

# Roots of Violence

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Different forms of violence have been on the rise recently in Umm Al-Fahem. The root causes, in my opinion, are related to the childhood and adulthood of the individuals committing violence and how society deals with them.

There are different interrelated factors during childhood, e.g. child raising, poor parenting and exposure to violence through technology. Parents of violent individuals have failed to raise their kids on proper moral values. In addition, people who engage in violence have often been neglected by their parents. A possible solution to this problem is that parents should seek help from social workers and consult psychologists.

The second root cause, in my opinion, depends on these violent adult individuals. This refers to their lack of responsibility and lack of awareness of the severe consequences of their violent behavior, along with the easy access to weapons. Since these violent individuals have become mature, it is difficult to control and deal with their problem. To tackle this issue, I suggest that parents should be strict and that social specialists should patrol youth gatherings in public places.

The last factor is the society itself. Society today is failing to create a positive supportive environment that fights violence. There seems to be no awareness and lack of control over society which has become apathetic. The solution to this disaster can be achieved through holding meetings to raise people's awareness of violence.

We must cooperate with each other to overcome this terrible wave of violence; we should fight violence through educating our children, ourselves and those living around us. In the end, we all want to enjoy a quiet, peaceful and secure life.