

**“All that glitters
is not gold”**



Child Victims of Gulf Proxy Wars in the Middle East

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On the eve of the 30th Anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, we are witnessing an unprecedented use of violence against civilians in the Arab world that disproportionately affects children. This is mostly due to the conflicts financed by external regional powers that propagate and exacerbate harmful

social and political environments at home and abroad. In countries like Yemen, extreme poverty caused by policies of starvation as a weapon of war has an immediate impact on children's lives. In Libya, the war between armed militias prevents many children from going to school and exposes them to heightened risk of recruitment and trafficking.

Witnesses

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Discussion from the floor

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