

ALGERIA



Total Population: 30,774,000

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138

182

Child Population: 13,530,000

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TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

No confirmed data.

CHILD SLAVERY

Armed terrorist groups reportedly kidnap young women and keep them as sex slaves.

The Government prohibits forced and bonded labour by children and generally enforces this prohibition.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

There are unconfirmed reports that young Algerian girls are trafficked to Italy and other Western countries. The girls are sometimes forced into prostitution or marriage.

Algeria is reported as a place of transit for traffickers.

CHILD PROSTITUTION

In Algeria, like most of Africa, child prostitution is increasing.

Not only girls, but also boys who work as vendors, couriers or domestic helps, are vulnerable to sexual exploitation in the cities.

CHILDREN IN CRIME

No confirmed data.

CHILD SOLDIERS

It has been reported that children and youth are actively participating both in the local militias linked to the government and in the armed groups opposed to the governmental armed forces.

Armed opposition groups are widely reported to have children in their ranks.

A journalist who secretly visited an the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS) camp in 1997 reported the presence of boys, some as young as 15, among the movement's soldiers.

One source claimed that the Armed Islamic Group, Groupe Islamique Armés, uses young boys, mainly in their early teens, to plant bombs and carry out surprise attacks.

CHILD SERVANTS

No confirmed data.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR

Street Vending - Economic necessity compels many children to resort to informal employment, such as street vending.

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