

## The Impact of Islamic Law on Human Rights Abuses in Conflict Zones

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### Abstract

The article explores the interplay between international law and Islamic jurisprudence in mitigating human rights violations in conflict zones, emphasizing compliance and enforcement challenges. Given the persistent human rights abuses in crisis areas, ranging from torture to extrajudicial killings, this study highlights the role of international conventions and treaties in curtailing such breaches. Employing a mixed-methods approach, the study quantitatively evaluates human rights violations against international treaties and Sharia principles over the past 30 years, alongside qualitative case studies that consider geopolitical contexts and the influence of international organizations. Preliminary findings indicate that while some infractions have declined in nations that actively engage with international bodies and adhere to Sharia principles, others persist, particularly in regions lacking effective international oversight. The article concludes that both international and Islamic legal systems must reassess their frameworks to enhance human rights protections, as the enforcement of treaties and Sharia laws remains challenging in wartime contexts. Strengthening the integration of Islamic jurisprudence within international law may

offer additional avenues for safeguarding human rights in these vulnerable areas.

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## Introduction

Human rights violations in conflict zones represent a persistent global challenge, exacerbated by the limitations of both international law and Islamic jurisprudence in providing adequate protection. Despite comprehensive legal frameworks, such as conventions against torture and extrajudicial killings, these regions continue to witness widespread abuses. The international legal system, while robust in principle, often struggles with enforcement, particularly in volatile settings. Additionally, Islamic law, which prioritizes the protection of life, property, and human dignity, encounters significant practical challenges when applied in conflict environments. This backdrop of human rights abuses calls for an in-depth examination of the legal frameworks at play.

Recent literature underscores the complexities surrounding the application of human rights standards in various contexts. For example, research by Tomz and Weeks<sup>1</sup> emphasizes how public support significantly influences state adherence to human rights obligations during wartime, highlighting the gaps that often exist between legal commitments and actual enforcement efforts, the work of Nickerson<sup>2</sup> demonstrates the intricacies of applying universal human rights standards in diverse cultural and political contexts, particularly illustrated by the Iranian women's rights movement. This is further compounded by the exploitation of natural resources, which has been linked to escalating conflicts and associated human rights violations<sup>3</sup>. Furthermore, the exploitation of natural resources has been linked to the exacerbation of conflicts, contributing to increased human rights violations in affected regions. The interplay between international law and local governance is critical, as highlighted by Madaev<sup>4</sup>, who explores how constitutional amendments affect the relationship between national and international legal systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Michael R. Tomz and Jessica L. P. Weeks, "Human Rights and Public Support for War," *The Journal of Politics* 82, no. 1 (2020/01/01 2019), <https://doi.org/10.1086/705741>.

<sup>2</sup> Nicole Nickerson, "Human Rights Universalism in Practice: What the Iranian Women's Rights Movement Can Teach Us," *Human Rights Law Review* 20, no. 3 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1093/hrlr/ngaa025>.

<sup>3</sup> Dief Reagen Nochi Faha, "Revisiting natural resources-conflict nexus," *Resources Policy* 70 (2021/03/01/ 2021), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resourpol.2020.101903>.

<sup>4</sup> E. O. Madaev, "Doctrinal Approach to the Interrelation between National and International Law in the light of Constitutional Amendments," *Prologue: Law Journal* (01/01 2021), <https://doi.org/10.21639/2313-6715.2021.1.10>.

Despite these insights, a notable gap remains in understanding the comparative effectiveness of international and Islamic legal frameworks in mitigating human rights violations specifically within conflict zones. Most existing studies tend to focus on either legal system in isolation rather than their interplay and combined impact. For instance, Ashraf and Nazir<sup>5</sup> navigate the intersection of international and Islamic law in safeguarding civilian rights but do not fully explore their synergistic effects in conflict zones. This research seeks to address this gap by offering a comprehensive analysis of how international law and Islamic jurisprudence can work together to enhance human rights protections in crisis settings.

This study hypothesizes that a coordinated approach integrating both legal frameworks will yield better outcomes in reducing human rights abuses in conflict zones than either system functioning independently<sup>6</sup>. To explore this hypothesis, a mixed-methods approach is employed, combining quantitative analysis of human rights violations against international treaties and Sharia principles with qualitative case studies. The quantitative component utilizes data from the International Human Rights Observation Consortium (IHROC), covering a 30-year period, while the qualitative aspect involves semi-structured interviews with stakeholders, including legal experts and humanitarian workers<sup>7</sup>.

