

Recruitment of child soldiers (case of Central Asia)

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INTRODUCTION

Relevance of the research paper:

Children and adolescents are often involved in various military combats throughout the world. The recruitment of child soldiers is one way for terrorist groups to ensure their long-term presence in the region. The problem of the recruitment of children must be addressed, as it ensures a steady flow of young believers into the ranks of extremists and prolongs the life of terrorist organizations. Current issue has not been adequately studied and requires a special approach.

Development degree

- A special place in the historiography of this thesis is occupied by the works of political scientists Singer, Rosen and Peter. Their publications provide an analysis of the main activities of terrorist and armed groups in the recruitment and exploitation of children in military operations. A wide range of documentary materials were used as sources in this research. Important for the analysis were the observations of Anwo and Bolton. The annual reports of the international organization “Child Soldiers International”, as well as articles and speeches of political scientists and public figures have become valuable sources. Current issue has not been adequately studied and requires a special approach.

- The **object of the study** is the theoretical and practical issues of international terrorism and the recruitment of child soldiers in the twenty-first century.
- The **subject of the study** is the recruitment of child soldiers in Central Asia and recruitment strategies.

- **The purpose of the study:**
 - Analyzing and summarizing the results of recruitment of child soldiers in Central Asia.

- **Tasks:**
 - 1. to study the recruitment of child soldiers in terrorist organizations;
 - 2. to identify potential factors that could influence the use prevalence of children in armed conflict;
 - 3. to analyze the recruitment processes in Central Asia.
 - 4. to evaluate the level of recruitment processes in Central Asia
 - 5. to identify the following development perspectives of the recruitment issues.

- **Theoretical significance:**

- The materials of this study can be used in research and educational process, in teaching the discipline on modern problems of international relations and international terrorism. Since this work includes a wide range of problems and prospects for further development of conflicts, and in particular, studied the Central Asian region, the work can be used by students in preparation for practical training.

- **Practical significance:**

- The results of this study will show which children are the weakest to be recruited by terrorists and which platforms and strategies are used by terrorists to recruit child soldiers. Also, this work can be used by other persons to determine other ways of recruiting child soldiers from Central Asian states to terrorist organizations.

- **Methods of the research:**
- In this research were used a qualitative research strategy, interpretation method, method of abstraction, also an interpretative approach. Various interviews and focus groups, as well as manual analysis of foreign media were used.