



**Press Release**  
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## **FROM TURKEY** **WORLD CALL FOR CHILDREN'S PEACE**

- **Children's Call for World Children's Peace in 43 languages**
- **Proposal for a Children's Peace March Against War.**

The concerns of children in Turkey and around the world are increasing day by day when Israel starts genocide again in Gaza on October 7, 2023. With the suggestion of children and in order to prevent the genocide that brought the world to the brink of war, the Children's Foundation, the World Children's Embassy, and the Humanity Defense Line Initiative decided to announce the "World Children's Peace Call" in 43 languages. In the first stage, the World Child Peace Call was translated into the following languages: Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Azerbaijani Turkish, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chewa, Chinese, English, French, Gagauz, Georgian, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Kazakh, Kongo, Korean, Kurdish, Kyrgyz, Latin, Macedonian, Malay, Mongolian, Navajo, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tajik, Tatar, Thai, Turkish, Turkmen, Urdu, Uyghur, Uzbek.

The World Child Peace Call was prepared in line with children's opinions received for 30 years and with the following justification:

It remains unchanged that women and children have historically been the first victims of wars throughout human history. The world cannot achieve well-being or put an end to child suffering unless the mistrust of the entities of the United Nations is eradicated.

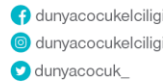
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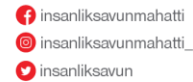
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Despite the states that have remained silent in the face of the brutality and genocide committed by the "terrorist state" Israel against Palestine since 1948, for the first time, the righteousness of the Palestinians has turned into a scream and a great hope for peace has arisen in the world. This hope can turn into a climate of peace with the World Children's Peace Marches that humanity, who cannot stop wars with weapons, will hold with children all over the world.

As part of the World Children's Peace Call, children between the ages of 8 and 12 are expressing their desire to "hold World Children's Peace Marches in every location where human rights are infringed and in the face of the potential of battle."

World Children's Peace Spokesperson Mustafa Ruhi Şirin's statement regarding the call is as follows:

*The 21st century has made us listen to children and think about how a new world should be built together with children. Unfortunately, the world's children are growing up in anxiety because the understanding of "respect for children and child dignity" has not been implemented in the world. We are now at the final stage where we need to decide what kind of world we will leave to our born and future children. Because, as our children remind us, no war has ever been stopped with weapons.*

*Children worldwide are hopeful that World Children's Peace would help avert the impending big war. Aside from the two world wars, there was no desire to stop disasters akin to those that occurred in East Turkestan, Vietnam, Bosnia, Kashmir, Tibet, Moro, and other regions throughout the preceding century. In Palestine, whose homeland has been occupied by Israel since 1948, the true goal is the annihilation of human values and "human civilization."*

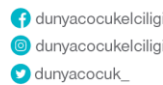
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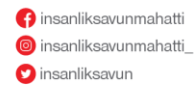
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*Our youngsters today suggest that we organize the World Children's Peace March as a global movement and that 8 billion people support Gaza. We cannot lead the world to a place of ultimate peace unless we walk with our children each time innocence is killed - not just once, but every time.*

*We start our Call for World Child Peace with the words of five-year-old Şerife Hafsa Özer: "Get out of my sun!"*

#### **Ekler:**

- World Call For Children's Peace
- "Get out of my sun!" (Visual)
- World Children's Peace March: "Are you ready to walk with us?" (Video) (English/Turkish)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxpUDqTrDms>  
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- World Children's Peace Call in 43 Languages

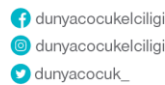
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