

## Hundreds of children abused during lockdown

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Al-Monitor, 1 June 2020, Ahmed el Komi – The Palestinian Ministry of Social Development said it has provided counseling and psychological services in more than 600 cases of child abuse in the West Bank during the coronavirus lockdown.

“The coronavirus has turned the house into a prison. I cannot play outside with my friends and my father beats me when I ask for anything. My mom always tries to protect me from him.”

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## Stricter laws needed in Egypt after young girl dies from genital mutilation

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Egypt is seeking amendments to the country's law against female genital mutilation (FGM) to plug loopholes that allow health practitioners and families of girls who undergo the outlawed procedure to escape punishment, says Shahira Amin in Egypt Pulse.

The law includes a provision that exempts offenders from punishment if they carry out a procedure that is medically necessary or justifiable to protect the patient from harm. Some doctors use this as a basis for their fallacious argument that FGM is necessary to protect young girls from harm.

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## Closure of churches in Algeria continues

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Middle East Concern reports that Algerian Christians are asking for prayer for a church in Ain Turk, near Oran, ordered to close by the administrative court of Oran on 20 January 2020.

The church of "The House of Hope" was sealed by an executive order from the Governor of Oran in October 2017. On 10 June 2018 the church was allowed to reopen. However, in August 2019 the Governor filed a court case seeking the church's forced closure. He claimed the church was illegal because it does not have the license required by "Ordinance 06-03 to Regulate the Worship of non-Muslim Creeds."

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