

The Child in the Children's Recruitment Crime Which Aims to Polytheism Them in the Fighting Actions ... A Criminal or a Victim ?

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Abstract

Children are the most damaged group affected by crimes of terrorism, suffering numerous forms of aggression. Due to the terrorism which has violently disrupted Syria previously, the phenomenon of recruiting children into combat and related actions motivated the law to release the Legal Decree n. /11/ for the year 2013 which criminalizes the recruitment and employment of children in combat.

The publication of this law has developed a new contradictory situation where it has made the recruited child both a victim and a criminal at the same time. Therefore, the child is considered a victim in the recruitment and deployment of combat which aims to polytheism them in the fighting actions, while at the same time the child is also considered as being responsible for the crimes that he ventured to do during his recruitment period. This presents an unacceptable contrast within the law.

The subject of this study is to identify the children which have been recruited by the armed terrorist groups, and to show the features displayed which distinguish such children from other children who are involved in criminal activity with the aim of defining the legal position for these recruited children and their responsibility towards the crimes that they have committed during their recruitment period