War rape: Is justice being done?
Soldiers go on trial in the first case of its kind in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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It is a crime that the United Nations says represents a stain on our collective conscience, and one that grows with each new rape committed. Sexual violence is endemic in society in general, but it is as a weapon of war that the crime has gone largely unpunished.


It declared that “Rape and other forms of sexual violence can constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity or a constitutive act with respect to genocide.”.

So what is being done to combat sexual violence, and seek justice for victims of rape as a weapon of war?

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Zainab Hawa Bangura - the UN special representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Victoria Dove Dimandja - co-founder of the Congolese Women’s Group in the UK, and who runs the It Must Stop Campaign.

Brigid Inder - executive director of the Women’s Initiative for Gender Justice.

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