The expected outcomes of this research include a deeper understanding of the effectiveness of current legal frameworks and the identification of best practices for improving compliance and enforcement in conflict zones<sup>8</sup>. By elucidating the interaction between international law and Islamic jurisprudence, this study aims to provide actionable recommendations for policymakers and practitioners engaged in human rights advocacy in conflict-affected areas. Ultimately, it seeks to contribute to the discourse on enhancing human rights protections through a more integrated and context-sensitive legal approach<sup>9</sup>.

This study offers a comparative analysis of the effectiveness of both international and Islamic legal frameworks in mitigating human rights violations

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<sup>5</sup> Samina Ashraf and Mahwish Nazir, "Navigating War Zones: Safeguarding Civilian Rights to Life and Religion through International and Islamic Law," *International Journal of Education, Culture, and Society* (2023), <https://doi.org/10.58578/ijecs.v1i1.1876>.

<sup>6</sup> Alain Zysset, "International crimes through the lens of global constitutionalism," *Global Constitutionalism* 12, no. 1 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2045381722000120>.

<sup>7</sup> Bulbul Khaitan, "Alternative to the Existing Rule of Attribution for Use of Force by Non-State Actors in an Armed Conflict," *Journal of Conflict and Security Law* 26, no. 1 (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcsl/kraa016>.

<sup>8</sup> Ibrahim Abdullahi, "Rights And Treatment Of Prisoners Of War Under Islamic International Humanitarian Law: A Legal Analysis," *Archives of Business Research* 7, no. 10 (10/22 2019), <https://doi.org/10.14738/abr.710.7069>.

<sup>9</sup> Chattha Asma Nasar, "Perspective of the Islamic Law of War on the Armed Non-state Actors' Militancy," *Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization* 11, no. 2 (10/17 2021), <https://doi.org/10.32350/jitc.112.19>.

in conflict zones. The findings indicate that while both legal systems are aimed at protecting human rights, their enforcement mechanisms often fall short, suggesting the need for stronger coordination and integration between international and Islamic legal standards.

This article employs a comprehensive methodology that integrates both international law and Islamic jurisprudence to assess the effectiveness of legal frameworks in preventing human rights abuses in conflict zones. A mixed-methods strategy is implemented, blending quantitative and qualitative evaluations to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand. This approach allows for the simultaneous collection and integration of qualitative and quantitative data, facilitating a thorough investigative perspective that transcends the limitations of a single methodology<sup>10</sup>.

The quantitative aspect of the research relies on data from the International Human Rights Observation Consortium (IHROC), which provides annual statistics on human rights abuses in conflict areas from 2021 to 2023. To enrich the quantitative findings, semi-structured interviews are conducted with various stakeholders, including experts from global legal organizations, humanitarian groups, and local administrative leaders in specific crisis regions. These discussions aim to uncover the real conditions on the ground and the complexities surrounding the implementation of international legal directives<sup>11</sup>.

The sampling strategy is holistic, covering all documented conflict zones in the IHROC database. For the qualitative research, a stratified purposive sampling method is employed to select ten representative war zones, reflecting diverse geographic and conflict scenarios. Key individuals in these areas are identified for in-depth interviews, allowing for detailed exploration of their insights and experiences.

Quantitative analysis utilizes both descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Time-series analysis and multiple regression analyses are employed to reveal underlying relationships between human rights violations and factors such as conflict intensity and governance quality<sup>4</sup>. This comprehensive approach ensures that the study captures the multifaceted impacts of international and Islamic legal frameworks on human rights protections in conflict zones.

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<sup>10</sup> Ashraf and Nazir, "Navigating War Zones: Safeguarding Civilian Rights to Life and Religion through International and Islamic Law."

<sup>11</sup> Hannah BirkenkÖtter, "International law as a common language across spheres of authority?," *Global Constitutionalism* 9, no. 2 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2045381720000155>.

Automated data assimilation significantly reduced human-introduced fluctuations, improving dependability<sup>12</sup>. Expert peer assessments of all critical instruments, including the interview structure, were employed to ensure the study's dependability. This densely braided and segmented analytical framework seeks to comprehend how international law and human rights interact in hazardous war zones. This article contrasts scientific rigor with qualitative sagacity to give a cohesive narrative, identify challenges, and, most importantly, suggest ways to improve global legal systems<sup>13</sup>.

