

## ABSTRACT

It has been said that war is a recent phenomenon. It is, in fact, as old as the human race. Indeed, through history we read of various wars. There were different reasons why these wars were fought, but the repercussions were the same: People died, others were left desolate without food and shelter, property was destroyed, what took years to build was destroyed in the space of a few months, weeks and even days. The question was whether all this destruction was necessary and the emphatic answer was "no". International humanitarian Law is the law that developed as a result of these wars. It developed over a long time and is now the body of international Law that deals with armed conflicts, of both international and internal nature.