

Child Soldiers and the 2007 Human Rights Report

Country	Government Use	Non-State Group Use	DDR	Reference to military use, recruitment or law regarding children and armed conflict
Belarus				x
Afghanistan	x	x	x	
Burma	x	x		
Burundi		x	x	
Central African Republic		x	x	
Chad	x	x	x	
Colombia		x		
Democratic Republic of Congo	x	x	x	
Republic of Congo			x	
Cote d'Ivoire				x
Eritrea				x
India		x		
Israel and the Occupied Territories		x		
Iraq		x		
Kenya		x		
Liberia				x
Nepal		x		
Niger		x		
Pakistan		x		
Paraguay				x
Philippines		x		
Rwanda		x	x	
Sierra Leone				x
Somalia	x	x		
Sri Lanka	x	x	x	
Sudan	x	x		
Thailand		x		
Togo				x
Uganda	x	x	x	
United Kingdom				x

Findings

Issues related to child soldiers were mentioned in 30 reports.

Government use of child soldiers in 2007 was found in eight countries: Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, DRC, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uganda.

(In 2006, government use was found in nine countries: Burma, Burundi, Chad, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uganda.)

Non-State Group use of child soldiers in 2007 was found in 21 countries: Afghanistan, Burma, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, DRC, India, Israel, Iraq, Kenya, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand and Uganda.

Disarmament, Demobilization, or Reintegration (DDR) was mentioned in the reports of nine countries: Afghanistan, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

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