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dpa photographer Anas Alkharboutli wins award for "The War in Syria" series



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"As journalists, it is our job to keep directing the focus towards the civil war in Syria and other crisis areas," said dpa's Director of Photography Peer Grimm. "Anas Alkharboutli's work shows the importance of independent reporting from this region. As an international news agency, dpa does all that is possible to provide the media with extensive and reliable material from areas that are difficult to access. We are only able to do so thanks to courageous people like Anas Alkharboutli. We are very grateful to him for that."

Anas Alkharboutli, born in 1992, studied engineering at the University of Damascus. He began his career as a photojournalist in 2015 and soon became known for his sensitive images and videos of the Syrian civil war. Earlier this year, he was honoured for his work at the Pictures of the Year International (POYi).

dpa's original text accompanying the image on January 11, 2020:

Attacks in Syrian rebel area: Six-year-old Kenana Yassin receives treatment after being injured along with three members of her family, in an airstrike by the Syrian government on the rebel-held Idlib province. Despite a ceasefire, at least 18 civilians were killed in Idlib, according to activists.

The Prix Bayeux Calvados-Normandy Award for War Correspondents online:

www.prixbayeux.org

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