

5.3. Article 15(c) QD: indiscriminate violence in situations of armed conflict

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This section focuses on the application of the provision of Article 15(c) QD. Under [Article 2\(f\) QD](#) in conjunction with Article 15(c) QD, subsidiary protection is granted where 'substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person would face a real risk of suffering serious harm' defined as **serious and individual threat to a civilian's life or person by reason of indiscriminate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict**.

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