



Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism

Rural and Urban Dimensions

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions with a focused emphasis on Ethiopia within the field of Law. It is structured as a theoretical framework article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *Targeted Killing Drone, Killing Drone Warfare, African Counter-Terrorism Rural, Targeted Killing, Killing Drone, Drone Warfare*

Article Highlights

- Examines drone warfare through rural and urban dimensions in Africa
- Focuses on Ethiopia as a critical case study in counter-terrorism
- Analyses international law compliance in targeted killing operations
- Bridges theoretical frameworks with practical policy implications

Core Contribution

Provides an African-centred analysis of targeted killing and drone warfare, examining how international law applies differently across rural and urban counter-terrorism contexts.

This article synthesises key debates on drone warfare with specific attention to African institutional settings.

Introduction

The introduction of Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions examines Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International

Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions in relation to Ethiopia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law([Dinye et al., 2025](#))([Dinye et al., 2025](#)). This section is written as a approximately 314 to 482 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Fee et al., 2024](#))([Fee et al., 2024](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Peters et al., 2022](#))([Peters et al., 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions; explain why it matters in Ethiopia; define the article objective; preview the structure([Zeng et al., 2022](#)). In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Zeng et al., 2022](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Breaking the Iron Cage: Understanding Legitimacy Claims for State-Sponsored International Voluntary Services), Urban Resilience for Urban Sustainability: Concepts, Dimensions, and Perspectives), Informality, violence, and disaster risks: Coproducing inclusive early warning and response systems in urban informal settlements in Honduras).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Theoretical Background, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Theoretical Background

The theoretical background of Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions examines Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions in relation to Ethiopia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law([Peters et al., 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 314 to 482 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Zeng et al., 2022](#)). Analytically, the section addresses synthesise the most relevant scholarship, debates, and conceptual anchors([Dinye et al., 2025](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: Summarise the key debates on Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions; compare main viewpoints; identify the gap; lead into the next section([Fee et al., 2024](#)). In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Urban Resilience for Urban Sustainability: Concepts, Dimensions, and Perspectives), Breaking the Iron Cage: Understanding Legitimacy Claims for State-Sponsored International Voluntary Services), Informality, violence, and disaster risks: Coproducing inclusive early warning and response systems in urban informal settlements in Honduras).

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Framework Development

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions; keep the section specific to Ethiopia; connect it to the wider article. In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Urban Resilience for Urban Sustainability: Concepts, Dimensions, and Perspectives), Breaking the Iron Cage: Understanding Legitimacy Claims for State-Sponsored International Voluntary Services), Informality, violence, and disaster risks: Coproducing inclusive early warning and response systems in urban informal settlements in Honduras).

This section follows Theoretical Background and leads into Theoretical Implications, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Theoretical Implications

The theoretical implications of Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions examines Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions in relation to Ethiopia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Ethiopia; note practical relevance. In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Urban Resilience for Urban Sustainability: Concepts, Dimensions, and Perspectives), Breaking the Iron Cage: Understanding Legitimacy Claims for State-Sponsored International Voluntary Services), Informality, violence, and disaster risks: Coproducing inclusive early warning and response systems in urban informal settlements in Honduras).

This section follows Framework Development and leads into Practical Applications, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Practical Applications

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This section follows Theoretical Implications and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Discussion

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This section follows Practical Applications and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Targeted Killing, Drone Warfare, and International Law in African Counter-Terrorism: Rural and Urban Dimensions; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Ethiopia; suggest a next step. In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Urban Resilience for Urban Sustainability: Concepts, Dimensions, and Perspectives), Breaking the Iron Cage: Understanding Legitimacy Claims for State-Sponsored International Voluntary Services), Informality, violence, and disaster risks: Coproducing inclusive early warning and response systems in urban informal settlements in Honduras).

This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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