

RWANDA

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RULES/GENERAL LAWS

General	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Organic Law on the Penal Code;2. Organic Law on the National Public Prosecution Authority and the Military Prosecution Department;3. Rwanda Defence Force Disciplinary Code;4. Law on the Criminal Procedure;5. MoU between Rep of Rwanda and UN. <p>https://www.unodc.org/res/cld/document/rwa/1999/penal-code-of-rwanda_html/Penal_Code_of_Rwanda.pdf;</p> <p>http://www.minijust.gov.rw/fileadmin/Law_and_Regulations/PPR.pdf</p> <p>Rwanda military personnel are considered on duty twenty four hours when deployed on missions.</p> <p>The United Nations rules on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse are implemented through the Commanding Officer, as he is responsible for discipline.</p>
SEA: military offence?	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is a military offence. Sexual related crimes in general are punishable under the Penal Code, which is fully applicable to military personnel.
Powers of the Commanding Officer (CO)	<p>The Commanding Officer has the power to promulgate rules and policies, as such rules fall under his disciplinary powers.</p> <p>The CO has full administrative and disciplinary powers over his subordinates, while criminal and investigative powers are in the hands of the Investigation Officer/ Legal advisor, under the Military Prosecution.</p>

INVESTIGATION

Who can investigate?	The National Investigation Officer or an Ad hoc Investigation Team, appointed to look into a specific case.
National Investigation Officer (NIO)	National Investigation officers are embedded in deployed contingents.

PROSECUTION

Referral	National Investigation officers refer completed investigations to the Military Prosecutor General and forward a copy to the Commanding Officer.
Who can charge?	The Military Prosecutor, who is based in Rwanda, is empowered to charge.

JUSTICE

Military justice	Rwanda has a full-fledged national military justice system in place. The system however does not provide for deployable courts, only disciplinary cases can be handled at unit level, by the Unit Disciplinary Committees (UDCs)
Deployable Court Martial?	Rwanda does not have deployable court martial system, only disciplinary cases can be handled at unit level, by the Unit Disciplinary Committees (UDCs).

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