

Nada's story as a human rights activist started when she was **11** in **2013**, she would tell the world her story, because she refused to be a victim of human rights violation, although Nada has faced many struggles and disappointments in her way, but she never surrendered. That made her more determined to keep fighting for her cause and as result of that she got the sympathy and support of thousands of people, including human rights activists.

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GREAT STORY OF STRUGGLING LITTLE GIRL



VIOLATIONS

2013

August

10 DAYS OF DETENTION IN PRISON BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AFFAIRS

State officials pressured the Ministry of the Interior affairs to detain her after a debate at a comprehensive national dialogue conference on a law that criminalize the marriage of underage girls. They consider that her appearance, appealing the world to save her from early marriage, as a compression paper on them. She talked about the death of her aunt and her sister's suicidal attempt.



2013

September

DETENTION FOR 7 HOURS BY THE YEMENI INTERIOR MINIS- TRY

After her appearance in a television program from Lebanon and during her return, her passport has been withdrawn at Sana'a Airport and she was sent to the Interior Ministry office to force her to sign a document preventing her from media appearing until the completion of the comprehensive national dialogue conference.

VIOLATIONS

2015

April

PREVENTION FROM TRAVELING

After taking her passport, she tried by several ways to travel, but was placed under house arrest and prevented from traveling, for the launch of her book or to attend to receive international awards granted to her.



2015

December

14 DAYS KIDNAPPED BY AL QAEDA ORGANIZATION BY THE YEMENI INTERIOR MINISTRY

She tried through Aden to escape to travel outside Yemen to complete her study and to continue her jurist activity, but she was kidnapped by Al-Qaeda (ISIS) Organization for 14 days, and subjected during the first three days to investigations in dark rooms and with closed eyes not seeing the light.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite her young age and short life, she has a history of great achievement compared to her age, which has been achieved by her great will, active pursuit, her great belief in childhood service, and helping young girls with all her energy and capacity.

She was also able to convey her voice to the world; help underage girls and make change in her complicated society.

She is currently working strongly and with solid will to reach the global influence to transfer its experience to the underage girls around the world.

Nominated for the 2018 Nobel Prize for Children.

PRESENCE IN NATIONAL DIALOGUE CONFERENCE

During NDC that was held in 2013 in Yemen, Nada has managed a campaign to pass bill that prohibit marriage before the age of 18, despite the many failed preceded attempts during the past years, Nada succeeded to include it within the conference outcomes.



MULTI LANGUAGES BOOK ABOUT NADA STORY

MICHEL LAFON publishing issued a book that summarized Nada's story. The book was translated to **French** and **Dutch**, and an Online copy of the book was made.

SHE FOUNDED AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

She presides a humanitarian foundation that submits projects on the rights and assistance of the child through awareness and field programs. She is targeting to make Yemen's children a priority in all aspects of humanitarian, human rights and education.

A number of projects have been launched, most notably an awareness program (**children of war are peace makers**), a rights project (**safe Havens**) and an educational project (**Our Dreams Thrive**) with full funding from the Foundation.



(SAFE HAVENS) PROJECT, TO HELP GIRLS WHO GET MARRIED EARLY AND SUFFERED FROM VIOLENCE



It adopted a project that targeting girls who were forced to marry early or were subjected to domestic violence. As they are supported through contact with parents, relatives or the country's dignitaries in which the girl lives. It is targeting the use of security services to protect and rescue the girl, according to Yemeni law and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Signed by Yemen).

"OUR DREAMS THRIVE" PROJECT IS REALIZED TO TEACH KIDS AND GIRLS

"Our Dreams Thrive" project has been funded to educate 10,000 (ten thousands) of girls and children, between the ages of 13 and 18 in IDP camps and rural areas that have not been reached by public schools. They have taught English as a special quality education, enabling them to take advantage of future opportunities on the Internet and register Interns at international universities for distance learning.



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

THE MOST PROMINENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NADA FOUNDATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN RIGHTS:

The foundation has established many humanitarian works, media activities, and an effective influence in the community through a series of variable activities and humanitarian aids which targeted primarily the female children in education and their protection from early marriage and domestic violence, and have also provided awareness programs.

The foundation receives many complaints to ask for the urgent help in the rescue of underage girls and respond to find quick solutions to the underage girls.

Since mid of 2017, the foundation was able to help hundreds of underage girls and nullify early marriages and domestic violence, and it also provide scholarships for more than 60 underage girls, ensuring a decent life with their families. In addition, it is currently preparing to establish an electronic safe refuge accompanied by a shelter building to reunion them in Yemen after the end of the war, to ensure their safety and success of the work, and to expand this experience in Arab and international countries.

AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Nada Foundation produced an awareness program to raise the awareness of society and respond to inquiries about the strengths upon which the community depends on its violations to the rights of the child, then listed for each inquiry logical and accurate answers citing conventions on the rights of the child which are provided for in international laws with which the States committed to use.

Then it made a complete file for each topic, and divided it into large sections for easier handling on the social networks, in the form of vid-

eos summarized accurately and meaningfully.

