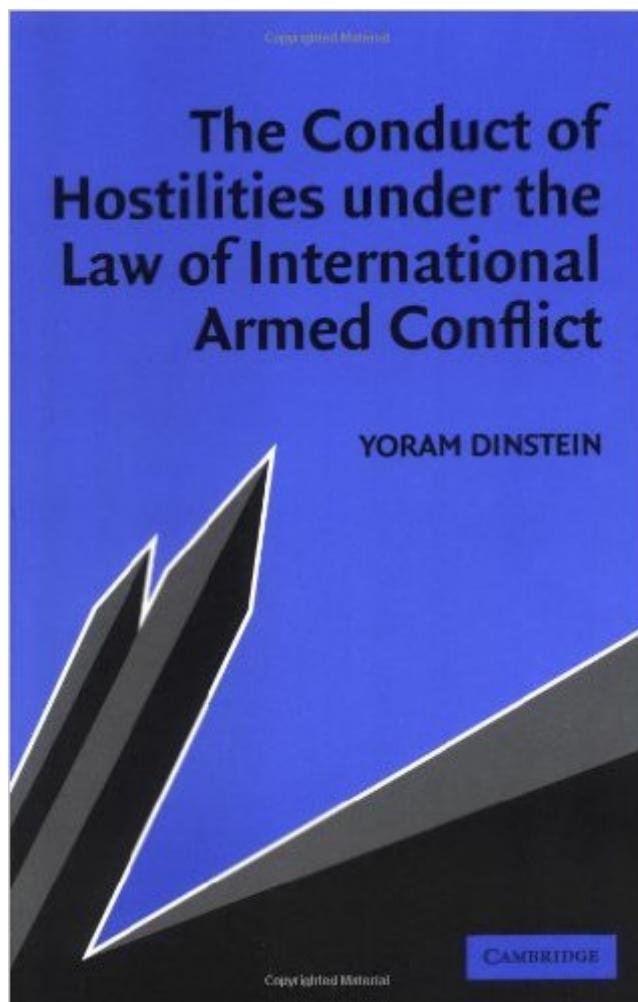


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If you want to know whether the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group Seal Team Six's attack of the compound in Pakistan that led to the death of Osama bin Laden is a lawful action or a violation of international law, you may find this book helpful as an introduction to a highly complicated area of public international law. The author is a well-known professor in this subject matter and has taught at various prestigious institutions of higher education, including U.S. Naval War College, New York University, Tel-Aviv University, and the University of Toronto. With a little over 300 pages, the book is divided into nine chapters that discuss topics including Lawful Combatancy, Prohibited Weapons, Lawful Targets of Attack, Protection from Attack of Civilians and Civilian Objects, Protection of the Environment, Special Methods of Warfare, and War Crimes,

Orders, Command Responsibility and Defenses. The book also includes over 1,800 footnotes and legal citations for anyone who want to explore further. It is a great introduction to the Laws of International Armed Conflicts for young LL.M. students, lawyers, journalists, and anyone who is interested in learning more about the complicated legal theories that underlines the headlines of the media of our time. A great read that makes you want to read more and start a discussion with your colleagues or neighbors.

This is not so much a text book as an outline. The contents are valuable; the ease of accessing them are not for several reasons. 1) The print is too small. It is not the best indexed reference book. I am a lawyer (retired) but with no experience or background in international law. Anyone who pays attention to world affairs realizes that international law, or lack thereof, is often asserted to provide an "answer" usually in the form of an alleged violation. For example, in trying to understand the assertions made about Palestine by the various parties I was interested in knowing more about what the "law" provides, or at least what the competing arguments might be. In fact it was the recent Gaza assault (I do have views from a moral and also a just or fairness issue centered on why Israel has done everything in its power to prevent a Palestinian state when that was "part of the deal" in 1947 partition) that prompted me to buy this. As stated above I think this is a valuable resource but will disappoint the general reader looking for more of a history or narrative.

The little side markings in the margins of the book are awesome and super helpful because the language of the book is somewhat challenging.

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