

Recent publications

Tathiana Flores Acuña, *The United Nations mission in El Salvador: A humanitarian law perspective*, Kluwer Law International, The Hague/London/Boston, 1995, 253 pp.

This book examines the action of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL). The author focuses on the question to what extent ONUSAL's action succeeded in securing a better respect for international humanitarian law by the parties to the civil war.

Mario Bettati, *Le droit d'ingérence: Mutation de l'ordre international*, Éditions Odile Jacob, Paris, 1996, 384 pp.

A review of the history, the concept and the impact of the "droit d'ingérence" ("right to interfere or to intervene") by one of its most prominent advocates.

Elizabeth Chadwick, *Self-determination, terrorism and the international law of armed conflict*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, The Hague/Boston/London, 1996, 221 pp.

The title of this revised version of a Ph.D. thesis (University of Nottingham) is self-explanatory. A difficult problem revisited.

Collection of international instruments and other legal texts concerning refugees and displaced persons, published by the Division of International Protection of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva, 1995, Vol. I: Universal instruments, 568 pp. and Vol. II: Regional instruments, 572 pp.

A comprehensive collection of texts, in English.

Yoram Dinstein and Mala Tabory, *War crimes in international law*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, The Hague/Boston/London, 1996, 489 pp.

A compilation of papers read at a colloquium held at Tel Aviv University in late 1993. The various texts examine “the multifaceted and complicated world of war crimes”.

Droit des conflits armés: Recueil des conventions, résolutions et autres documents, texts collected and annotated by D. Schindler and J. Toman, International Committee of the Red Cross/Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva, 1996, 1,470 pp.

This compendium contains all the international conventions relating to international humanitarian law, from 1856 to the present day, together with selected resolutions and declarations. It includes documents as recent as the Convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons (1993), the Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (1993) and the *San Remo Manual* on armed conflict at sea (1994). Each text is accompanied by an explanatory note on the official publication and gives the status of ratifications and reservations. This work is an expanded version in French of the compendium prepared by the same authors under the title *The laws of armed conflicts* (third edition, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Dordrecht/Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva, 1988, 1,033 pp.).

European Journal of International Law, Vol. 7 (1996), No. 2.

Under the heading “The International Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia comes of age”, José E. Alvarez, Christopher Greenwood and Rafaëlle Maison examine various questions raised by the Tribunal’s first decisions.

Angelo Gnädinger and Christophe Girod, “Le politique, le militaire, l’humanitaire: un difficile ménage à trois”, in Jean Cot (ed.), *Dernière guerre balkanique? Ex-Yougoslavie: témoignages, analyses, perspectives*, Fondation pour les Études de Défense, L’Harmattan, Paris, 1996, 25 pp.

Two ICRC delegates discuss some lessons to be drawn from the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

Guy S. Goodwin-Gill, *The refugee in international law*, 2nd edition, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1996, 584 pp.

This is the second edition of an important work on international refugee law. The author examines the foundations and the substance of that law as it stands today. He concentrates in particular on the following core issues: the definition and description of refugees; the notion of asylum for refugees; the protection of refugees.

International Committee of the Red Cross (Jean-Philippe Lavoyer, ed.), *Internally displaced persons*, Report of the Symposium, Geneva, 23-25 October 1995, Geneva, 1996 (available also in French)

Papers, reports of the working groups, summary of the discussions and conclusions of a symposium convened by the ICRC on internally displaced persons.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, *Annual Review 1995*, Geneva, 1995, 56 pp.

The *Annual Review* covers the activities of the Federation Secretariat. After a general retrospective of the year 1995, the report discusses the following topics: statistical highlights, humanitarian action, capacity building, communications, advocacy, revenue generation, and administrative matters.

Larry Minear, "The evolving humanitarian enterprise", in Thomas G. Weiss (ed), *The United Nations and civil wars*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder/London, 1995, pp. 89-106.

Larry Minear and Thomas G. Weiss, *Mercy under fire: War and the global humanitarian community*, Westview Press, Boulder/San Francisco/Oxford, 1995, 260 pp.

Larry Minear, Colin Scott, Thomas G. Weiss, *The news media, civil war, and humanitarian action*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder/London, 1996, 123 pp.

The authors of these three recently published books discuss various issues relating to humanitarian action under present-day conditions.

Ricardo de Sola Ricardo, *La Cruz Roja Venezolana: Historia*, Caracas, 1995, 355 pp.

A history of the Venezuelan Red Cross published on the occasion of its centenary.

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