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Terrorism and Criminal Justice System: International Criminal Court or Mixed Tribunal?

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In the process of fight against terrorism, the functions of two kinds of international criminal courts are considerable. If ICC has jurisdiction on terrorism, in spite of positive points like respect to the sovereignty principle in the light of complementary jurisdiction principale and stabilizing organized response to terrorism, it will face problems such as high threshold for jurisdiction and disaffiliation from non-members countries. If UN makes mixed tribunal by the cooperation of related state like Lebanon, despite of improvement of local participation and development of capacity of national legal system, forum shopping may happen. Both courts have deficiencies which can lead them to fail in the legal counterterrorism process. To fill this future gap, it is required that both criminal courts have a considerable co-existence, cooperation and interaction.

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