

## Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Still Uses Child Soldiers



Children may be kidnapped or may be purchased in slave markets and then systematically brutalized, at times by being made to watch murder. Some have even been ordered to kill their own parents or to take drugs in order to heighten their killer instinct.

The following is a sample of the effects of the brainwashing that has been done on thousands of child soldiers in Africa. This chilling conversation took place between a social worker and a boy soldier who was apparently trying to preserve what was left of his innocence:

“Did you kill? ‘No.’

Did you have a gun? ‘Yes.’

Did you aim the gun? ‘Yes.’

Did you fire it? ‘Yes.’

What happened? ‘They just fell down.’”

No wonder someone has suggested that the word “infantry” could take on a whole new meaning as one looks at soldiers aged six and up. The problem is not restricted to Africa but these days we can rightly say its a worldwide problem as we consider the Phillipine.

"While the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) leadership has publicly denied using child combatants, evidence recovered from fallen rebel camps indicates otherwise. Witnesses say the MILF has also conscripted children (younger than 18) into "auxiliary roles", such as cooks, porters and guides.

"We could hear the distinct voices of male children screaming amid the din of gunfire," said an army brigade officer in Mindanao, whose unit is in the frontlines against the MILF near the town of Datu Piang, where some of the heaviest fighting has occurred. "This is a condemnable act. They use children to do the fighting, while the MILF leaders hide in the background."

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