

Legal basis

3. As part of the CF assisting the occupying powers in IZ, ADF FE are authorised to detain civilians in order to assist in the restoration of security and stability in IZ. In particular, Geneva Convention IV as well as customary international law, permits the detention of civilians where such detention is imperative for reasons of security. In addition, the CF have a legitimate role in upholding the laws applicable in IZ, as authorised by the Coalition Provisional Authority. This includes the right to detain and disarm persons in specific circumstances. ADF FE will exercise the legal right to detain, search and otherwise deal with persons IAW the extant ADF ROE.

Standard of treatment

4. ADF FE will treat all detainees with dignity and respect and will provide at least the standard of humane treatment required under international law. ADF FE will protect detainees from physical harm and against insults and public curiosity and will treat detainees without distinction based upon gender, race, nationality, religion or political opinion. ADF FE are to comply with reference J in relation to the filming/photographing of detainees under the control of ADF FE.

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