Any use of the emblems[^1] not expressly authorized by IHL, which limits the use of the emblem to certain entities and/or persons.

Under Art. 85 (3) (f) of Protocol I, the **perfidious**[^2] use of the emblems constitutes a **grave breach**[^3] of the Protocol.

See Emblems[^1]; Grave breaches[^3]; Violation[^4];

**OUTLINE**

Chapter 7, VI. 5. Repression of abuse and misuse[^5]

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