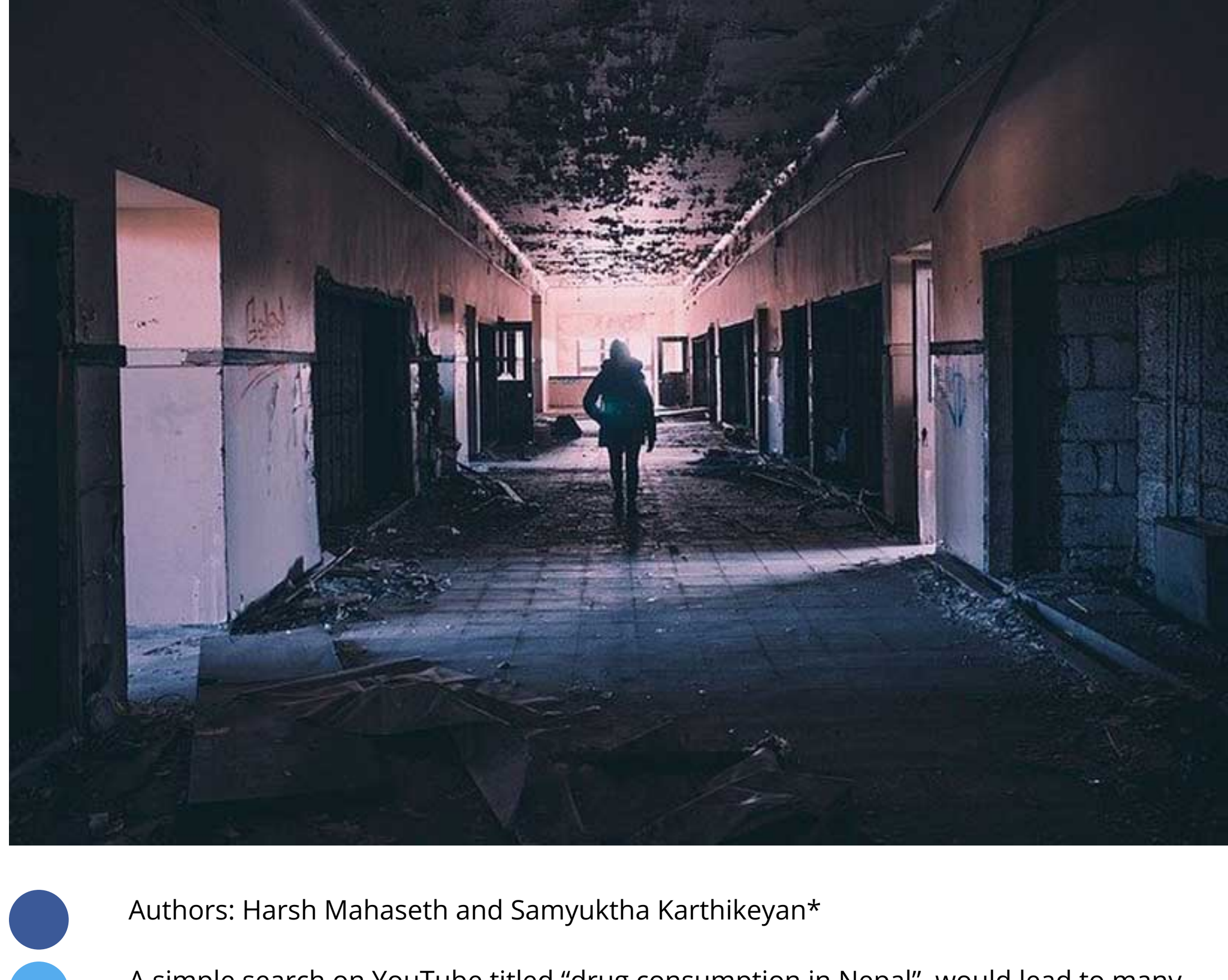


NEW SOCIAL COMPACT

Nepal Assigns Drug Control Officers for Each District

Published 7 hours ago on March 25, 2022
By Harsh Mahaseth



Authors: Harsh Mahaseth and Samyuktha Karthikeyan*

A simple search on YouTube titled "drug consumption in Nepal", would lead to many awareness videos highlighting several stories of very small children and their journeys in and out of drug consumption. Nepal has about fifty thousand to sixty thousand drug abusers. Section 4 of the Drug Control Act of 1973 prohibits the cultivation, production, preparation, buying, selling, export, import, trafficking, sortation or consumption of illegal drugs in the country.

Earlier this month, the Government of Nepal under Home Minister Bal Krishna Khand's initiation, for the first time in 45 years, assigned drug control officers as per the Narcotic Drugs (Control) Act. Hence, the Section Chief of the Narcotics Control Section and Assistant Chief District Officers for each district position have been formulated. The Chief of the Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division also took charge of the Drug Control Officer at the Ministry. The Act provides for one or more drug control officers, deputy officers and other officers. The Chief Undersecretary of the Narcotics Control Division, Gokarna Prasad Upadhyay has mentioned that this "provision means for virtue, health and convenience of people following increasing incidents of purchase, sale and use of illegal drugs".

