## RULES/GENERAL LAWS

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Italian military personnel are not always regarded on duty when deployed in missions, however disciplinary and criminal rules always apply to military personnel deployed in missions.

The United Nations rules on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse are enforced through pre-deployment training, unit orders and awareness raising campaigns as directed by the Chief of Staff Committee.

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### SEA: military offence?

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**Powers of the Commanding Officer (CO)**

The Commanding Officer is authorised to promulgate rules and policies.

The Commanding Officer also has disciplinary, administrative and criminal investigative powers exclusively regarding military offences.


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### INVESTIGATION

**Who can investigate?**

Under Italian law investigations officers from the Arma dei Carabinieri who are deployed in the field are authorised to investigate all criminal allegations including those of a sexual nature.

http://www.difesa.it/Giustizia_Militare/Legislazione/PeacetimeMilitaryJudicature/Pagine/default.aspx

**National Investigation Officer (NIO)**

The National Investigations Officers (officers from Arma dei Carabinieri) are deployed together with Italian contingents/units.


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### PROSECUTION

**Referral**

National Investigation Officers refer completed investigations to the Italian Procura della Repubblica (Public prosecutor' office).


**Who can charge?**

During peacetime the national prosecutor has the authority to charge any alleged perpetrator. During wartime sexual exploitation and abuse allegations are considered military offences and therefore prosecuted by the military justice system. Hence the military prosecutor shall be authorised to charge an alleged perpetrator.

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### JUSTICE

**Military justice**

Italy has a military justice system, which consist of three military tribunals. See Legge number 180/1981, Amendments to the military peace justice system and Legge 244/2007, Financial law.

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**Deployable Court Martial?**

Italy has no peacetime deployable court martial system.

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