



Statement of the NIHR on the occasion of International Day Of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

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on the 4th June every year, the United Nations celebrates the International Day of innocent children victims of aggression, a day on which the UN Assembly proclaimed under resolution ES - 8/7, dated August 19, 1982 in the resumed 7th extra ordinary session. The decision came following the frequent news about the suffering of Palestinians and Lebanese children as a result of the Israeli aggression.

The celebration of this day was to draw world attention to the suffering of innocent children who are victims of physical, mental and psychological abuse all over the world, needless to say that the suffering of children multiply in conditions of poverty, ignorance, natural disasters and wars.

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child regarding the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, which took effect on February 23, 2002, confirmed that the rights of children require special protection and necessitate continuous improvement of the situation of children without distinction, raising and educating them under conditions of peace and security. The convention condemns the targeting of children in situations of armed conflicts and direct attacks on objects protected under international law.

The NIHR Emphasizes the need to adhere to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol, and the protection of children against aggression they are exposed to in armed conflicts and wars.

The NIHR also condemns aggressive practices targeting children in areas of armed conflict and calls on the international bodies to protect those innocent children against injustice they are exposed to as a result of violence and massacres committed against them in those areas and compel those states to

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respect international conventions and treaties which calls to renounce violence and aggression against innocent children.