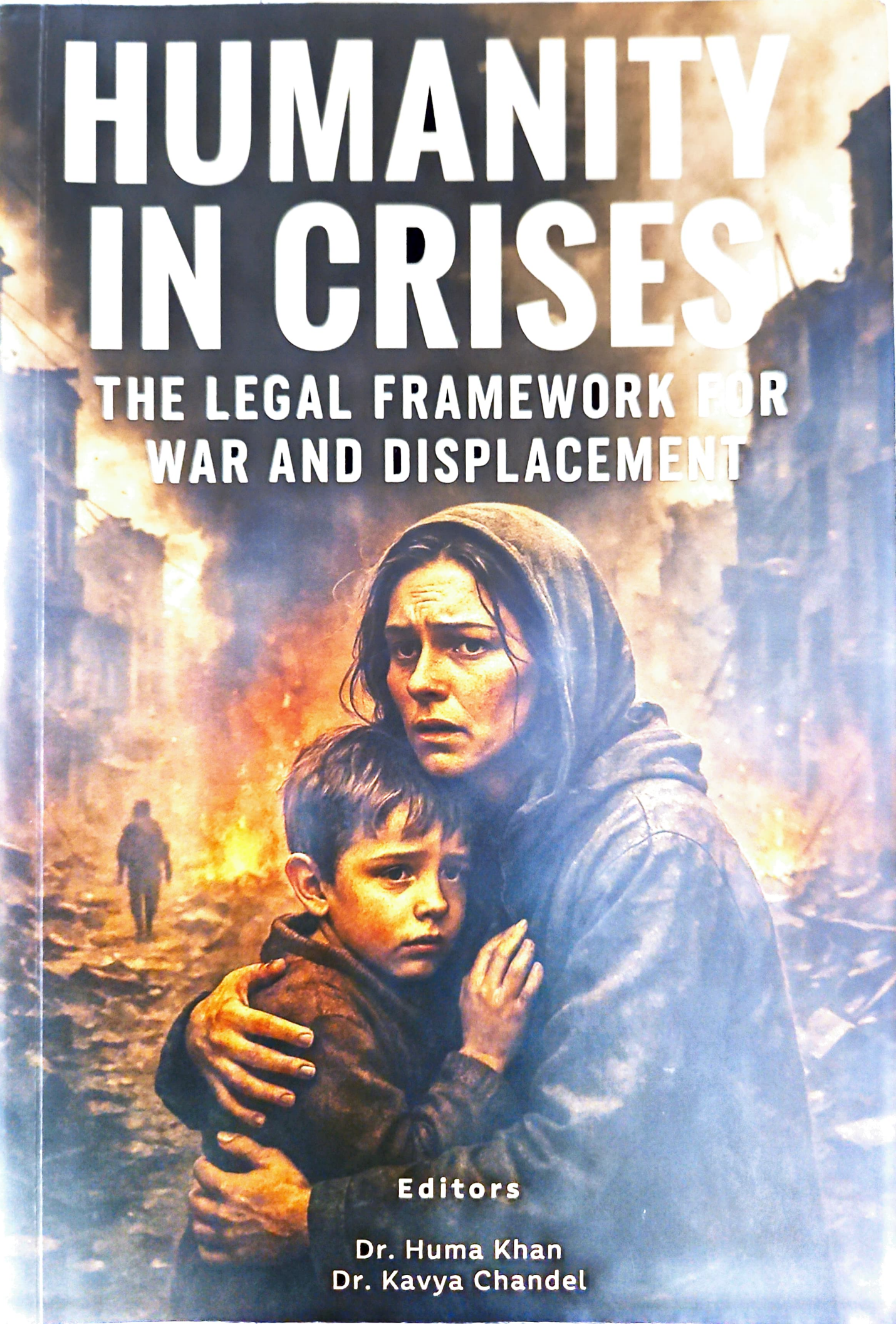


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# The United Nations and Displacement in Armed Conflict: Mandates and Challenges

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### Introduction

War often forces people to leave their homes sometimes because of immediate violence, other times because of the long-term hardships that conflict brings. Being displaced can take a heavy toll: families are put at greater risk, and the instability can make conflicts drag on even longer. That's why the United Nations Security Council has consistently highlighted the need to prevent and respond to displacement as part of its efforts to protect civilians.<sup>2</sup>

The conduct of state authorities, their military forces, and armed non-state groups particularly in areas under their control plays a significant role in shaping the protection and welfare of displaced individuals during armed conflicts. Respecting international legal norms and enabling humanitarian access can help minimize displacement and ensure better safeguards for those who have been forced to flee.<sup>3</sup> In contrast, breaches of these legal responsibilities often intensify displacement, increase hardship for affected populations, and hinder efforts to achieve long-term solutions.

Therefore, it is essential for both state and non-state actors to actively collaborate with international bodies such as the UNHCR and the ICRC, which are tasked with safeguarding the rights and needs of displaced persons in times of conflict. Displacement is one of the most immediate and devastating consequences of armed conflict, often arising from direct violence, persecution, or the

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<sup>2</sup> Claire Simmons, *Displacement in Armed Conflict and the Protection of Civilians* (Center for Civilians in Conflict and Essex University Crisis and Conflict Hub, August 2023).

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