This work has received encouraging and great reactions, as it has been presented in international conferences and in the events of human rights in the world and Arabic countries, has been re-broadcasted on famous satellite channels, and was cited in show programs.

UNDERAGE GIRLS' MARRIAGE TERMINATION FILE:

One of the episodes addressed the marriage of underage girls and its damages to the society, country, economy, and health. It explained its reasons; damages and main motives, and the disaster arising afterwards on the life of individual and society, in addition to the spread of diseases and epidemics. The episode cited international and local accurate statistics about the size of the number growing every second, and then it concluded with a message to the parents, the underage girls, and the international community to put an end to the marriage of underage girls.



THE FILE OF CHILDREN RECRUITMENT:

The file of children recruitment is one of the most prominent files that included shocking and interesting information for jurists, journalists and the organizations concerned with fighting against the recruitment of children, the exploitation of terrorist groups to expand their activities, the increase of the crime rate within the community and its threat to security in the region and international security, and raising the level of ignorance; underdevelopment; crime and destruction among



society. Then the foundation directed through this file a strict criticism of the Houthi group in which the children constitute 70% of the recruits.

The foundation directed its message also to the legitimate government and the resistance to move away from recruiting children to maintain justice in its case for defending the childhood.

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FILE OF EDUCATION COLLAPSE:

The education collapsed in Yemen, its schools have been transformed into military barracks, the children have been deprived from education, and the curriculums are trapped by the Houthi group. The schools have been turned into a store for weapons and training camps, in addition to the net recruiting the children and inciting them to leave school. Then it concluded its message to the parents urging them to find better alternative means to teach children in distance, the use of modern technology and Internet in educating children and completing their education through the famous smart applications, in addition to a message to the legitimate government and organizations concerned with maintaining children's education and saving the education from collapsing, as



that threatens an entire generation with ignorance, backwardness, and the spread of illiteracy among the next generations.

QUICK EPISODES:

Nada did not stop to continue to raise the level of community awareness through her episodes because of her concern to complete her education and for her travels, as she continued to make live broadcast and registered episodes through social media, to convey her important ideas to preserve the rights of the child and the child importance in society, especially the rights of girls regarding the domestic violence and racial incitement based on sex, and the importance of girls' education by all means.

ADVOCACY FOR THE UNDERAGE

ADVOCACY FOR THE UNDERAGE GIRLS:

Throughout Nada's activities, she didn't stop at just one subject but worked to advocate for underage girls who died under torture due to the domestic violence or the early marriage. As there is no law protecting girls from serious violations in her country, so Nada had to make these cases public opinion issues so that she can punish their perpetrators.

The child [RASHA](#) of 10 years who died under torture of her brother because she took (\$30), from her brother's pocket to buy her mother a mother's day gift in 21/Mars/2018, so she has been brutally beaten leading to her death and he buried her at the same time to conceal his



Girl Mab

crime, but Nada insisted to advocate her, raise her case in the media and forced the security authorities to catch the culprit and bring him to the trial within 3 days after his crime.

The child **SHAIMA**, who subjected to severe beating by her father and burning her with fire, Nada was able to get Shaima's father to court, but he was released and the child returned with her father. The judiciary said that the Yemeni law does not protect the child, nor punishes the perpetrator, rendering the child Nada before a new challenge, to ensure the protection of the child shaima, so she escalated her media position and declared a strike on food and drink in a live broadcast on social networks under the Hishtag (**#انقذوا_الطفلة_شايما**), and in her second days of strike, the prosecutors responded to her appeal, returned the offender to prison, transferred the child to the protection of the Ministry of the Interior, and delivered her in the third day to her grandmother. Then, Nada Foundation provided her with a comprehensive scholarship.



SUPPORT FOR GIRLS' EDUCATION IN DISPLACEMENT CAMP

Nada Foundation opened classrooms in DI placement camps and ensured the salaries of teachers and supplied girls in places of displacement. For the underage girls who have been subjected to domestic violence, early marriage, or trafficking in human beings and have been able to save themselves, the foundation reserved for them additional seats in the international schools offering lessons remotely via smart applications such as EF English, and reserved daily minutes for each girl on Cambly program to learn English to ensure teaching them better through foreign academic teachers, in addition to their attendance to the daily lessons in the classrooms and assigning female teachers to follow up them on a daily basis.

NADA IN THE EYES OF OTHERS

BRAVERY AWARD 2013

Nada won the bravery award as the bravest kid in 2013 from the British magazine "STARKIDS". Nada was considered one of the most influential kids in the world for her courageous stance to win her cause and raise her voice to the whole world despite all the difficulties she has faced.



THREE AWARDS FROM SWITZERLAND

Nada has been honored with many international awards, the most important were three awards from NGOS in Switzerland, these awards Played a positive role to show Nada to the world. Unfortunately, the Huthies prevented Nada to travel to attend the honoring.



HONORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

She received the honor by the International Union for the communities of Yemen in Riyadh, in recognition of her efforts in the defense of children around the world and the issues of courage and determination to face the challenges in all circumstances.



RECEIVED MANY INVITATIONS

She received numerous calls from international conferences to attend and participate. In smart projects to serve the children in the world with the best and least expensive methods.



