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Rules of Engagement reference card as of April, 2007. This document is the United States Rules of Engagement document for Iraq as a reference card. It details some of the U.S. Army policy regarding identifying and killing targets and targeted groups.



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### APPENDIX 1 (ROE CARD) TO ANNEX E (ROE) TO OPORD 07-04 (OPERATION FARDH AL QANOON)

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NOTHING ON THIS CARD PREVENTS YOU FROM USING NECESSARY AND PROPORTIONAL FORCE TO DEFEND	3. The use of force, including deadly force, is authorized to protect the following:
YOURSELF.	Yourself, your unit and other friendly forces     Detainees
<ol> <li>You may engage the following individuals based on their conduct:         <ol> <li>Persons who are committing hostile acts against CF.</li> <li>Persons who are exhibiting hostile intent towards CF.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Civilians from crimes that are likely to cause death or serious bodily harm, such as murder or rape</li> <li>Personnel or property designated by the OSC when such actions are necessary to restore order and security.</li> </ul>
<ol> <li>These persons may be engaged subject to the following instructions:         <ul> <li>a. Positive Identification (PID) is required prior to engagement. PID</li> <li>is a reasonable certainty that the proposed target is a legitimate military</li> <li>target. If no PID, contact your next higher commander for decision.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	4. In general, WARNING SHOTS are authorized ONLY when the use of deadly force would be authorized in that particular situation.
b. Use Graduated Measures of Force. When time and circumstance permit, use the following degrees of graduated force when responding to hostile act/intent: (1) shout verbal warnings to halt; (2) show your weapon	5. <b>Treat all civilians and their property with respect and dignity</b> . Do not seize civilian property, including vehicles, unless the property presents a security threat. When possible, give a receipt to the property's owner.
and demonstrate intent to use it; (3) block access or detain; (4) fire a warning shot; (5) shoot to eliminate threat.	<ol> <li>You may DETAIN civilians based upon a reasonable belief that the person: (1) must be detained for purposes of self-defense; (2) is interfering with CF mission accomplishment; (3) is on a list of persons wanted for questioning,</li> </ol>
c. Do not target or strike anyone who has surrendered or is out of combat due to sickness or wounds.	arrest or detention; (4) is or was engaged in criminal activity; or (5) must be detained for imperative reasons of security. Anyone you detain <u>MUST</u> be protected. Force, up to and including deadly force, is authorized to protect
d. Do not target or strike hospitals, mosques, churches, shrines, schools, museums, national monuments, and any other historical and cultural sites, civilian populated areas or buildings <u>UNLESS</u> the enemy is using them for	detainees in your custody. You MUST fill out a detainee apprehension card for EVERY person you detain.
military purposes or if necessary for your self-defense. e. <b>Do not target or strike</b> Iraqi Infrastructure (public works, commercial	7. MNC-I General Order No. 1 is in effect. Looting and the taking of war trophies are prohibited.
communication facilities, dams), Lines of Communication (roads, highways, tunnels, bridges, railways) and Economic Objects (commercial storage facilities, pipelines) <b>UNLESS</b> necessary for self-defense or if ordered by your commander. If you must fire on these objects, fire to disable and disrupt rather than destroy.	8. ALL personnel MUST report any suspected violations of the Law of War committed by any US, friendly or enemy force. Notify your chain of command, Judge Advocate, IG, Chaplain, or appropriate service-related investigative branch (e.g. CID, NCIS).
f. $\underline{\mathrm{ALWAYS}}$ minimize incidental injury, loss of life, and collateral damage.	

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