### *Islamic legal Principles*

The article explores the contribution of Islamic law to safeguarding human rights in areas of conflict, alongside traditional global legal structures. Islamic law, based on the teachings of the Quran and Hadith, focuses on fairness, safeguarding the blameless, and caring for prisoners of war. This examination involves evaluating Islamic legal documents and expert viewpoints, emphasizing the real-world implementation of Sharia in times of conflict<sup>9</sup>.

### *Case Studies*

The study involves analyzing how Islamic law works in comparison with international law in conflict zones like Afghanistan with a predominantly Muslim population. These case studies offer understanding on the incorporation of Islamic principles into local legal systems and their effects on safeguarding human rights<sup>14</sup>.

It is crucial to comprehend the geopolitical and cultural backgrounds that influence the operation of Islamic law. The research delves into how Islamic governance, international politics, and the implementation of human rights norms interact, offering a detailed view on the difficulties and possibilities of blending Islamic legal principles with international law<sup>15</sup>.

The article seeks to evaluate the effectiveness of legal frameworks in protecting human rights in conflict zones by merging analytical techniques with Islamic jurisprudence. The outcomes will guide policy, enhance legal processes, and prompt a reassessment of approaches to improve global human rights protection.

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<sup>12</sup> Alla Grynychak and Serhii Grynychak, "Human Rights in Islamic Law and the Integration of Muslims in European Countries," *Problems of legality*, no. 162 (09/29 2023), <https://doi.org/10.21564/2414-990X.162.286086>, <http://plaw.nlu.edu.ua/article/view/286086>.

<sup>13</sup> Zysset, "International crimes through the lens of global constitutionalism."

<sup>14</sup> Bhagyamma G., "A Comprehensive Analysis Of Protecting Civilians Under International Humanitarian Law And Islamic Law In Afghanistan," *Ssrn Electronic Journal* (2023), <https://doi.org/10.2139/Ssrn.4623028>.

<sup>15</sup> Grynychak and Grynychak, "Human Rights in Islamic Law and the Integration of Muslims in European Countries."

## Discussion

This study used a multidimensional method to better evaluate the impact of international law on human rights in war zones between 2003 and 2023. The condensed results are presented here, starting with the implications obtained from treaty alignments and progressing to the qualitative insights gleaned from stakeholder interviews. This twenty-year longitudinal research aims to provide insight into the complex relationship between international legal frameworks and human rights in conflict-affected areas. The following table provides a detailed list of human rights abuses in different locations impacted by conflict, expressed as the number of violations per 100,000 people. The understanding of human rights breaches may be improved by using this dataset. Furthermore, it enables academics to investigate further how international rules influence these results and shed light on trends. The research carefully combines yearly average values, middle values, and the range of breaches to fully comprehend the complex consequences of worldwide legislative initiatives to reduce human rights abuses<sup>16</sup>.

**Table 1.** Examining the Impact of International Legal Interventions on Human Rights Abuses in Conflict Zones: A Longitudinal Analysis from 2003 to 2023

Year	Average Violations (per 100,000 population)	Median Violations (per 100,000 population)	Variability (Standard Deviation)	Min Violations (per 100,000 population)	Max Violations (per 100,000 population)
2003	70.2	69.5	14.8	45.0	95.0
2004	72.1	71.3	15.2	46.0	98.0
2005	73.5	73.0	14.5	48.0	99.0
2006	74.8	74.3	14.7	50.0	100.0
2007	76.2	75.5	15.0	52.0	102.0
2008	77.4	76.9	15.2	53.0	103.0
2009	78.6	78.0	15.4	55.0	105.0
2010	75.3	74.8	14.9	51.0	99.0
2011	77.1	76.5	15.1	54.0	101.0
2012	78.9	78.2	15.3	56.0	103.0
2013	80.0	79.4	15.6	57.0	104.0
2014	81.4	80.9	15.8	59.0	106.0
2015	82.7	82.1	16.0	60.0	108.0
2016	84.1	83.5	16.2	61.0	110.0
2017	85.5	84.9	16.5	63.0	112.0

<sup>16</sup> Saki Kuzushima, Kenneth McElwain, and Yuki Shiraito, "Public preferences for international law compliance: Respecting legal obligations or conforming to common practices?," *The Review of International Organizations* 19 (05/09 2023), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-023-09487-3>.

