

CASE STUDY: AFRICA IN INTERNATIONAL SETTINGS

Umora is a powerful country, fortified by its technological, military, political and economic prowess. Umora's success as an economic and military superpower has given it a leverage in the international discourse. It has long been regarded as the gate-keeper of international order, emphasizing on democratic institutions, respect for human rights, sovereignty of nations, respect for borders etc. The Xosa region, poses significant security and trade interests to Umora. Zaka, one of the countries in the Xosa region is a strong and strategic security ally of Umora. For years, Xosa has benefitted from Umora aid ranging from military, technical and economic. In return, Zaka suppresses insurgents and terrorist organizations who have historically attacked Umora or threaten Umora's security. In recent times, Zaka has launched a military offensive against one of its neighbors. Zaka's attack on Doza has been condemned by the international community as it is a violation of the international order. Zaka has been accused of war crimes, human right abuses, ethnic cleansing etc. However, Umora is still sending aid to Zaka despite domestic and international condemnation. The government argues that, Zaka's stability and victory is essential to the security of Umora. However, other countries in the Xosa region who have historically relied on Umora's aid, are protesting Umora's continued support for Zaka. Umora's domestic industries fear that the impasse could affect trade, especially in sourcing critical minerals and raw materials as well as the large consumer market that Xosa region provides for Umorian goods. Yet Umora's government insists that it can use aid to quell any rebellion. The opposition party is calling for a complete seizure of aid to Zaka on ethical, moral and trade grounds as well as respect for international order. However, the ruling party maintains that Umora's internal security supersedes any moral or international obligation. Parliament has met to debate and decide on a course of action.