International humanitarian law requires the parties to the conflict to bury persons who died on the battlefield, in civilian internment camps, and for prisoner of war camps; for reasons related to occupation; or in detention resulting from occupation or hostilities.

See also Graves; Dead persons; Missing persons

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