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15 RULES OF COMBATANTS' BEHAVIOR IN ARMED CONFLICTS




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During the conflict, fighters must adhere to the rules of warfare established by the law of armed conflict (LOAC).



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These rules set boundaries that cannot be violated by the parties to the conflict in order to minimize impact on the civilian population and civilian objects.

LOAC protects those who do not (or no longer) take part in hostilities and limits the means and methods of war.

Adherence to the norms of LOAC is a sign of a civilized society and is critically important for the protection of the civilian population, as well as for maintaining the reputation and authority of the state and its armed forces.

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**DO NOT ATTACK CIVILIANS, CIVILIAN
PROPERTY OR CIVILIAN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**





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DO NOT LAUNCH ANY ATTACK IF **CIVILIAN**
COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE GREATER THAN
THE **MILITARY ADVANTAGE.**





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**TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT
CIVILIANS BEFORE AND DURING ATTACKS.**





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DO NOT USE **PROHIBITED WEAPONS**
(CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, WEAPONS
OF INDISCRIMINATE ACTION, APMS).





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COLLECT AND CARE FOR THE **WOUNDED** AND DEAD,
WHETHER FRIEND OR ENEMY.





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RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF PRISONERS AND ALL OTHER PEOPLE UNDER
YOUR CONTROL AND TREAT THEM **HUMANELY**. DO NOT COMMIT
SUMMARY EXECUTIONS.





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DO NOT TAKE **HOSTAGES**
OR USE HUMAN SHIELDS.





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DO NOT DISPLACE **CIVILIANS**, UNLESS NECESSARY FOR THEIR
OWN **SAFETY** OR FOR IMPERATIVE MILITARY REASONS.





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RESPECT CIVILIAN PROPERTY.
DO NOT LOOT OR STEAL.





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RESPECT WOMEN. DO NOT COMMIT OR PERMIT
RAPE OR SEXUAL **ABUSE** AGAINST ANYONE.





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**DO NOT PERMIT INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN INTO ANY
MILITARY ACTIVITY AND DO NOT LET THEM TO MILITARY
OBJECTS FOR THEIR SAFETY.**





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**RESPECT MEDICAL PERSONNEL, HOSPITALS AND AMBULANCES.
DO NOT COMMIT PERFIDY NOR MISUSE PROTECTIVE
SYMBOLS SUCH AS THE RED CROSS.**





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**ALLOW IMPARTIAL HUMANITARIAN
RELIEF FOR CIVILIANS IN NEED.**





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PUT THESE **RULES INTO PRACTICE**. RESPECT THEM EVEN
IF THE ENEMY DOES NOT. **ABSTAIN FROM REPRISALS** WHICH ARE
IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT.





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PREVENT VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES.
IF VIOLATIONS OCCUR, REPORT TO YOUR COMMANDER.
VIOLATIONS MUST BE INVESTIGATED AND SANCTIONED.



Law of armed conflict (LOAC) protects persons affected by armed conflicts. LOAC sets norms and rules for the conduct of war to reduce suffering of the civilian population, military personnel, prisoners of war and other persons who remain under special protection (medical, spiritual personnel and humanitarian workers).

Law of armed conflict establishes the following general principles:

Principle of distinction: establishes the obligation to distinguish between civilians and combatants, and between civilian objects and military objects during armed conflicts. Attacking civilians and facilities such as schools, medical facilities and churches is prohibited.

Principle of proportionality: the specific military advantage gained in a military operation must be greater than the damage caused to civilians and objects; only weapons capable of distinguishing between civilians and military can be used in battle.

Prohibition of the use of chemical, biological, nuclear weapons, as well as weapons that cause excessive suffering or disproportionate harm, and prohibited methods of warfare.

Protection of medical, spiritual staff and humanitarian workers.





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