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4. Subsidiary protection

Article 15 QD | Article 15 QR

This chapter addresses the EU-regulated status of subsidiary protection. Where the applicant has not been found to qualify as a refugee, they may be eligible for subsidiary protection in accordance with Article 15 QD/QR.

The contents of this chapter include:

Under the section 4.1. Article 15(a) QD/QR: death penalty or execution, the analysis focuses on the applicable EU legal framework and the factual circumstances surrounding the 'death penalty or execution' in Sudan.

The section 4.2. Article 15(b) QD/QR: torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment looks into the risk of 'torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment' in relation to particular circumstances in Sudan.

Under the section 4.3. Article 15(c) QD/QR: indiscriminate violence in situations of armed conflict , the analysis covers the different elements of the provision, looking into: 'armed conflict', 'qualification of a person as a 'civilian', 'indiscriminate violence', 'serious and individual threat' (where further individualisation elements are discussed), 'qualification of the harm as 'threat to life or person', and the interpretation of the nexus 'by reasons of'. The sub-section on 'indiscriminate violence' includes an assessment of the situation in Sudan by region.



Please note that where refugee status is not granted, established **personal circumstances** (e.g. age, gender, professional and economic background, home area, potential vulnerabilities) are still to be taken into account in the assessment of subsidiary protection according to Article 15 QD/QR.

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