GLOBAL EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

The child participated in many international conferences and had a prominent jurist impact. She has received many invitations to attend events in many world countries, but she was not able to attend them during her existence in Yemen for reasons related to the civil war between the rebels and the government, but after her exit from Yemen to another country in the beginning of 2016, she was able to attend international events of human rights and humanitarian action:

THE CONFERENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – TURKEY

She has received an invitation from the organizers of the conference: Violence against Women in Turkey 8/12 /2017 AD for addressing the opening word in the conference allocated for 200 women of less than 16 years, to talk about her experience in underage girl marriage and the death of her aunt under torture until she was obliged to commit suicide by burning herself with gasoline to escape the violence, then her sister who tried to commit suicide by burning to escape the domestic violence and the underage girl marriage.



KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN WORK CONFERENCE

She attended the Conference for the international charitable and humanitarian work held by the Ministry of Awqaf in the Government of Kuwait for the year 16-18 / 12/2017 AD to convey the importance of humanitarian work and make childhood in the priorities of the tasks of relief and humanitarian organizations, and for the allocation of a



greater humanitarian work part in helping to educate girls and improve their conditions to alleviate their suffering.

RIYADH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN FORUM

She attended the International Humanitarian Forum in Riyadh, which was held under the patronage of King Salman Center for Relief from 26-27 / 2/2018 AD, which bodied the humanitarian role with the effective institutions, and the importance of making provision of assistance to children on the top of its priorities. She met also many of the chairpersons of the international and relief organizations to convey to them the suffering of Yemeni children, especially underage girls, and the importance of their role in putting childhood in their fu-



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PRIME MINISTER: NADA IS THE ICON OF YEMEN



She met his excellency, the prime minister, Dr. Ahmed Obeid bin Daghr, in which she conveyed to him the suffering of the children of Yemen, and suggested many projects for girls' education and how to support them legally to rescue them from the trade in the name of marriage, domestic violence, and exploitation of them in conditions of war. She received logistic support and assistance, and is dubbed Icon of Yemen, and the Ambassador of Arab children.



POLITICAL FIGURES SUPPORTED

She has received a logistical support from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. / Abdul Malik Mikhlati to facilitate her activities and jurist movements to convey the voice of the child to the world, and to attend international jurist events and activities around the world.



COUNSELOR OF KUWAITI AMIRI DIWAN

She met with Dr. Abdullah Al-matooq, the personal advisor of his Highness the Crown Prince of Kuwait and the Minister of Awqaf who welcomed her activity and heroic positions that serve the fair children case, and promised to assist and support her foundation in the humanitarian works and everything that contributes to a better life for the children of the world.



WITH BANGLADESHI FOREIGN MINISTER

She met with the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. / Dipu Moni in Kuwait and received high interest by her and has been given promises to complete her academic education, contribute to the transfer of childhood message and advocate her case in Bangladesh.



WITH THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS

She met with the Minister of Human Rights, Dr. Mohamed Askar, who supported her to attend international jurist events and activities related to childhood in global forums. She was one of government delegations in the events of Geneva and Europe for the year 2018, to allow her opportunities to transfer the issue of childhood in Yemen to the international organizations.



HUMANITARIAN AMBASSADORS OF THE GULF

She met with many humanitarian ambassadors, a group of princes responsible for human rights in the Gulf states and governmental officials, and she was called, Ambassador of the Arab childhood and the icon of Yemen, for being the first girl with a keen interest in child's rights and defending them and fight for the victory of her fair cause.

THE MEDIA

NADA IS ACTING IN A FILM

Nada took part in the movie “I am Nujood Age 10 and divorced” movie, the film won the award as best feature film in Dubai international film festival in Its twelfth it also was nominated for Oscar prizes.



FROM FILM

FIRST VIDEO WAS TRANSLATED 30 LANGUAGES

Within 3 days, Nada's first video on YouTube reached more than 6 million views, then was translated to 30 languages, it was also presented by many TV channels around the world, now it's also being used as evidence for child marriage.



FIRST VIDEO

SHORT FILMS ABOUT NADA

Many short films were made about Nada, some were translated to different languages and are being shared on social media and TV channels to address related issues.



FIRST SHORT FILM

MBC1 HAS PRODUCED A DETAILED DOCUMENTARY

As Yemen was about to finish up a new constitution that time, local organization which follows a traditional group in Yemen, tried to distort her case so as not to affect the Yemeni constitution and prevent the enactment of a law prohibiting the marriage of the minors. MBC1, which is considered one of the largest media companies in the Middle East, has produced a documentary film in the American investigative press on the issue of the child Nada Al-Ahdal to cast doubt on certainty.



FROM FILM

TELEVISION INTERVIEWS SHAKING SOCIAL MEDIA

Received her meetings on the channel MBC1 and Al Arabia news interest in social media, and caused a vocal ever seen for her courage and the strength of her character. The community was shocked by what happened to relatives and her grave abuses in their childhood.



NEWSPAPERS, ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

Many newspapers have made Nada the top of their press headlines to admire her activity, the power of her character, and what she has suffered throughout her life and yet still has the same power and more, in the service of childhood.



