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Dear Mr. Fox,

We have great interest in getting a copy of War: The Impact on Minority and Indigenous Children. Please tell to whom and at what address we have send our cheque.

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War: The Impact on Minority and Indigenous Children.

A new report from Minority Rights Group International (MRG)

Most of today's wars are within, rather than across borders: ethnicity is often a strong component; distinctions between civilians and combatants can become blurred; at times, there is a lack of control within the ranks of fighting factions. Disempowered communities - in many cases minority and indigenous peoples - suffer most in such wars, and within these communities children are among the most vulnerable.

MRG's timely new Report examines the impact of war and its aftermath on children from minority and indigenous communities. Using the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UN Declaration on Minorities as benchmarks, War: The Impact on Minority and Indigenous Children shows how children's rights are persistently violated: the Report demonstrates the need for urgent action.

Three case studies are examined here: Jumma Children of the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh, Maya Children of Guatemala and Minority Children of Somalia - these include first-hand accounts from children. The Report analyses why children from minority and indigenous communities are seen as 'legitimate' targets in war. It also shows how their specific needs can be overlooked by humanitarian aid and rehabilitation programmes.

In conclusion MRG's Report makes specific recommendations which aim to help minimise the risks and threats to minority and indigenous children in conflicts.

War: The Impact on Minority and Indigenous Children is edited by Minority Rights Group International.

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