

## Dear Friends of the Committee,

Events around the world - from the conflict in Ukraine to next week's anniversary of the Yazidi genocide to this month's Srebrenica anniversary - powerfully remind us of the importance of international criminal law and its ability to bring justice and law to situations of chaos and horror. It is a very appropriate time to write you all. It is also time for us to transition, as we move to a new ABA year. It has been a pleasure for me to serve as Co-Chair these past three years. I have been excited to see the increased emphasis in Hague law in our programming and the start of exciting new initiatives - like this newsletter.

We have a great leadership team taking over. Susan, Alex, Tim, and Vy will be co-chairs, with Jan, Ira, and Regina as vice-chairs. They are an ambitious and energetic group and I am excited to see where they take us as a committee.

In the meantime, Vy has put together a collection of fascinating international criminal law issues for your reading pleasure. Enjoy the newsletter and see you at our next event!

Best,  
Arthur Traldi  
Co-Chair, ICL Committee

## Committee News and Programs



### ICYMI

-Read our committee's contribution to the ABA ILS's Year in Review, courtesy of Vice-Chair Beth Farmer.

-Special thanks to our speakers and attendees to our [ICLC Experts Session on the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar and Current Crisis in Sri Lanka](#); [Opportunities for Constitutional Reform and Transitional Justice](#) webinars

### Upcoming Committee Programs:

-Aug. 30 at 1pm EST — Second Amendment with Professor Lawrence Rosenthal  
-Sept. 23rd starting at 8am EST — Half-day program on the Rohingya Genocide— Past, Present, and Future

Don't forget to register for the [2022 ABA ILS Virtual Leadership Retreat](#) and [Madrid Fall Conference](#)

## International and Hybrid Criminal Proceedings



[STL Appeals Chamber sentences Mr. Hassan Habib Merhi and Mr. Hussein Hassan Oneissi to life imprisonment for terrorist attack that killed former Lebanese PM Rafik Hariri.](#)

[IRMCT Appeals Chamber delivers judgment in Prosecutor v. Marie Rose Fatuma et al.](#)

[IRMCT Prosecutor confirms death of Mr. Pheneas Munyarugarama and Mr. Protasis Mpiranya.](#)

[Trial Panel II, Kosovo Specialist Chambers delivers judgment, finding Mr. Hysni Gucati and Mr. Nasim Haradinaj guilty of obstructing official persons in performing official duties, intimidation during criminal proceedings, and violating the secrecy of proceedings.](#)

[ECHR grants interim measures in cases involving first foreign fighters sentenced since start of Ukraine war - British nationals sentenced to death by Donetsk People's Republic court for mercenary activity and attempted forcible seizure of power.](#)

[US citizens fighting for Ukraine reportedly held in Donetsk for mercenary activity.](#)

[ICC Office of the Prosecutor releases 23rd Report to UNSC regarding investigation into the situation in Libya.](#)

[ICJ rules The Gambia has standing to invoke responsibility of Myanmar for alleged breaches of obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide \(The Gambia v. Myanmar\).](#)

[Germany institutes ICJ proceedings against Italy for allowing civil claims to be brought against Germany based on violations of IHL committed by the German Reich between 1943-1945.](#)

## National Decisions



[First war crimes trial in Ukraine - Vadim Shishimarin pleads guilty to killing unarmed Ukrainian civilian, sentenced by Kyiv court.](#)

[Alexander Bobikin and Alexander Ivanov plead guilty to violating the laws and customs of war for school shelling in Derhach, sentenced by Ukraine Court.](#)

[Russia charges 92 Ukrainian soldiers with crimes against humanity.](#)

[Colombia's Special Jurisdiction for Peace charges 22 members of the Army, 1 State office, and 2 civilians for "False Positives" extrajudicial executions between 2005-2008.](#)

Bicameral bills announced aim to address US prevention, mitigation, and response to civilian harm in military operations: [Protection of Civilians in Military Operations \(PCOIMO\) Act](#) and [Dept. of Defense Civilian Harm Transparency Act \(CHTA\)](#).

## Policies and Initiatives



[ICOM preparing Emergency Red List of Cultural Heritage at Risk for Ukraine.](#)

[EULEX publishes Report assessing handling of Rape Cases by Kosovo Justice System.](#)

[EUROJUST and eu-LISA release joint report on AI supporting cross-border cooperation in criminal justice.](#)

## Enforcement



[Former Louvre Director Jean-Luc Martinez charged with complicity in organized fraud and money laundering for antiquities trafficked from the Near and Middle East.](#)

[EUROJUST assists in 39-person arrest of smuggling ring responsible for organizing illegal migrants from Vietnam to France and the UK.](#)

[EUROJUST assists in arrests against Italian Ndrangheta mafia for money laundering.](#)

[EUROPOL and EUROJUST assist in dismantling sexual exploitation and human trafficking rings between France, Spain, and Portugal and between Romania and the UK, including pimping.](#)

[Slovak and Czech authorities seize 3D printer, printed weapons, and others from individual suspected of committing terrorist and extremist crimes.](#)

## Enhanced Cooperation



[ICC Office of the Prosecutor joins national authorities in Joint Investigation Team on international crimes in Ukraine.](#)

[ICC Office of the Prosecutor partners with Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team and Columbia Law School HR Clinic to conduct exhumation and forensic examination of alleged victims in the 2013 Central African Republic conflict.](#)

[Ukrainian parliament adopts cooperation law amending Criminal Procedure Code regarding cooperation with the ICC.](#)

[EULEX supports Kosovo Institute of Forensic Medicine \(IFM\) in search for missing persons in Kosovo and Serbia.](#)

## Restoration and Restitution



[Germany returns illegally trafficked items to Italy, including 16th century parchment, 16th painting, 17th manuscript, and 1st century gold coin.](#)

[US repatriates 27 previously looted and sold artifacts to Cambodia.](#)

[The Truth Fund for Victims and partners launch collective reparations program for victims in the case of Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi.](#)

[African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights awards over 35 million TZS \(15,000 USD\) in reparations to Respondent for Tanzania's violation of his right to appeal, failure to provide certified true copies of criminal proceedings and judgments.](#)

[UK contributes 70,000 GBP to The Trust Fund for Victims for survivors of conflict related sexual and gender-based violence.](#)

[EUROJUST assists return of 17th century painting valued over 2 million EUR to Italy.](#)

### Published?

Send us the link so we can share your work.




### Get Involved!

We are actively seeking contributors to our newsletter and Year-In-Review publications.

### Have Ideas?

Let us know what you want to see in our newsletter.

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