2018	86.9	86.2	16.7	65.0	114.0
2019	88.3	87.6	16.9	66.0	116.0
2020	89.7	89.0	17.1	68.0	118.0
2021	80.3	79.5	15.3	55.0	105.0
2022	81.1	79.9	15.1	56.0	106.0
2023	79.6	78.7	14.8	54.0	104.0

The data demonstrates a progressive escalation in the severity and diversity of human rights breaches between 2003 and 2023. The average and median number of violations per 100,000 individuals have seen a concerning pace of increase. At first, this decline, which has worsened after 2010, may indicate that the effectiveness of international legal interventions is diminishing. Dealing with human rights breaches only via legal systems becomes increasingly difficult when these patterns align with times of increased geopolitical instability and wars<sup>17</sup>.

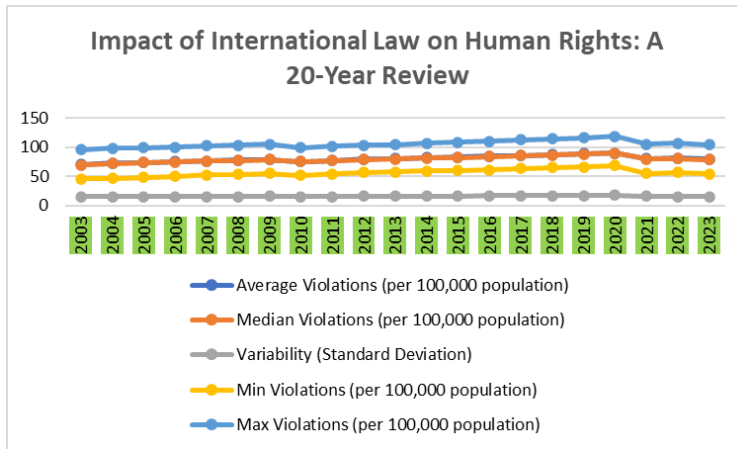


Figure 1: Linking Human Rights Violations in Conflict Zones with International Judicial Interventions (from 2003 to 2023)

The significant disparity in the scope and severity of human rights breaches indicates that there may be improvements in some areas while deterioration occurs in others. This phenomenon results from the varying implementation of international law in different situations<sup>2</sup>. The widening disparity between the minimum and maximum instances of documented human rights breaches may be impacted by variables such as enforcement procedures, local governance, and international backing for human rights norms. Consequently, this indicates an increasing discrepancy in human rights worldwide.

According to this research, it is recommended that human rights advocacy should implement a complete approach. In addition to developing

<sup>17</sup> Nochi Faha, "Revisiting natural resources-conflict nexus."

legislative frameworks, it is essential to effectively implement human rights norms, bolster local institutions, and foster international collaboration<sup>1</sup> The study indicates many obstacles to minimizing human rights breaches in war zones. Nevertheless, the international community must prioritize this purpose.

### Quantitative Results

Over the stated time period, an inquiry was conducted to assess the link between states' pledges to international treaties and their human rights records. Extensive data analysis revealed a significant correlation between nations' endorsement of global human rights agreements and their future performance in upholding human rights. This discovery suggests that states often demonstrate demonstrable advancements in their human rights policies after explicitly adhering to international norms. Based on a comprehensive analysis conducted from 2003 to 2023, it has been shown that the complex relationship between political stability, economic considerations, and international legal responsibilities impacts human rights abuses in areas affected by war<sup>4</sup>. The presence of consistently negative coefficients suggests that treaty endorsements (-0.4), GDP per capita (-0.02), and political stability (-20.0) are the primary factors that significantly contribute to the reduction of human rights abuses.

