Impunity: International law and standards

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Lao-Tsu:

When the great Tao was lost, there came ideas of humanity and justice. When knowledge and cleverness arrived, there came great deceptions. When familial relations went out of harmony, there came ideas of good parents and loyal children. When the nation fell into disorder and misrule, there came loyal ministers.



Where can you find measures against impunity in international treaties?

- Human rights treaties directly: Torture Convention, ED Convention
- Human rights treaties indirectly: ICCPR, ICESCR redress provisions
- IHL (laws of war) 4 Geneva conventions
- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Ending impunity

- 1. Duty to investigate and prosecute
- 2. Strict standards
- 3. No immunities
- 4. No statute of limitations
- 5. Retrospective application
- 6. No inappropriate defences
- 7. No amnesties
- 8. Victims' right to reparations
- 9. Universal jurisdiction
- 10. Effective cooperation.















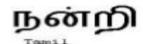












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