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The Shiite Utopia and Its Influence on Shiite Political Action from the Perspective of Jacques Lacan's Psychoanalytic Theory

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction begins abruptly with a technical explanation of AI systems: “Artificial intelligence (AI) can be utilized in developing automated military systems...” This lacks a contextual background on why the topic is important from a jurisprudential or socio-political perspective. Consider prefacing the discussion with a problem statement or global concern framing.

The paragraph beginning “According to the principle of distinction...” relies heavily on quotation. Paraphrase where possible to maintain narrative flow and allow more room for analysis.

Several ideas are repeated, e.g., “Islam introduced humanistic and spiritual elements into warfare...” and “Islamic humanitarian thought aims to mitigate cruelty...” Streamline these sentences for conciseness.

The statement: “Machines struggle to reliably assess context...” is compelling, but lacks reference to specific legal cases or protocols. Integrate analysis from IHL cases or tribunals to reinforce the argument.

The phrase: “smart weapons equipped with advanced AI” lacks specificity. Clarify what differentiates these weapons from others—is it autonomy, decision-making capability, or sensory perception?

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

There is no mention of the article's theoretical contribution or novelty. Clarify whether the article aims to fill a gap in Islamic legal theory, IHL jurisprudence, or the ethics of AI weaponry.

The discussion on the military application of AI is largely descriptive. For example, the sentence: "AI simplifies maneuvering in battlefields and can save lives..." lacks scholarly engagement. Strengthen this section with recent peer-reviewed findings or theoretical debates.

The reference to Azizi Basati & Sokouti (2013) is over a decade old. Given the rapid pace of AI development, update the literature with sources post-2020 to maintain relevance.

The section introduces international law principles without explicitly linking them to AI-based weapons. After "Humanitarian law is a branch of human rights law...", clarify how these principles are being challenged or reinterpreted in the age of AI.

You refer to Islamic law principles but not how they compare or contrast with secular international humanitarian law in practice. Consider adding a comparative table or short paragraph summarizing key similarities and differences.

Nowhere is the research methodology defined. Was this doctrinal legal analysis, comparative jurisprudence, or a literature review? Clearly state the methodological approach after the introduction.

The "Discussion" section merely reiterates previous arguments. For example, "Machines may not be capable of reliably distinguishing combatants from civilians..." Add a deeper level of synthesis, drawing together the implications for lawmaking, ethics, and technological development.

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2. Revised

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