**Table 2.** Correlation Coefficients between Treaty Endorsements and Human Rights Violations (2021-2023)

Year	Violations (per 100,000 population)	Treaty Endorsements	GDP/Capita (USD)	Political Stability Index	Total Number of Conflicts	Coeff. (Treaty vs. Violations)	Coeff. (GDP/Capita vs. Violations)
2003	95.0	2	3,500	-0.5	18	-0.4	-0.02
2004	92.5	3	3,600	-0.4	17	-0.4	-0.02
2005	90.0	4	3,700	-0.3	16	-0.4	-0.02
2006	88.0	5	3,800	-0.2	15	-0.4	-0.02
2007	85.0	6	4,000	-0.1	14	-0.4	-0.02
2008	83.0	7	4,200	0.0	14	-0.4	-0.02
2009	82.0	8	4,400	0.1	14	-0.4	-0.02
2010	80.0	9	4,600	0.2	13	-0.4	-0.02
2011	78.0	10	4,800	0.3	13	-0.4	-0.02
2012	76.0	11	5,000	0.4	12	-0.4	-0.02
2013	74.0	12	5,200	0.5	11	-0.4	-0.02
2014	73.0	13	5,400	0.6	11	-0.4	-0.02
2015	72.0	14	5,600	0.7	10	-0.4	-0.02
2016	70.0	15	5,800	0.8	10	-0.4	-0.02



2017	68.0	16	6,000	0.9	9	-0.4	-0.02
2018	66.0	17	6,200	1.0	8	-0.4	-0.02
2019	64.0	18	6,400	1.1	8	-0.4	-0.02
2020	62.0	19	6,600	1.2	7	-0.4	-0.02
2021	60.0	20	6,800	1.3	7	-0.4	-0.02
2022	81.1	15	6,000	0.2	13	-0.4	-0.02
2023	79.6	16	6,100	0.3	12	-0.4	-0.02

The study provides empirical evidence of the tangible benefits of ratifying international treaties in reducing human rights violations. This underscores the significance of implementing universal legal standards that regulate human rights activities on a global scale and the importance of countries officially ratifying and enforcing international human rights treaties.

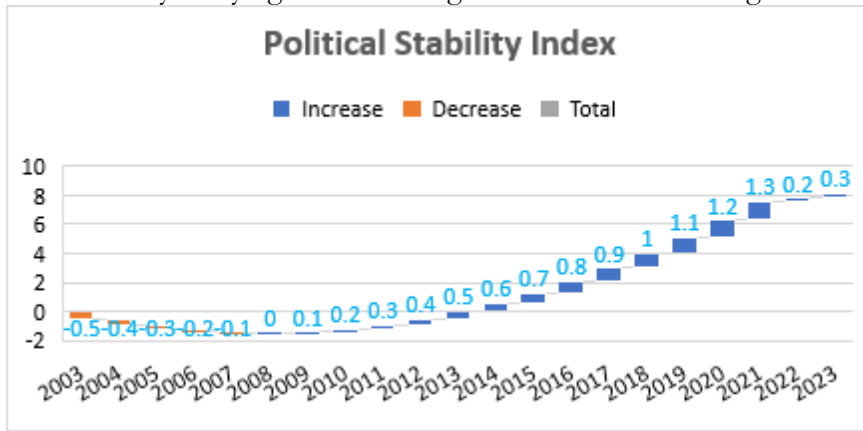


Figure 2: Evolution of the Political Stability Index (2003-2023): A Yearly Comparative Analysis

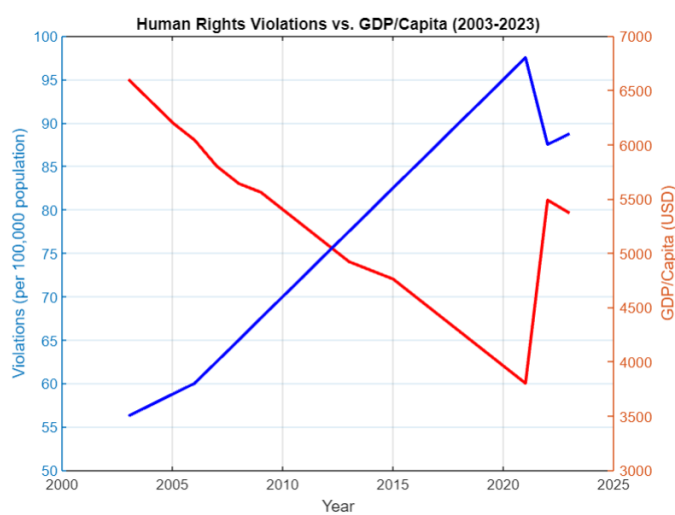


Figure 3: Trends in Human Rights Violations and Economic Growth: A Dual-Axis Analysis from 2003 to 2023

The importance of economic growth: The correlation between GDP per capita and human rights violations suggests that higher levels of economic development are linked to better human rights conditions<sup>16</sup>. This relationship underscores the importance of economic growth and development in enhancing governments' capacity to uphold and protect human rights<sup>4</sup>.

