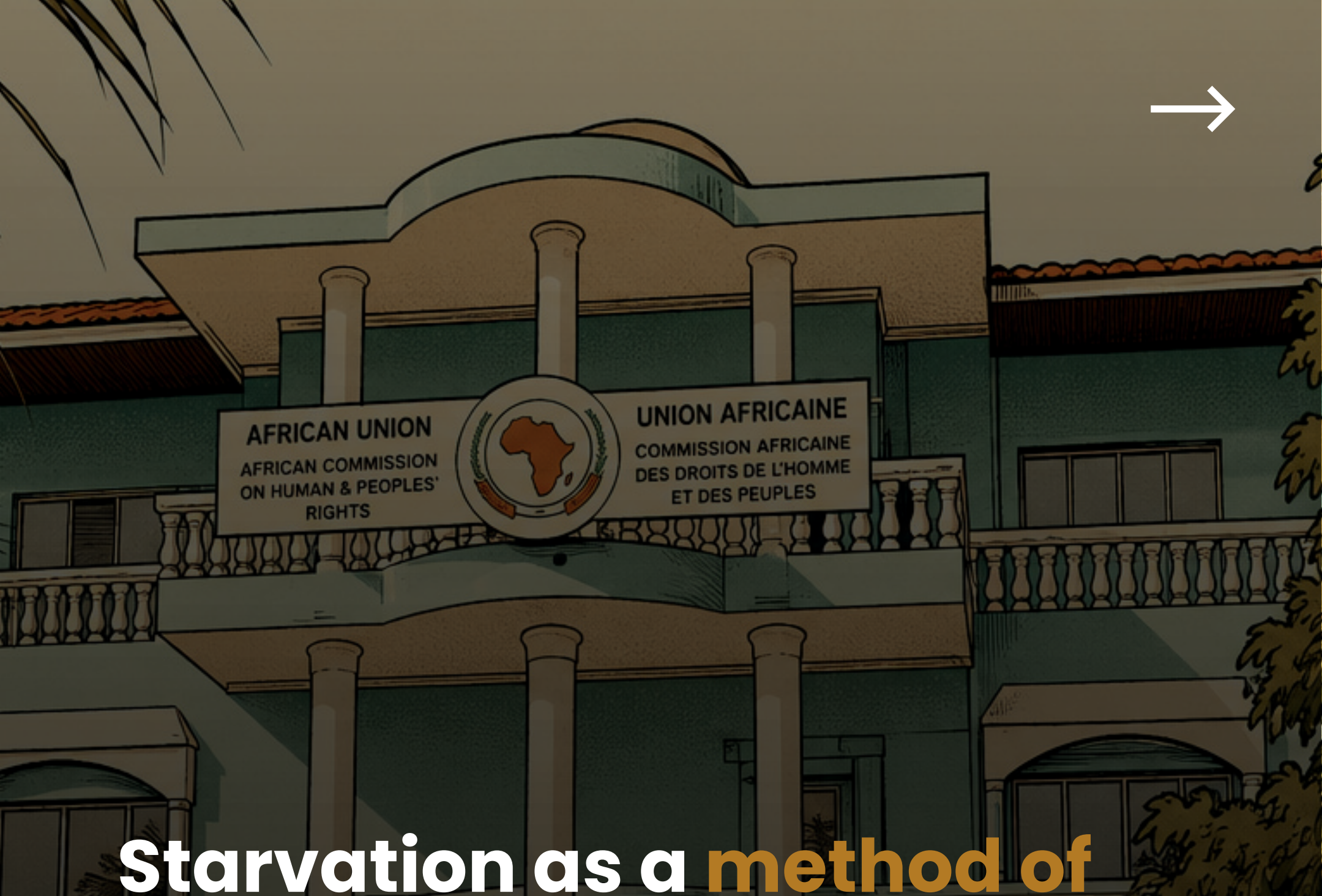
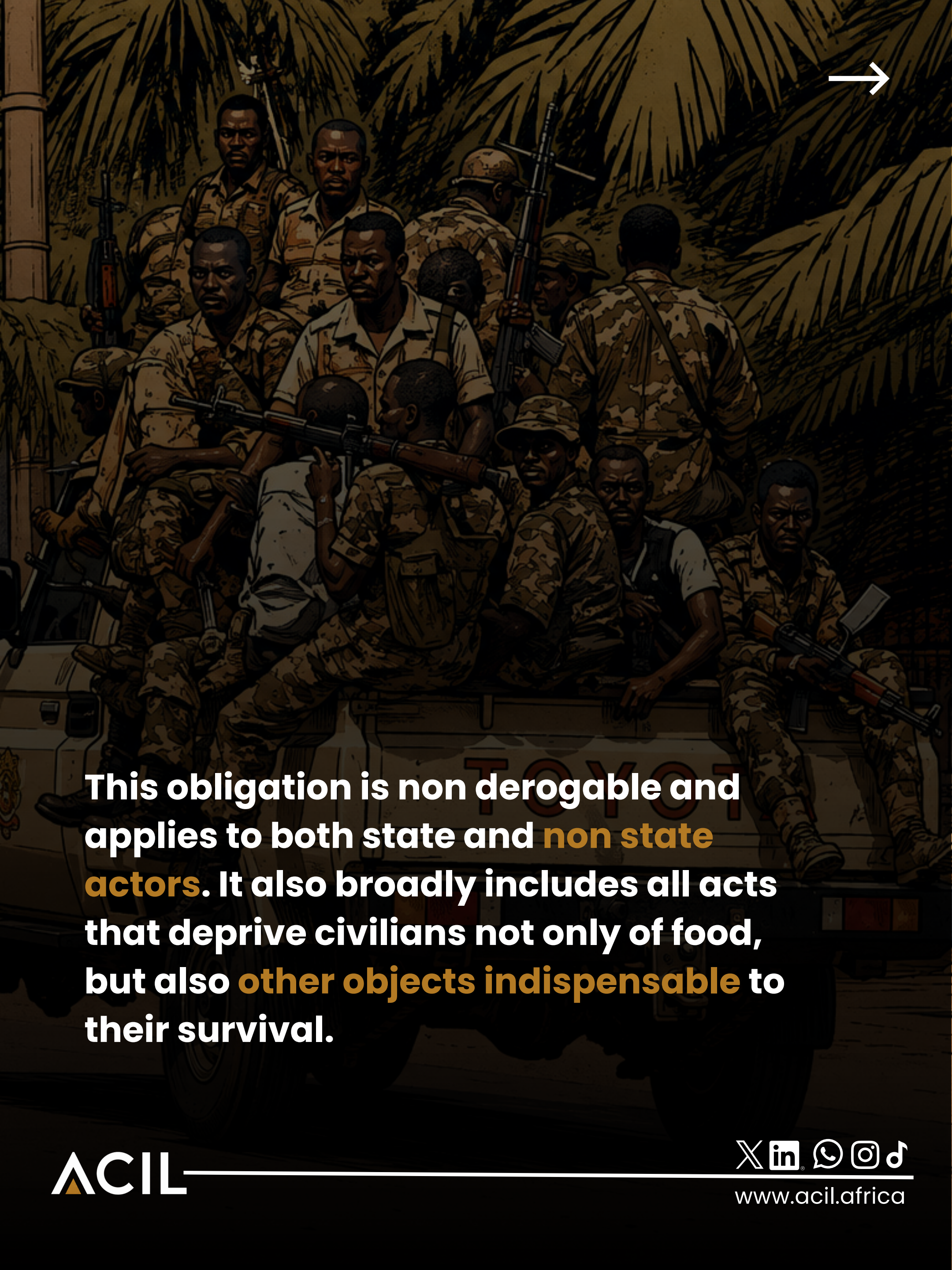


Starvation as a method of warfare in Africa

On 31 July 2026, the African Commission adopted Resolution 666, affirming the prohibition the starvation of civilians as a method of warfare in all armed conflicts in Africa.



This obligation is non derogable and applies to both state and non state actors. It also broadly includes all acts that deprive civilians not only of food, but also other objects indispensable to their survival.

The Resolution also calls on African States to **prevent, investigate and prosecute** starvation-related violations, provide **adequate reparations** and cooperate with regional and international mechanisms.

The Resolution responds directly to patterns seen in conflicts in Sudan, South Sudan and the DRC where attacks on food systems and restrictions on humanitarian access have become instruments of warfare.