General introduction

Since the second edition of Professor Green's classic text, developments in the laws of armed conflict have continued to challenge the boundaries of international law. The jurisprudence of international or internationalised criminal tribunals has grown at a bewildering pace. The trials of Milošević and Saddam Hussein captured world attention. The International Criminal Court has been established and its first trial processes are underway. With all these developments and more it is a pleasure to welcome a third edition of this authoritative work, which expertly guides the reader through the legal and political complexities of the law of armed conflict. It remains an indispensable resource for government departments, lawyers, law teachers and the ever growing number of students with an interest in the discipline.

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