

Children's rights



MALALA YOUSAFZAI
IQBAL MASIH



Article 26



Everyone has the right to education. (...)

Elementary education shall be compulsory. (...)

*Education shall be directed to the full development of the
human personality. (...)*

Malala Yousafzai



**ONE CHILD,
ONE TEACHER
ONE BOOK & ONE PEN
CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD.**

MALALA YOUSAFZAI



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Malala Yousafzai



- In some parts of the world, girls are discriminated: they haven't got the right to go to school, they can't marry whoever they want, they can't work.
- Malala is a girl who couldn't accept this. She is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. She is known for her fight for human rights especially for education of women and children in her native Swat Valley in Pakistan, where the local Pakistani Talibans banned girls from attending schools.



- She was born in 1997, her father was a teacher and headmaster of a school.
- In 2009, she started writing a blog for BBC talking about her life in a region of Pakistan controlled by Islamic extremists. She told the world she was studying at home because the extremists had closed her school and had banned girls for attending schools. She became known all over the world for her battle, the *New York Times* made a documentary about her story, she gave interviews.
- Malala's school re-opened. But on **9th October 2012**, when she was on a bus going back home from school, **she was shot by a Pakistani Taliban gunman, because of her activism**. She was hit in the head with a bullet: she was seriously injured and remained in serious conditions for some months.
- After being hospitalized in Birmingham, England, she finally recovered. *Time* magazine called Malala “one of the 100 most influential people in the world”.



- Since the Taliban has threatened her life in Pakistan, Malala remained to live in the UK with her family.
- In **2014**, when she was 17, she won the **Nobel Peace Prize**. She was the youngest winner ever to win the prize.
- **She speaks up for the right to education for every child and for girls all over the world.** Malala says that education is the only answer to poverty: without education, there are no dreams for the future.
- In 2020, Malala graduated from Oxford University.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gksAyQPPD5E&t=58s>

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Article 4



No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

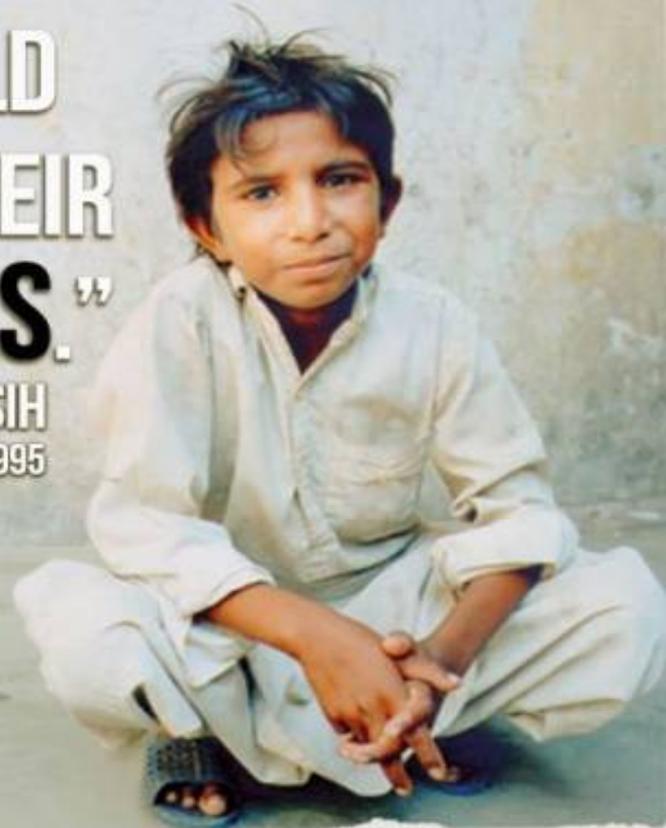
One of the most common forms of modern slavery is the "**Bonded child labor**". It refers to the situation where children are forced to work in order to pay off a debt of their families. It is the most common form of modern slavery.

Iqbal Masih



**“CHILDREN SHOULD
HAVE PENS IN THEIR
HANDS NOT TOOLS.”**

- IQBAL MASIH
1983 - 1995





- Iqbal Masih was a Pakistani Christian boy who became **a symbol of abusive child labour in Pakistan.**
- He was born in Pakistan in **1983**, from a very poor family. When he was four years old, his father sold him to a carpet factory for \$12, in order to pay a debt. He was forced to work 12 hours a day. He never went to school.
- Six years later he escaped, after learning that bonded labour was declared illegal by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He attended the Bonded Labour Liberation Front (BLLF) School for former child slaves and quickly completed a four-year education in only two years. He helped over 3,000 Pakistani children that were in bonded labour to escape to freedom and made speeches about child labour throughout the world. He joined the Bonded Labor Liberation front and began a campaign against child bonded labour.
- In 1994 he received the Reebok Human Rights Award in Boston
- In 1995 in Pakistan, Iqbal was shot dead while riding his bicycle near his grandmother's house. He was 12 years old. It seems he was probably killed by the carpet mafia who was worried about the consequences of his campaign to free child workers.

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