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**The disregarded fundamental principle of distinction in the
Syrian conflict: what expectations for the currently deadlocked
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Abstract

This thesis explores the unlawful killings targeting civilians taking place in the Syrian non-international armed conflict, and the options for an action from international criminal justice, almost inactive after six years of conflict. The relevant international humanitarian law dispositions are analysed to identify what crimes and violations of customary international law are committed. Regarding international criminal justice, the different options are developed, their advantages and drawbacks, and, when relevant, the reasons of their current blockage.

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