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~ Fuzzy-Search: finds words that are spelled in a similar way as your search term

Qanuni~

finds documents that contain *Qanuni* as well as *Qanooni*

Did you mean:... suggests words that are similar to the last entered search term, when nothing was found

Related English and German terms included in search query:...

The COI-Thesaurus

includes

- synonyms and near synonyms in two languages (English and German),
 - spelling variations, and
 - features a *Moderated Search*, suggesting broader, narrower and related terms* that let you refine your search
- *: BT: broader term; NT: narrower term; RT: otherwise related term

Please note: you can disable the thesaurus in the Advanced Search (deselect "Consider related terms in search query")

Current, relevant and reliable information on the human rights and humanitarian situation in countries of origin of refugees can be decisive in refugee status determination procedures.

ecoi.net gathers, structures and processes reports of governments, NGOs and international organisations, as well as media reports, maps and national laws. ecoi.net also publishes query responses by ACCORD and the Refugee Documentation Centre Ireland.

Refugee counsels, decision makers, lawyers and all others involved in asylum procedures thereby gain access to the information they need in their daily work: in over 130.000 selected documents on 162 countries from over 140 regularly covered sources.

Access to information

On ecoi.net, country information is accessible through various ways:

- ... the country pages contain important documents, country profiles, maps, and collections of national laws and further links.
- ... the full-text search enables efficient and precise research
- ... current developments can be tracked with an e-mail alert service



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Searching with ecoi.net

Simple Search:

- Go to a country page ("Choose country")
- Enter your search term(s)

Advanced Search:

- Click on "Advanced Search" to refine your search
- Choose Source, Type of Document, Language and Publishing date according to your needs
- Select whether or not to include the ecoi.net-Thesaurus ("Consider related terms in search query")

At a glance - ecoi.net search tips:

How do I combine search terms?

AND

default connection
finds documents containing all the search terms

"Tamil Tigers" AND government AND talks

"Tamil Tigers" government talks

both lead to the same results: finding documents containing the phrase *Tamil Tigers*, and the term *government*, and the term *talks*

OR

finds documents containing one of the search terms

conscription OR desertion

finds documents containing either *conscription*, or *desertion*, or both

NOT

excludes search terms

genocide NOT Darfur

finds documents containing the term *genocide*, but not the term *Darfur*

How do I group search terms?

" ... "

quotation marks define a group of words as phrase and search for the whole phrase

"organised crime"

finds documents containing the whole phrase *organised crime*

""~n

Proximity search

finds terms that are within a distance of *n* words from each other

"amnesty rebels"~5

finds documents containing the terms *amnesty* and *rebels* within a distance of 5 words from each other

(...)

search operators can be grouped logically using parentheses

(homosexual OR lesbian) AND discrimination

finds documents containing the term *discrimination*, and either *homosexual* or *lesbian*

How do I search for spelling variations?

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Wildcard-Search: placeholder for exactly one character (cannot be used at the beginning of a word)

Tal?ban

finds documents containing, for instance, *Taliban*, or *Taleban*

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Wildcard- Search: placeholder for any number of characters (cannot be used at the beginning of a word)

homosex*

finds documents containing words beginning with *homosex*, for instance: *homosexual*, *homosexuals*, *homosexuality*, as well as the German words *homosexuell*, *Homosexualität*, etc.