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Nobel Peace Prize: Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein

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"The awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to two frontline human rights defenders who have championed the rights of the child sends an important message of support and recognition to individuals around the world tirelessly working to defend the rights of children.

Both Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi have demonstrated tremendous courage in the face of powerful adversaries. Malala, a child herself, has challenged armed groups in her fight for the right to education for girls, as well as boys. Kailash Satyarthi has been at the forefront of the struggle against child slavery and the exploitation of children for commercial gain.

I hope this acknowledgement of the work of two extraordinarily inspirational human rights defenders will serve to reinforce the political will of States and the efforts of institutions and individuals around the world to uphold the rights of children, the most vulnerable and most precious of their resources."

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