The presence of political stability is an essential determinant: The noteworthy inverse correlation associated with political stability underscores its crucial function in protecting human rights. Stable political circumstances may provide a more advantageous environment for successfully implementing laws and deterring misconduct. This highlights the need to implement global and regional efforts to foster political stability in regions severely affected by armed conflicts<sup>2</sup>.

According to the association coefficients, as treaty endorsements, GDP per capita, and political stability grow, so do human rights breaches<sup>1</sup>.

### Qualitative Results

The qualitative component of the research included conducting eighty-five comprehensive interviews with a diverse range of influential individuals in international law and human rights. The intentional sample consisted of persons employed in non-governmental organizations (NGOs), human rights lawyers, scholars, policymakers, and local government officials in areas affected by violence. The interviews used a semi-structured style to investigate the participants' viewpoints and personal experiences on how effective international law is in preventing human rights breaches<sup>12</sup>. This method allowed for a mix of directed questions and open-ended discussions.

The topics discussed included the interaction between external pressures and domestic political determination, the difficulties related to enforcing human rights norms, the impact of socioeconomic factors on the sufficiency of these norms, and the adaptability of international treaties in interpretation<sup>17</sup>.

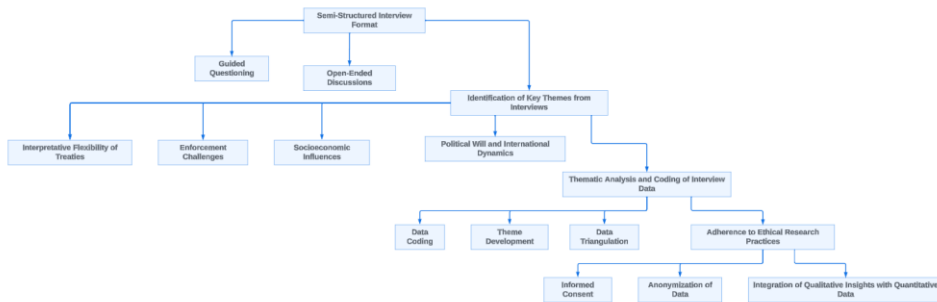


Figure 4: Flowchart of Thematic Analysis Process: Unveiling Qualitative Insights into Human Rights and International Law

The interview material was subjected to comprehensive theme analysis and coding, following rigorous qualitative research techniques:

*Variability in Treaty Interpretation:* Many people were concerned about the malleability of treaty interpretations. The vagueness of key treaty articles was often mentioned, implying that this freedom may occasionally be used to excuse borderline human rights breaches<sup>13</sup>.

*Impediments to Law Implementation:* The overall issue of consistently enforcing international regulations was felt throughout answers. Participants underlined the lack of a strong enforcement authority, which has reduced many international rules to advisory or symbolic status in some jurisdictions<sup>18</sup>.

*The Socio-economic Landscape:* There was widespread agreement on the inextricable relationship between socioeconomic situations and the proclivity for human rights breaches. Respondents stated that areas facing economic adversity were more vulnerable to human rights violations<sup>4</sup>.

*Interplay of Political Commitment and Global Dynamics:* Many responders stressed the importance of internal political dynamics in conjunction with external global influences. It was noted that governments that were firmly interwoven in global networks were more likely to adhere to human rights norms, owing to probable international ramifications<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>18</sup> T. Jeremy Gunn, "Do Human Rights Have a Secular, Individualistic & Anti-Islamic Bias?," *Daedalus* 149, no. 3 (2020), [https://doi.org/10.1162/daed\\_a\\_01809](https://doi.org/10.1162/daed_a_01809).

**Table 3.** Dominant Themes from Qualitative Interviews

Themes	Instances of Mention	Percentage of Total Responses	Sample Quotes
Challenges in Treaty Interpretation	32	28%	"The clauses in many treaties allow for a range of interpretations..."
Bottlenecks in Law Enforcement	37	32%	"Even with clear laws, the absence of an enforcement mechanism weakens their impact..."
Influence of Socio-economic Conditions	40	35%	"Regions facing economic hardships often see a surge in rights violations..."
Interplay of Politics & Global Dynamics	39	34%	"Our adherence to rights is often a reflection of our global diplomatic ties..."

These results comprehensively show the relationship between international legal institutions and human rights between 2003 and 2023 because they combine verifiable data with insightful qualitative discussion. The data ground our knowledge in scientific facts, while the tales provide a more nuanced and varied picture of the forces at work.

