



2 July 2014 – Children are victims of grave abuses in 23 on-going conflict situations world-wide, finds the [Annual Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict](#) .

In 2013 children were recruited, sexually abused, killed and maimed in conflicts across Africa and the Middle East. The most recent flagrant example of this was the kidnapping of 200 schoolgirls by the Islamist extremist group [Boko Haram](#) in Nigeria, a group now infamous for attacking schools and hospitals. “Boko Haram continues to commit unspeakable violence against children and I am deeply concerned by the fate of the numerous girls abducted in the past few months,” [said](#) Leila Zerrougui , UN Special Representative on Children and Armed Conflict.



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