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Where a crime is committed, the victim of that crime is certainly the one who actually suffers. Although, in law, the victims of crime may be entitled to restitution from the offenders, the legal rights of victims or injured persons for claiming compensation and finding the offenders are faced with some legal problems on the protection of rights. This is even though the victims of crime or injured persons take part in the conduct of the case and should receive protection from the Criminal Justice System.

It is the aim of this thesis to study and undertake research on legal measures which appear in International Law for providing protection to the victims of crime and compare national standards with the measures of the United Nations Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, relevant Conventions and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court so as to ensure that the victims will recover as much as possible.

The results from this research indicate that there are insufficient legal measures for providing protection to the victims of crime in legal proceedings. The thesis recommends legal measures for protection of the victims of crime or injured person and advises that international standards should be followed.