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Demolishing manufactured products, installations and materials, or interrupting them or putting them out of order for offensive or defensive purposes in the course of military operations. Destruction not justified by military necessity <sup>[1]</sup> is prohibited.

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