

Question 24 (6 marks)

With reference to ONE contemporary human rights issue, explain the role of state sovereignty in enforcing human rights.

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The contemporary rights issue that I have chosen is child soldiers. Many children used to and maybe still today are used for soldiers in the war. They are forced to do hard jobs and deal with guns and dangerous weapons. They can be used from the age of 6 and not all of them survive. The United Nations has recognized this issue and tried to stop it in developing countries. It was seen as a human right and countries were forced to stop. The state sovereignty has also helped to enforce this human right.