



Press release

SNHR Successfully Nominates Syrian Child Muhammad Nour al Asmar, Who Reports on the Suffering of Idlib's Children, for the International Children's Peace Prize 2021

Based on the many years of close coordination and the warm cooperative relationship between the international [KidsRights Foundation](#) and the Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), the SNHR has this year nominated the Syrian child [Muhammad Nour al Asmar](#) for [the International Children's Peace Prize for the year 2021](#), in appreciation of his exceptional efforts [in raising awareness of the suffering of the Syrian community, especially its children](#), due to the violations they have suffered at the hands of the Syrian regime and its Iranian and Russian allies.

We're delighted to announce that Muhammad's nomination has been accepted, along with nominations for [162 other exceptional male and female children from around the world](#), and express our hope that Muhammad, who is the only Arab child nominated in the peace category for this year's award, will deservedly win this prestigious prize.

Muhammad Nour Aziz al Asmar is a 13-year-old child from Binnesh town in Idlib governorate. Despite his tender years, Muhammad has spent his childhood advocating for children like himself, engaging in artistic activities and community events directed at helping children, through which he's shared his talents with and encouraged his peers, in areas including [drawing and mental arithmetic, among others](#); among the most prominent of these activities was [his participation, under the supervision of his father, artist Omar Aziz, in creating distinctive 'graffiti'-style artwork on the rubble of destroyed buildings, including schools](#), one of a number of campaigns involving children's participation.



Muhammad has worked to convey the suffering of children in his community, appearing in many photos and videos broadcast on the Internet, in which he talked about the absence of the most basic necessities of life for these children, as well as the suffering [experienced by children in camps](#) in northwest Syria. He's appeared in many videos, speaking in English, to tell the world about the violations against children in Syria, and the devastating repercussions of the military operations by the Syrian-Russian alliance forces on their present and future, and raising awareness of their loss of the most basic rights of children, including education, decent living, play, safety and other fundamental rights. Muhammad's been particularly interested in advocating for children [who've suffered severe injuries or have had their limbs amputated](#) as a result of the barbaric bombardment of the Idlib region by the Syrian-Russian alliance forces for years.

Muhammad has also participated in interviews and programs on many Arab and foreign TV channels and media agencies, speaking about the rights of children and their suffering, showing the physical and psychological risks they suffer as a result of the military operations by the Syrian regime forces in Idlib governorate, and demanding the protection of children and other civilians and the provision of care for them.



Although Muhammad has been displaced from his home many times and endured the same suffering as his fellow children, he continues to courageously support and encourage the children around him and create a space for them, to share his unique skills, and to provide every possible assistance to them even in tents in refugee camps; to this day, Muhammad continues with his activities working with other children in Idlib governorate, despite living under dangerous conditions of continuing bombardment and deteriorating health conditions due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The International Children's Peace Prize is awarded annually by the Nobel Prize Laureates to a child who fights courageously for children's rights. The prize was launched by Marc Dullaert, Chairman of the KidsRights Foundation, during the 2005 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates at the Capitol in Rome. The motivation behind the prize is to provide a platform for children to express their ideas and personal involvement in defending children's rights. All the prizewinners have shown a remarkable commitment to combating the problems millions of children face worldwide. SNHR previously nominated another remarkable Syrian child, Enar al Hamrawi, for the 2020 prize.

The Director of the Syrian Network for Human Rights, Mr. Fadel Abdul Ghany, issued a statement via [video](#) welcoming the KidsRights Foundation's acceptance of the nomination of the child, Muhammad Nour al Asmar for the 2021 International Children's Peace Prize, and we at the SNHR are proud to support the candidacy of the Syrian child candidate, Muhammad, for the prize, which he richly deserves to win due to all his outstanding and exceptional efforts on behalf of children, despite facing daunting psychological, material and physical challenges and unspeakable suffering, and we call on Syrian and international partner organizations, and media to support this nomination, and express our hope that Muhammad will win this year's prize.

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MUHAMMAD

AGE: 13
NOMINATED IN: 2021
TOPIC: Peace
COUNTRY: Syria

Nominated by Syrian Network for Human Rights

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Children have the right to live in peace.

Muhammed, together with other children, delivers messages to the world about children's rights in Syria, especially the areas that are constantly being bombed. By means of videos (in English) he spreads information about children injured in bombing operations, to help them and secure their needs, in attempt to present the reality of injured children and the violations of rights they are exposed to and to demand their protection. Together with his father, Muhammed creates graffiti paintings on buildings that have been bombed and demolished in Idlib governorate, he publishes pictures of them on social media to send a message to the world to stop the military operations. Moreover, Muhammed helps children subjected to disabilities, as a result of the ongoing war in the country, to reintegrate them into the surrounding society and return to their normal life.

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