



International Law and Accountability in African Conflict Zones: A Moroccan Perspective

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Abstract

This article examines the application of international criminal law in addressing war crimes within African conflict zones, with a specific focus on Morocco. A qualitative approach was employed to review existing laws, judicial decisions, and relevant international treaties related to war crimes in Morocco. Expert consultations also informed the analysis of legal implementation challenges. The findings indicate a consistent application of the Rome Statute within Moroccan courts, although enforcement remains inconsistent across different regions. Specific themes include the underreporting of war crimes by local communities and insufficient judicial resources dedicated to handling such cases. While significant progress has been made in incorporating international criminal law into Moroccan legal systems, substantial improvements are needed to ensure equitable and effective accountability for war crimes. Recommendations include strengthening judicial training programmes for prosecutors and judges, increasing public awareness campaigns about the importance of reporting war crimes, and enhancing cooperation between national authorities and international tribunals.

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