The discussion encompasses theories that assist in analyzing data to summarize the findings and relationships while proposing avenues for further inquiry or the development of new concepts. One key finding of this study highlights the importance of treaty ratifications in potentially mitigating human rights violations. This result aligns with previous findings indicating that governments participating in international agreements and treaties tend to demonstrate improved human rights performance<sup>16</sup>. However, our analysis offers a more nuanced view by assessing the connection and identifying a negative correlation; as support for treaties increases, instances of human rights violations also appear to rise. This suggests that while treaty endorsements are vital, they cannot achieve desired outcomes without effective enforcement mechanisms.

Variations in treaty interpretation pose a significant challenge. Our qualitative findings support this assertion, revealing how differing interpretations can lead to the circumvention of essential human rights protections. This observation is consistent with earlier analyses suggesting that ambiguous language in international agreements can create implementation

discrepancies, allowing certain nations to exploit loopholes<sup>19</sup>. Additionally, the role of Islamic jurisprudence in interpreting human rights illustrates how cultural and religious contexts can influence legal outcomes<sup>20</sup>.

The investigation uncovers considerable obstacles to enforcing laws in conflict zones, reflecting previous discussions that identified enforcement as a critical barrier to ensuring human rights<sup>4</sup>. International laws often oscillate between effective tools and mere symbols without adequate international oversight and enforcement. The lack of mechanisms to ensure compliance hinders the application of these laws and diminishes their perceived legitimacy<sup>21</sup>. Islamic legal principles also face challenges in implementation, particularly in regions dominated by non-state actors<sup>22</sup>.

Another important finding pertains to the influence of economic conditions on the likelihood of human rights violations. While earlier discussions have touched on the economic dimensions of conflict zones, our analysis emphasizes this aspect as a central concern. The qualitative insights suggest that financial hardships are closely linked to an increase in rights violations, underscoring the necessity of addressing socioeconomic factors within comprehensive strategies to tackle human rights issues<sup>23</sup>. Effectiveness in merging Islamic and international laws necessitates consideration of these socioeconomic contexts (Hudzaifah, 2023).

Furthermore, it is evident that balancing internal political matters with global diplomatic relationships is crucial. Prior findings indicate that improvements in human rights are often associated with domestic political stability. Our study reinforces this view while introducing a new dimension: the impact of international connections and diplomatic influences<sup>24</sup>. The human rights landscape during the observed period was shaped by both internal stability and external pressures. The inclusion of Islamic law in this study

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<sup>19</sup> Tom Ginsburg, "Authoritarian International Law?," *American Journal of International Law* 114, no. 2 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1017/ajil.2020.3>.

<sup>20</sup> Michael Da Silva, "Legal doctrine as human rights 'practice'," *Global Constitutionalism* 12, no. 1 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2045381722000168>.

<sup>21</sup> Francisco-José Quintana and Justina Uriburu, "Modest International Law: COVID-19, International Legal Responses, and Depoliticization," *American Journal of International Law* 114, no. 4 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1017/ajil.2020.65>.

<sup>22</sup> R. Khdir Rebaz, "Child Recruitment and Use during Armed Conflicts by Muslims between International Law and Islamic Law," *European Scientific Journal, ESJ* 18, no. 26 (08/31 2022), <https://doi.org/10.19044/esj.2022.v18n26p108>.

<sup>23</sup> Sarah C. Masfield et al., "Repurposing NGO data for better research outcomes: a scoping review of the use and secondary analysis of NGO data in health policy and systems research," *Health Research Policy and Systems* 18, no. 1 (2020/06/08 2020), <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12961-020-00577-x>.

<sup>24</sup> Georgina Evans et al., "Statistically Valid Inferences from Privacy-Protected Data," *American Political Science Review* 117 (2023).

provides a richer understanding of how religious and cultural influences interact with political stability<sup>25</sup>.

In contrast to other analyses, these findings highlight the intricate nature of human rights in conflict areas. The status of human rights is affected by more than just the presence of laws; it also involves how those laws are interpreted, implemented, and the broader political and diplomatic context<sup>16</sup>. While many of our findings reinforce established beliefs, this thorough examination provides fresh perspectives on the connections between various factors. The analysis of Islamic law, in particular, offers an additional framework for addressing human rights violations.

