

# INTERNATIONAL LEASES AS A LEGAL INSTRUMENT OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

THE SHAB'A FARMS AS A PROTOTYPE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF TERRITORIAL CONFLICTS

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## ABSTRACT

*This paper looks at the Shab'a Farms – considered by the U.N. Secretary General as the linchpin excuse in the Hizb' Allah rhetoric justifying the de-stabilization of the Israel-Lebanon-Syria relationship. It contemplates the possibility of defusing a violent conflict by borrowing the lease – a legal instrument in domestic law of contract and real property and private international law – and turning it into a public international legal device.*

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