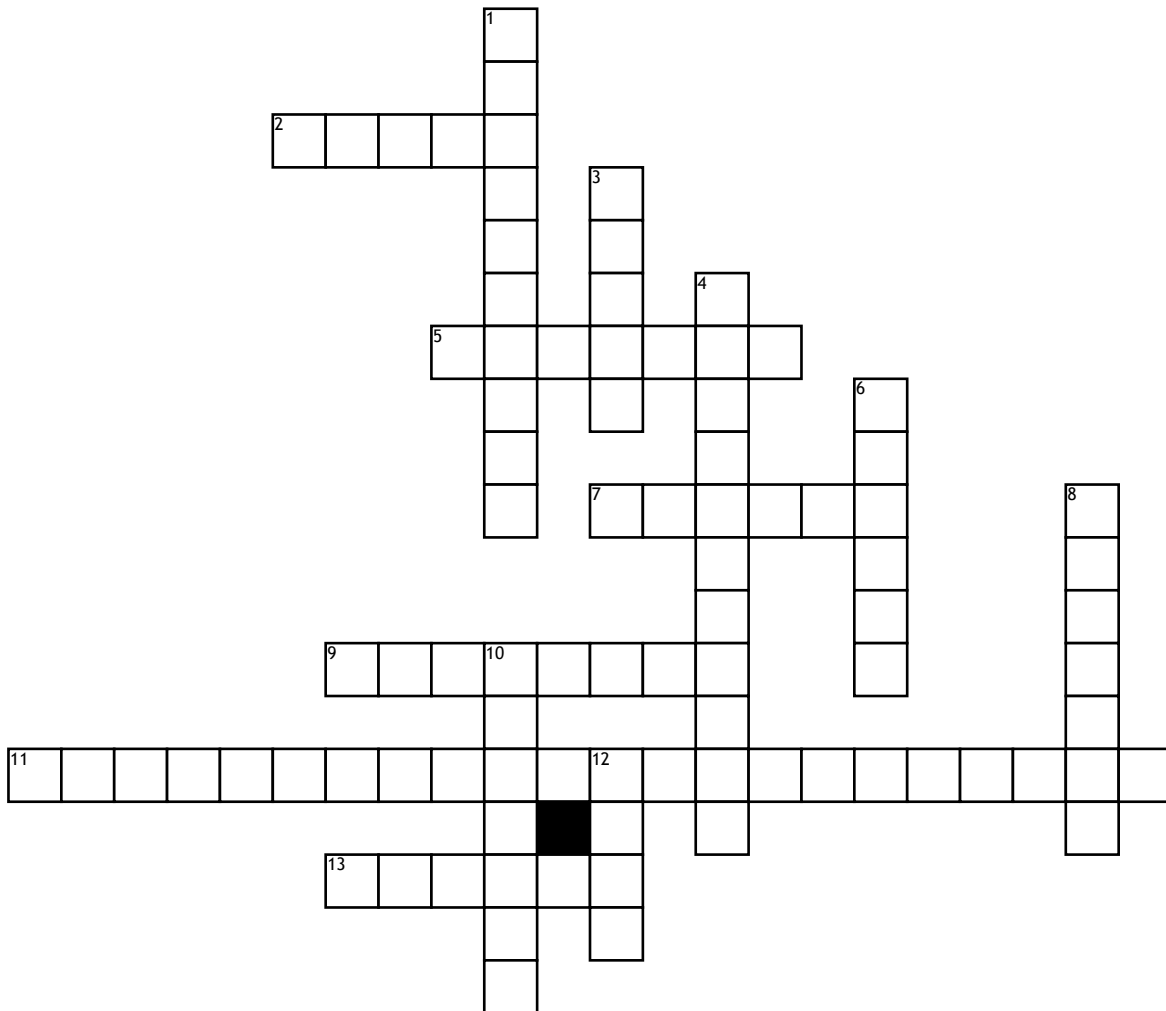


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THE MILITARY USE OF CHILDREN IN AFRICA



Across

2. This country has one of the highest rates of child soldiers.
5. Since 1991, 200,000 children carried arms or had been recruited in the country's militia against their will.
7. Up to half of the world's child soldiers are located in this continent.
9. The youth militia has members aged 10-30.
11. Between 2001 and 2003, children served in armed rebel groups in this country.

13. In 2002, child soldiers were used by the government forces and paramilitaries.

Down

1. During the 2002 civil war, children were recruited, often forcibly, by both sides.
3. Former child soldiers were sentenced to death for crimes committed while they were soldiers.
4. Murders, rapes, tortures and thousands of amputations were committed by the Small Boys Unit.

6. Over the past twenty years, the rebel army has abducted more than 30,000 boys and girls as soldiers.

8. In the second civil war, all sides made use of child soldiers as a means of increasing their strength.

10. Hundreds of child soldiers served in this country in 2004, including children between the ages of 10 and 16.

12. In this country, child soldiers are fighting with the military, rebel forces, local self-defense forces and rebel movements.