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Crisis of Humanity: Legal Responses to War and Displacement Challenges

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Introduction

The intricate and evolving nature of modern warfare, coupled with its far-reaching consequences such as widespread displacement, presents profound challenges to the legal frameworks designed to uphold human dignity during crises. International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law stand as the cornerstone mechanisms to regulate armed conflicts, protect non-combatants, and mitigate the humanitarian toll of war. These frameworks, rooted in decades of international agreements, aim to balance military necessities with the imperative to minimize human suffering. However, the shifting dynamics of contemporary conflicts characterized by urban warfare, rapid technological advancements, and climate-induced crises expose significant limitations in their scope, application, and enforcement. The rise of non-state actors, the integration of artificial intelligence in warfare, and the exacerbation of displacement due to environmental factors demand a critical reassessment of these legal structures. This chapter provides an in-depth examination of the legal frameworks governing war and displacement, analyzing their effectiveness in addressing pressing issues such as urban combat, cyber warfare, autonomous weapons systems, and mass displacement. By drawing on recent conflicts in Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza, it evaluates the adequacy of IHL and IHRL, exploring their strengths, weaknesses, and the urgent need for adaptive legal responses to safeguard humanity in an era of unprecedented crises.

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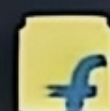
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