The main aim of this initiative is to control the transaction and use of illegal drugs with the help of the 77 district administration offices of Nepal. The duties of the drug control officers include creating awareness among people, monitoring transits from where illegal drugs are transported, coordinating with the provincial and local levels on the matter reporting to the Ministry etc.

Cannabis and opium are widely grown in Nepal with help from the corruption in the system. People believe that they can get away with such illegal activities due to such corruption. This coupled with many cross border transactions with India add to this issue. Aside from all of that is the increasing smuggling of drugs in the provinces; however, with the recent developments hope is slowly getting restored. Farming is also seeing a shift to legal produce such as paddy.

While we see new changes, the question is whether these new initiatives will change the statistics in the country and actually curb corruption? Only time will tell, with the implementation of this initiative and we can only be hopeful regarding this.

Samyuktha Karthikeyan is a student of O.P. Jindal Global University, India.

Subscribe to our Newsletter

modern diplomacy

BEYOND INFORMATION

Signup today for free and be the first to get notified on new updates.

Subscribe

And don't worry, we hate spam too! You can unsubscribe at anytime.

powered by MailMunch

Share this:

Related

Tiger Conservation in South and Southeast Asia and The Indian Experience
August 1, 2020
In "Green Planet"

Nepal-China Boundary Treaty: An example of peaceful Himalayan frontiers
October 18, 2020
In "East Asia"

The Escalation of Tensions between India and Nepal
August 19, 2020
In "South Asia"

RELATED TOPICS: #DRUGS #NEPAL

DONT MISS

Who Cares? A response to India's Covid-19 Orphan Crisis

Harsh Mahaseth

Harsh Mahaseth is a Lecturer at Jindal Global Law School, and a Senior Research Analyst at the Nehginpao Kippen Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, India.

YOU MAY LIKE

Does U.S. Developmental Aid to Nepal Come with Political Strings?

Is Mexico becoming a narco state?

New Report Identifies Reforms to Improve Public Expenditure for Human Capital

India's Unclear Neighbourhood Policy: How to Overcome?

Report Underlines Reforms to Support Fiscal Federalism, Green Growth in Nepal

What ails Modi's relations with its own people and neighbours?

COMMENTS

ALSO ON MODERN DIPLOMACY

Which is more trustworthy: ...

17 days ago • 1 comment

On March 2nd, the New York Times bannered "China Asked Russia to Delay ...

Ukraine is betrayed by the US and UK

a month ago • 1 comment

Ukraine was betrayed by the US and UK. Under the Budapest Memorandum, ...

How to End the Ukraine Crisis in 4 ...

a month ago • 1 comment

Europe is on the brink of war. The United States and its allies are convinced ...

Kazakhstan Games of T...

a month ago • ...

Kazakhstan: a and a logistic I China's Belt a

NEW SOCIAL COMPACT

Who Cares? A response to India's Covid-19 Orphan Crisis

Published 3 days ago on March 23, 2022
By Kylin Gao



Children play outside a metal polishing workshop in a slum in Uttar Pradesh, India. © UNICEF/Niklas Heller

