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## FEATURE

### US: Pressure Allies to End Child Soldier Use

Obama Administration Fails to Secure Progress in Key African Countries  
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(Washington, DC) - The Obama administration should make good on its pledge to work with recipients of US military assistance to end their use of child soldiers, four leading human rights and humanitarian organizations said in a letter to President Barack Obama released today.

Amnesty International USA, Human Rights Watch, the Open Society Foundations, and World Vision U.S. said that the Obama administration had failed to secure concrete progress from Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Sudan, and Yemen in ending their use of child soldiers. In October 2010, Obama granted waivers to the four countries, allowing them to continue to receive US military assistance despite their use of child soldiers in violation of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008. The law went into force in 2010.

"We have been deeply disappointed to see no discernable progress by any of the four governments concerned as a result of US action," the groups said in their letter. "We have also been disappointed ..... [READ MORE](#)



## LIBYA:

### Indiscriminate Attacks Kill Civilians

Mohamed Salim Awad, 45, an anesthesiologist technician at the Zawiyat el-Mahjoub medical clinic in Misrata, was wounded when a mortar hit the clinic compound on April 16.

"Libyan government forces have repeatedly fired mortars and Grad rockets into residential neighborhoods in Misrata, causing civilian casualties," said Peter Bouckaert, emergencies director ... [READ MORE](#)

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