

# War with a Human Face: Britain's "Humanitarian" Campaign to "Save African Women and Syrian Children"

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*Having kept a low profile on the 10th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, the British government launched two 'humanitarian' campaigns in an effort to disguise its genocidal wars in the Middle East and Africa. On the day Britain deployed troops to Mali, British Foreign Minister William Hague and United Nations goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie went on an "anti-rape mission" in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.*

*The following day, British Prime Minister David Cameron's wife Samantha Cameron visited Syrian refugee children in Lebanon as an ambassador for the British aid organisation Save the Children.*



The Times, 28 March 2013

excerpts from: [‘Harrowing stories’: Cameron visits Syria’s child refugees](#)

(title of the print edition)

by James Meikle, The Guardian, 28 March 2013

[British Prime Minister David Cameron’s wife] Samantha Cameron has spoken of the “harrowing stories” she heard from children who had fled Syria as refugees. She warned that childhoods were “being smashed to pieces” by the conflict after visiting families now said to be living in flimsy makeshift shelters in Lebanon’s Bekaa valley. Cameron, an ambassador for Save the Children, was helping to draw attention and funds to the

charity's work, as she met mothers and children who had witnessed relatives dying in the brutal civil war."As a mother, it is horrifying to hear the harrowing stories from the children I met today. No child should ever experience what they have," Cameron said on Wednesday. "With every day that passes, more children and parents are being killed, more innocent childhoods are being smashed to pieces." [...]

Justin Forsyth (\*), chief executive of Save the Children, who accompanied Cameron, said: "Without more help, and quickly, we risk losing a generation of Syria's children."

(\*) Justin Forsyth served as Special Advisor on International Development (2004-2008) and then as Director of Communications and Strategy (2008-2010) under the Labour governments of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. In July 2012, he became the chief executive of Save the Children.



[Syria Crisis Appeal](#) ad by Save the Children, March 2013

Flashback to 2011: War propaganda by Save the Children during NATO's invasion of Libya:

[Libyan children suffering rape, aid agency reports](#)

Children as young as eight have been subjected to sexual assaults, according to accounts given to Save the Children

by David Batty, The Guardian, 23 April 2011





US actress and United Nations Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie and British Foreign Minister William Hague visit the Lac Vert rescue camp for women, Democratic Republic of Congo, 26 March 2013

Excerpts from: [William Hague and Angelina Jolie to highlight problem of warzone rape on visit to Africa](#)

by Emma Clark, The Independent, 25 March 2013

[British] Foreign secretary William Hague will travel with Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie to Africa this week to raise awareness of warzone rape.

Mr Hague and Jolie, a United Nations special envoy, will meet survivors of rape and sexual violence during their visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda, the [British] Foreign Office said. The pair intend to call on all governments to help eradicate sexual violence in conflicts when they meet local political leaders. [...]Mr Hague said: "Rape is often used as a weapon of war in conflict zones around the world. It destroys people's lives and communities in the most horrific manner imaginable. Yet more often than not the international community looks away, the perpetrators of these brutal crimes walk free and the cycle of injustice and conflict is repeated. We have to shatter this culture of impunity."



US actress and United Nations Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie and British Foreign Minister William Hague visit the Gisozi Genocide Memorial, Kigali, Rwanda, 26 March 2013

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