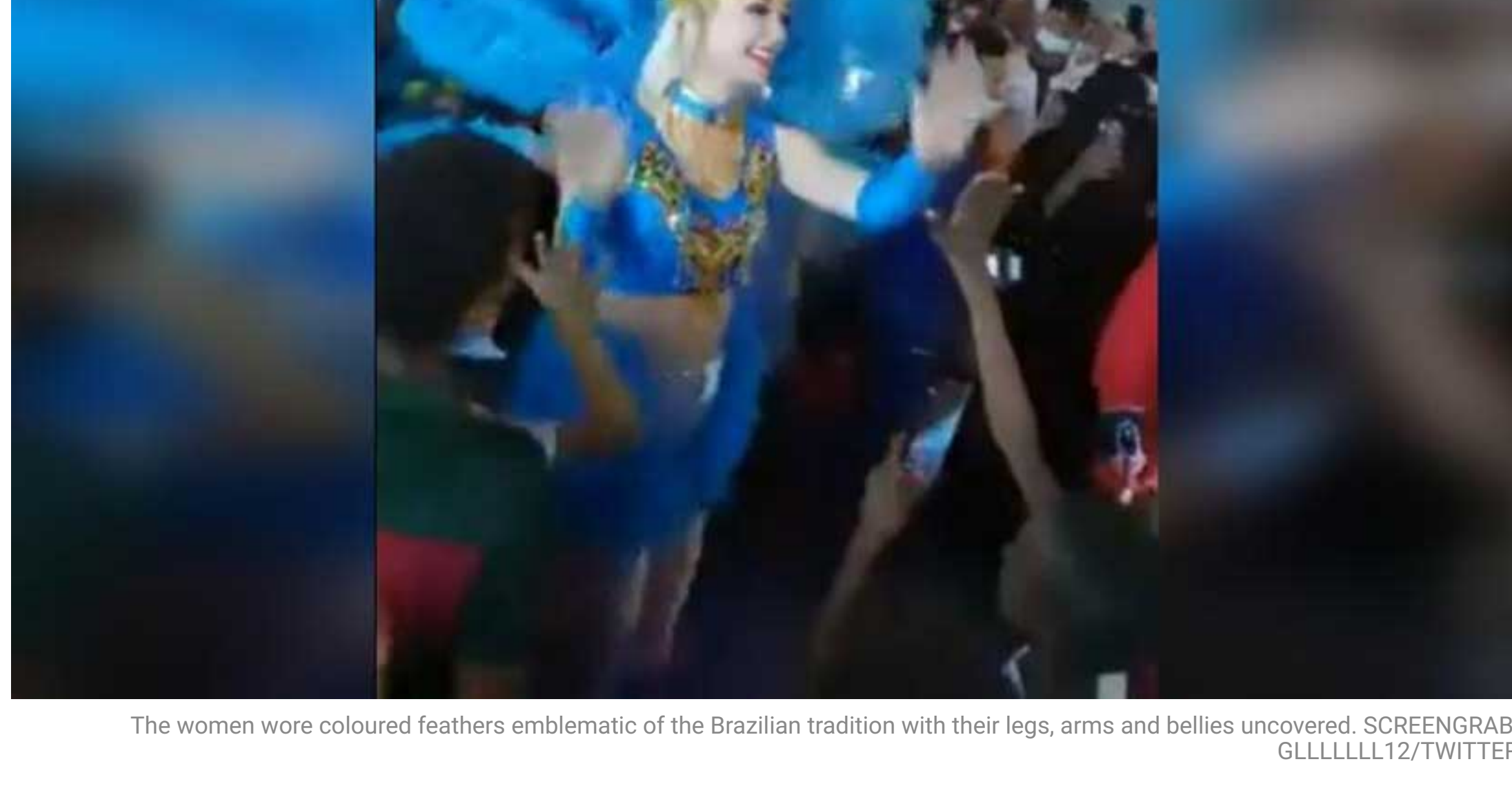
When the world recorded 15.4 million AIDS-orphaned children in 2020, it didn't expect the number of orphans to jump by 10% in a few months (Hillis et al., 2021). Recent research on *the Lancet* predicted 1.5 million children worldwide lost one or both parents due to Covid-19 (Hillis et al., 2021). Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVA)'s lack of access to resources can cause the backsliding of many criteria of the multidimensional poverty scale. The pandemic significantly damaged developing countries which have less comprehensive childcare systems for orphaned children. With 44% of deaths from Covid-19 composed of 21-40 years old, India needs human capital for sustainable economic growth (Statista Research Department, 2021). Research has

CONTINUE READING

NEW SOCIAL COMPACT

In Saudi Arabia, dance maybe, dissent no

Published 5 days ago on March 21, 2022
By Dr. James M. Dorsey



The women wore coloured sambas emblematic of the Brazilian tradition with their legs, arms and bellies uncovered. SCREENGRAB: GLLLLLLL12/TWITTER

Three scantily dressed samba dancers wearing traditional feather headdresses laid bare the limits of social liberalisation in Saud Arabia when they earlier this year danced on the streets of Jizan, a historically conservative city on the border with Yemen.

Invited to participate in the Jizan Winter Festival, the dancers, in stark contrast with the traditional, all-covering black robes often worn by Saudi women in public, sported blue coloured feathers that left their legs, arms, and bellies uncovered.

Faced with a conservative backlash, Jizan governor, Prince Mohammed bin Nasser, pledged "necessary measures to prevent all (future) abuse." It was not clear what steps

CONTINUE READING

NEW SOCIAL COMPACT

A holistic approach to security: The impact of education – Interview with Yasmine Sherif

Published 6 days ago on March 20, 2022
By Martha Garcia



Image source: educationcannotwait.org

As the world continues to evolve, new threats challenge our security: climate change, gender inequality, armed conflicts and more, no longer restricted to national borders. Hence, security needs to be understood not only as the absence of physical danger. We need to leave the realist theorist approach behind and consider the human, economic, and environmental dimensions of it. Yasmine Sherif, the Director of Education Cannot Wait (ECW) talks about these issues on an interview to *Modern Diplomacy* on March 17th, 2022.

What can be done to ensure girls and women globally have better access to

CONTINUE READING

TRENDING

RUSSIA / 4 days ago

Fukuyama's remarks on Russia's war in Ukraine are doomed to fail

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY / 3 days ago

The War of Narratives Over the Origin of COVID-19 and our Virology-Media-Complex

SOUTH ASIA / 4 days ago

Does U.S. Developmental Aid to Nepal Come with Political Strings?

TECH NEWS / 4 days ago

4 Ways to Recover Deleted Pictures on Windows Device

RUSSIA / 4 days ago

Why Experts Believed an Armed Conflict with Ukraine Would Never Happen

ECONOMY / 4 days ago

Can China Achieve Its Growth Target This Year?

EAST ASIA / 3 days ago

China Struggles to Strike a Balance Amid Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

GREEN PLANET / 4 days ago

Water sources are disappearing. How can we adapt?