

Jurnaliștii în conflictele armate între nevoia de protecție, lacunele dreptului internațional și brutalitatea realității

Title: Journalists in armed conflicts between the need of protection, International Law gaps and the brutal reality

Abstract: Even if the non-aggression principle of public international law is sanctioned by important treaties such as the Charter of the United Nations, war still exists, in various shapes - international armed conflicts, domestic armed conflicts or destructuring conflicts - and the victims are numerous. Among the victims of these conflicts sometimes we may find journalists. Number of deaths, disappearances and other attacks committed against journalists is increasingly higher in recent armed conflicts. There is an international system of protection for all victims of armed conflicts, including journalists and this is the International Humanitarian Law. Although the first attempts to protect journalists in armed conflicts were made in the nineteenth century, the protection that International Humanitarian Law is able to guarantee is still precarious, primarily because International Humanitarian Law is governing only the international armed conflicts, in spite the fact that in recent decades, the majority of conflicts were and still are non-international. Is International Humanitarian Law an effective system of protection for journalists against the consequences of war? Which are its limits? Is it necessary to develop these rules of protection? These are few questions we intend to answer through this study.

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