools

19th October - Thousands of boys are kept in chains, tortured and abused in Islamic schools across Sudan - with younger children raped by older students, investigation reveals. Boys as young as five are routinely shackled and beaten by teachers in 'khalwas'. There are nearly 30,000 of the religious schools across the whole of Sudan. There have been reports of older pupils raping and sexually assaulting others. An 18-month investigation by BBC News Arabic uncovered extent of the abuses

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Tunisie – Coronavirus : 5% des contaminés sont des enfants

7 Octobre - Lors d'un point de presse tenu ce mercredi 7 octobre 2020, par le ministère de la Santé, la porte-parole Nissaf Ben Alaya a révélé les chiffres concernant le nombre d'enfants contaminés. Elle a signalé que les enfants de moins de 14 ans constituent 5% des 24.542 cas de contamination enregistrées en Tunisie, précisant que les enfants, en règle générale, ne contaminent pas leur entourage et ne sont pas contaminés, sauf exceptions.

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Turkey - Children's rights: 79 percent of children work, child abuse is hidden

6th October - In a statement to mark the International Children's Day, CHP's Tanrıku has noted that access is blocked to Justice Ministry's data on sexual abuse in 2002-2017. 39 children died in occupational homicides in the first 8 months of 2020, he has added. Raising concerns over the violations of children's rights in Turkey, Tanrıku has addressed a series of issues such as child marriages and problems in distance learning and education in the mother language.

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UAE - Media content that violates child rights comes under scrutiny in virtual meet

17th October - UAE media professionals have highlighted the need for improvement in reporting on children's issues and develop effective media policies to safeguard children's rights during a virtual workshop organised by Sharjah's Child Safety Department (CSD).

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