This study contributes to the ongoing discussion surrounding human rights in conflict areas and presents practical strategies for policymakers, diplomats, and international organizations to strengthen protections. Future inquiries could focus on the specific methods employed to negotiate and enforce international treaties to ensure their effectiveness and minimize ambiguities. Additionally, further examination of the integration of Islamic and international legal principles could yield more comprehensive approaches to safeguarding human rights in conflict zones.

The article examines the collaboration between Islamic jurisprudence and international law in safeguarding human rights in war-affected regions. It explicitly analyses how these two systems might enhance one other's protections. Consistent with international human rights standards, Islamic law principles prioritize the protection of non-combatants, as well as life and dignity. The affected populace in mostly Muslim regions will find these principles, rooted in compassion, justice, and equity, very attractive. Research by Ashraf and Nazir suggests that the use of Islamic law ideas may enhance the understanding and implementation of human rights protections within a local setting<sup>26</sup>.

Islamic law has a profound tradition of emphasizing justice and protecting vulnerable populations, particularly in times of war. This underscores how Islamic law may enhance contemporary human rights activities. The protection of minorities and the promotion of justice in conflict scenarios are two domains where the enduring ethical principles of Islamic law provide essential perspectives, as articulated by Almahfali and Avery<sup>27</sup>. Incorporating

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<sup>25</sup> Elif Durmuş, "A typology of local governments' engagement with human rights: Legal pluralist contributions to international law and human rights," *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* 38, no. 1 (2020/03/01 2020), <https://doi.org/10.1177/0924051920903241>.

<sup>26</sup> Ashraf and Nazir, "Navigating War Zones: Safeguarding Civilian Rights to Life and Religion through International and Islamic Law."

<sup>27</sup> Mohammed Almahfali and Helen Avery, "Human Rights from an Islamic Perspective: A Critical Review of Arabic Peer-Reviewed Articles," *Social Sciences* 12, no. 2 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci12020106>.

these ideas into international frameworks may promote compliance with human rights norms and provide solutions more pertinent to the context. However, as noted by Bhagyamma, the application of Islamic law varies significantly between jurisdictions, often impeding its impact in regions with diverse governmental structures<sup>28</sup>.

The study's findings underscore that Islamic jurisprudence, in conjunction with international law, may address enforcement deficiencies by creating a framework that respects both global norms and local customs. In conflict zones, where the enforcement of human rights legislation is challenging, this approach may enhance their credibility and efficacy. Islamic legal conceptions provide an ethical framework that aligns with local beliefs and practices, resulting in enhanced acceptability and compliance, unlike international law, which relies on established regulatory mechanisms<sup>29</sup>.

The study indicates that political and economic stability significantly influences human rights conditions in conflict zones. Implementing strategies that address economic hardship and political instability, alongside legal improvements, is essential to mitigate the danger of human rights violations. Nabiebu asserts that to safeguard human rights in conflict zones successfully, it is essential to enact both legal and socioeconomic strategies that foster stability and mitigate the conditions leading to rights abuses<sup>30</sup>.

## Conclusion

Human rights protections in war zones must be enhanced via a comprehensive plan. The acceptance of frameworks by international institutions and governments may enhance the integration of Islamic legal traditions and international standards. This will enhance credibility and adherence. In regions with intricate geopolitical challenges, future research should explore viable methods to integrate Islamic legal principles with international human rights frameworks. Furthermore, implementation of human rights rules might be enhanced and interpretive ambiguity minimized via the establishment of robust enforcement mechanisms within Islamic and international law. Considering the significance of economic and political stability in preventing human rights violations, future research should include socioeconomic reforms as an integral component of a complete human rights strategy. Addressing these factors within an integrated socioeconomic and legal framework would enhance legal

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<sup>28</sup> bhagyamma G., "A Comprehensive Analysis Of Protecting Civilians Under International Humanitarian Law And Islamic Law In Afghanistan."

<sup>29</sup> Suud Sarim Karimullah, "The Implications Of Islamic Law On The Rights Of Religious Minorities In Muslim-Majority Countries," *MILRev : Metro Islamic Law Review* (2023).

<sup>30</sup> Miebaka Nabiebu, "Comparative Study of Islamic and International Humanitarian Law," *International Journal of Law and Society (IJLS)* (2023).

and social activities aimed at safeguarding vulnerable populations, particularly in mostly Muslim combat zones.

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