

9 SEPTEMBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO PROTECT EDUCATION FROM ATTACK

**"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."
- Malala Yousafzai -**

WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



Unfortunately, in the world, systematic attacks on education continue impacting numerous learners, including girls and women. The United Nations General Assembly designated September 9 as the International Day to Protect Education from Attack. This date coincides with the anniversary of the Safe Schools declaration. The resolution to celebrate this day was presented by the State of Qatar and 62 co-sponsoring countries. It was held for the first time in 2020. Its purpose is to safeguard the right of children to education. Schools must be safe, protective places for students and teachers.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

How would you feel if suddenly someone destroys your school and you cannot continue studying?

Do you think that it is fair that girls are not allowed to go to school only because of the fact that they are girls? If not, why?

MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZENS



Malala Yousafzai

She is a young Pakistani activist for the right to education and for girls to become agents of change. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, the youngest winner of this award.

As a young girl, she defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive education. She was shot on her way home from school by a Taliban gunman but survived. She became a staunch defender of a right to education. As she believes that her story is not only her own, but of many other girls, she actively advocates for the right to educate for girls and women all around the world, inspiring many young people and leaders.