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Reducing the humanitarian impact of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas
Collateral Damage Estimation (CDE)

- Can I positively identify the object I want to affect?

- Are there protected or collateral objects, civilians or environmental concerns within the effects range of the weapon I would like to use?

- Can I mitigate damage to those collateral concerns by striking the target with a different weapon or with a different method of engagement, yet still accomplish the mission?

- If not, how many civilians and non-combatants do I think will be injured or killed?

- Are the collateral effects of my attack excessive in relation to the expected military advantage gained and do I need to elevate this decision to the next level of command to attack the target based on the rules of engagement in effect?
Battle Damage Assessments (BDAs)

- Estimate extent of damage to the target:
  - Physical damage
  - Functional damage
  - Assessment of the impact on the adversary

- May also be used to assess collateral damage
  - Through on-site inspection
  - Through remote means
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