

ABSTRACT

THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT – HUMANITARIAN LAW VIOLATIONS IN YEMEN

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The situation in Yemen is a very tense and tragic one. The conflict has been long drawn out and a large number of people have lost their lives. It came to the forefront of the news in 2018 when a ceasefire agreement, brokered by the UN was signed by the two conflicting parties. In a world that has seen horrors such as those in Kosovo, Sierra Leone or even Germany, it is very important for people to be aware of the laws that are now present.

The paper introduces to its readers the Law Of Armed Conflict, a very vital part of International Law and something that should be known to both the legal expert and the layman. The paper has been divided into 3 major parts, the first being what the Law of Armed Conflict is and the principles it entails. The second part is a case study of the Civil War in Yemen, and the applicability of the law in this scenario. Since Law Of Armed Conflict is an integral part of International Humanitarian Law, the violations have been divided into 3 sub-categories of IHL, namely the Geneva Conventions, the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions and Customary International Law. The paper lists the points of law and their violations in Yemen. However, it does not blame any specific nation for it.

The major objective of the paper is to make the readers aware of International Law and the laws applicable to them in the event of a conflict. It also aims to make readers aware of the situation in the Middle East, as the conflict in Yemen is slowly turning into the biggest humanitarian crisis of the 21st century.