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Organize the National Conference :

### Legal mechanisms for compensation for French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara

« Objective and procedural mechanisms »

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024



### Conference topic :

After the end of World War II, and in order to achieve its goal of acquiring nuclear weapons, France carried out nuclear tests ignoring the damage resulting from it, because its goal was to strengthen its position internationally and obtain new military deterrence capabilities to confront armed resistance movements. It activated its nuclear weapon and conducted its tests on the territories of colonies, including the desert of Algeria.

We will address the issue of international responsibility for the French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara in accordance with the rules of international law, both under international criminal law and international humanitarian law, as well as the developments brought by the International Law Commission, which stated through its recent reports that international responsibility lies with the countries that committed the illegal acts.

### The problematic of the conference

The conference seeks to highlight the crimes committed by France in Algeria during the colonial period, especially with regard to the nuclear tests that it carried out from 1960 until 1966 when carrying out its criminal plans, using the captured Mujahideen and residents of the Sahara region as nuclear test rats and causing harm to them, their families, and subsequent generations, as well as environmental damage. In addition, highlighting the theoretical and procedural legal foundations that can be relied upon to establish France's responsibility for its nuclear tests in Algeria and reach the legal results that prove this to defend the rights of the victims of these tests and their families demanding their return. Therefore, the following problem is strongly raised : **What are the objective and procedural legal mechanisms for requesting compensation from the French state for nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara ?**

### Objectives of the conference

The conference aims to analyze the objective and procedural legal issues resulting from the French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara in accordance with the rules of international law through the following points:

- Explaining the concept of French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara under the rules of international law;
- Trying to find (objective) legal foundations to establish international responsibility resulting from the French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara;
- Determine the legal mechanisms (procedures) necessary to request compensation from the French state for nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara.



## Conference Axes

### The first axis : French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara from the perspective of international law.

- French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara in the concept of public international law.
- French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara in the concept of international humanitarian law and international criminal law.

### The second axis: International responsibility for French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara.

- Civil liability according to the rules of international public law.
- Criminal liability according to the rules of international humanitarian law and international criminal law

### The third axis : Mechanisms for requesting compensation for French nuclear tests in the Algerian Sahara.

- Objective mechanisms for the French state's judicial follow-up on nuclear tests in Algeria.
- Procedural mechanisms for the French state's judicial follow-up on nuclear tests in Algeria.



## Bodies supervising the conference

### Honorary Chairman of the conference:

**Prof. Dr. Ben Ali-Sharif Nour Eddine**

(Director of Mohammed Essadik Ben Yahya University-Jijel)

### General Supervisor of the conference:

**Dr. Bouyabiya Nabil**

(Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science)

### Conference Director :

**Prof. Dr. Bouchekioua Abd El-Halim**

(Laboratory Director)

### Conference Chairman :

**Dr. SIAB Hakim**

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**Dr. HACHEMI Hacene**

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## Conditions for participation in the conference

The research must be original and serious and has not been previously participated in any scientific event, published in a magazine, or extracted from a thesis or dissertation. All researches are subjected to arbitration by the Scientific Committee.

- The research must be written in Sakkal Majalla font for research in the Arabic language, size 14 for the body and 10 for the margin, and in the foreign language ; Times New Roman font, size 12 for the body and 10 for the margin, and the margins should be numbered automatically. At the end of the search.
- The title must be written in bold (gras) font, size 16, and it depends on the sections, demands, and branches... in dividing the research.
- The space between the lines is 1 cm (Simple) throughout the research.
- Space the first line of each paragraph by 0.5 automatically, not by keyboard.
- Research papers will be accepted in one of three languages: Arabic; French and English.
- Joint contributions are not accepted except for PhD students in collaboration with the supervising professor.
- The number of research pages should not be less than 10 and should not exceed 20 pages.

### Confrence email :

All correspondence and entries shall be sent to the following e-mail :

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Deadline for submitting complete research :  
April 20, 2024.

Response to accepted researches : April 25, 2024.

**The contributions participating in the conference will be published in the conference's work book « Proceeding ».**