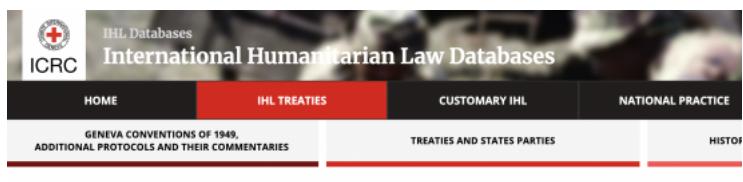


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It is [worth noting](#) these protocols this morning:



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Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977.

One [key clause addresses](#) the issue of attacking nuclear sites, and says:

Article 56 – Protection of works and installations containing dangerous forces

1. Works or installations containing dangerous forces, namely dams, dykes and nuclear electrical generating stations, shall not be made the object of attack, even where these objects are military objectives, if such attack may cause the release of dangerous forces and consequent severe losses among the civilian population. Other military objectives located at or in the vicinity of these works or installations shall not be made the object of attack if such attack may cause the release of dangerous forces from the works or installations and consequent severe losses among the civilian population.

Those looking for a let-out might claim section 2 of this Article provides it:

2. The special protection against attack provided by paragraph 1 shall cease:
 - (a) for a dam or a dyke only if it is used for other than its normal function and in regular, significant and direct support of military operations and if such attack is the only feasible way to terminate such support;
 - (b) for a nuclear electrical generating station only if it provides electric power in regular, significant and direct support of military operations and if such attack is the only feasible way to terminate such support;
 - (c) for other military objectives located at or in the vicinity of these works or installations only if they are used in regular, significant and direct support of military operations and if such attack is the only feasible way to terminate such support.

What is very clear is that the plants the US attacked overnight did not meet the criteria noted.

The conclusion is obvious. The US attacks on Iran breached the Geneva Convention of 1949. They were illegal.

Trump might like to claim Iran is a terror threat, but any country conducting illegal warfare most certainly meets that criterion. The USA does do so.

My thanks to Dr David Lowry for reminding me of this.