

Statement

SNHR Nominates Siblings Ahmed and Sena Zeer for the 2024 International Children's Peace Prize



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The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), founded in June 2011, is a non-governmental, independent group that is considered a primary source for the OHCHR on all death toll-related analyzes in Syria.

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Building on the continued collaborative relationship between the world-renowned [KidsRight Foundation](#) and the Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), SNHR has nominated [two siblings, brother and sister Ahmed and Sena Zeer](#) for the [2024 International Children's Peace Prize](#) in appreciation of their extraordinary efforts in supporting their fellow children and highlighting their suffering in the midst of and despite ongoing violations and armed conflict in Syria. We are delighted and honored to reveal that our nomination has been accepted, meaning that [Ahmed and Sena are among the 118 boys and girls from across the world to be nominated for this great honor](#). Ahmed and Sena are the only Syrian children to be nominated this year, and the only Arab children apart from a girl from Lebanon. We hope that Ahmed's and Sena's outstanding efforts will help shed more light on the human crisis faced by Syria's children.

In previous years, SNHR nominated [Sirin Mathloun Na'san \(girl\) for the 2022 prize](#), [Muhammad Nour al-Asmar \(boy\) for the 2021 prize](#), and [Enar al-Hamrawi \(girl\), for the 2020 prize](#). SNHR did not submit any nominations in 2023 due to the devastation resulting from the February 6, 2023, Earthquakes that hit Türkiye and northern Syria.

Fifteen-year-old Sena and 17-year-old Ahmed live in Idlib city. They have dedicated themselves to empower themselves and their communities through their exceptional and innovative projects. Sena has developed a 'smart' white cane for the visually impaired, which is a hi-tech cane equipped with sensory devices and alert mechanisms to assist those with visual perception difficulties. Sena also launched the 'Smart Tree Project', as well as authoring a book, Science Builds Nations, intended to encourage and inspire children to engage in education, which was showcased at Idlib's 2023 Book Fair. Her brother, Ahmed, meanwhile, developed the 'Nahoul' smartphone app to help diabetic children, as well as developing two other projects, the Smart Motor Track and Camera Roll 360, both of which provide useful mechanical and software applications in both educational and practical settings. Indeed, Sena's and Ahmed's achievements have attracted the attention of media and inspired many in their local community.



Another stellar achievement for Ahmed was winning third place in the [Genius Olympiad's 'Logical Thinking' category] contest, as well as in a competition for mental arithmetic based on the SD Math curriculum. Ahmad also participated in a programming and robotics exhibition held in Idlib, showcasing his Smart Motor Track project which provides the option to automatically assemble and program self-driving cars, or by the use of different methods. His sister, Sena, meanwhile, won first place in the [Genius Olympiad's Logical Thinking category] contest when she was in sixth grade, and came in second at Mental Arithmetic competition. She also won first place in an English competition that was held as part of the [Genius Olympiad] when she was in seventh grade.

The International Children's Peace Prize is awarded annually by the Nobel Prize Laureates to a child who fights courageously for children's rights, and to honor children who demonstrated courage and positivity in the face of adversity. The prize was inaugurated by Marc Dullaert, Chairman of the KidsRights Foundation, during the 2005 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates at the Capitol in Rome. The purpose of the prize is to provide a platform for children to express their ideas and showcase their personal involvement in defending children's rights. All the prizewinners have shown a remarkable commitment to combating the problems faced by millions of children worldwide. As part of our continued commitment to supporting child rights and shed light on their suffering in the course of the ongoing violations and armed conflict in Syria, SNHR has ensured that children from Syria are nominated for this prestigious award every year. Through this, SNHR seeks to attract the attention of the international community to the grueling conditions in which Syria's children live, and to work to achieve justice for them and ensure their protection from the numerous traumatic violations they face.

SNHR is proud to support Sena and Ahmed for this year's award, which they richly deserve to win for all their outstanding and exceptional efforts, despite facing daunting psychological, material and physical challenges. We call on Syrian and international partner organizations, as well as media outlets, to support this nomination. Finally, we wholeheartedly hope that Ahmed and Sena will be the recipients of this year's award.



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