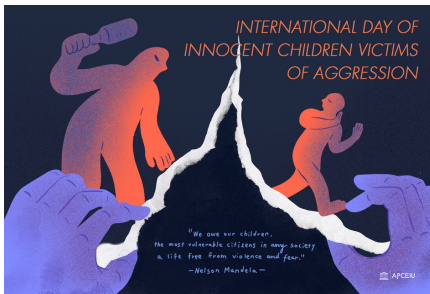


4 JUNE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INNOCENT CHILDREN VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION

**"We owe our children - the most vulnerable citizens in any society - a life free from violence and fear."
- Nelson Mandela -**

WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



In order to acknowledge the misery and suffering faced by the children around the world as a result of war and armed conflicts, the General Assembly decided to annually commemorate June 4 as International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

The day established the UN's commitment to protecting the children who are vulnerable to wars and fall victim to various acts of aggression. As such, collective efforts are needed from every part of the world to address the violation of children's rights and prevent innocent children from the distress caused by conflict-related situations. UN's effort in ending all forms of violence against children is included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development under target 16.2.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What are your rights as a child?

How can you defend your rights as a child?/
How can the rights of a child be protected?

MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZENS



Bana al-Abed

She is an 11-year-old Syrian girl. With the help of her mother, Bana used Twitter to document her experience of the siege of Aleppo in Syria. Through her Twitter account, she urged leaders to do more for the millions of children stuck in the middle of the conflict. In 2018, Bana received the Atlantic Council Freedom Award.



Grace Akallo

She was born in 1981 in Uganda. She is a fierce advocate for peace and a spokesperson for children affected by armed conflict. Akallo is the founder of the United Africans for Women's and Children's Rights, an NGO dedicated to safeguarding the rights of vulnerable women and children. She cofounded the Network of Young People Affected by War through UNICEF.