

Key elements for meaningful human control over individual attacks

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X Consideration of the form and nature of human control considered necessary is the most useful starting point for discussions on this issue

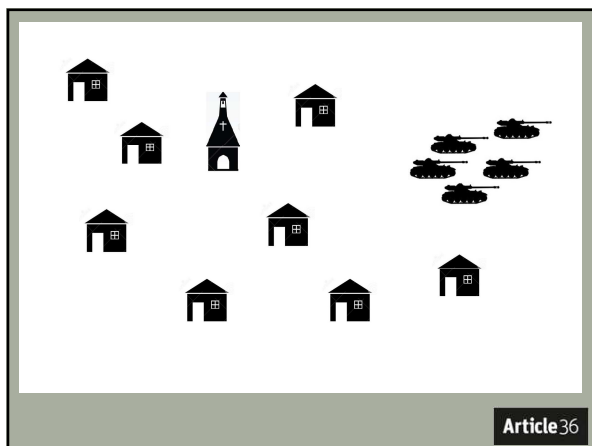
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X International humanitarian law provides a framework that should be understood as requiring human judgment and control over individual "attacks", as a unit of legal management and tactical action.

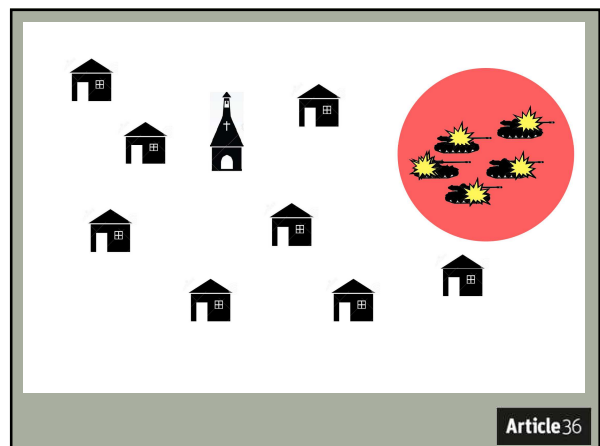
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X Without recognizing a requirement for human control, human legal judgment may be diluted to the point of being meaningless, as a result of the concept of "an attack" being interpreted more and more broadly.

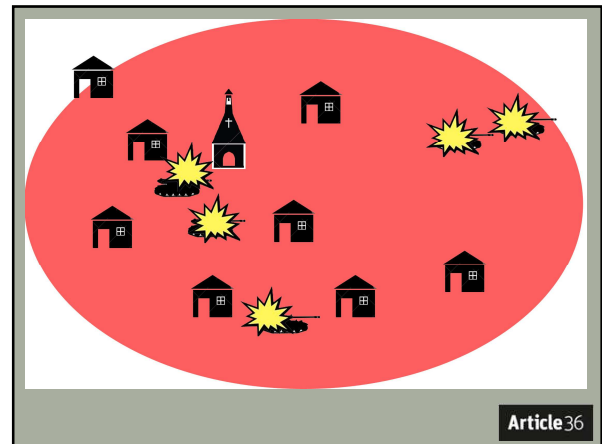
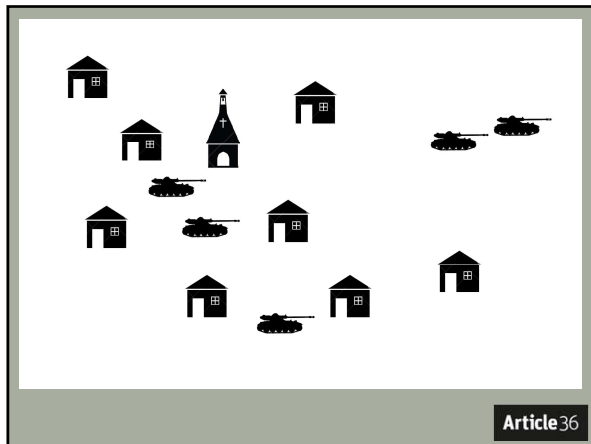
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- ✗ Agreeing the key elements of human control should be the primary focus of work by the international community.

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✗ Key elements of human control:

- ✗ Predictable, reliable and transparent **technology**.
- ✗ Accurate **information** for the user on the outcome sought, the technology, and the context of use.
- ✗ Timely **human judgment and action**, and a potential for timely intervention.
- ✗ **Accountability** to a certain standard.

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✗ Approach to working definitions:

‘Lethal autonomous weapons systems’ (LAWS) are weapons systems with elements of autonomy operating without meaningful human control.

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