

ASSESSING GROUNDS FOR THE USE OF FORCE IN NON-INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICT: WHAT LEGAL FRAMEWORK?

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From Syria to Mali, Afghanistan and Yemen, the majority of today's armed conflicts are non-international in character. In many cases, they involve the use of force by a state or states against external non-state groups. Despite the prevalence of such campaigns, the rules governing them, and in particular the legal regime applying to targeting and detention, continue to be disputed.

Once the threshold of armed conflict is crossed, is international humanitarian law the only branch of international law that applies to limit states' actions in targeting or detaining members of armed groups? Or does international human rights law impose additional restrictions on states' actions?

This panel will consider the legal framework for assessing the lawfulness of the use of force in non-international armed conflicts with regard to members of armed groups and how this relates to current state practice.

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