Under IHL, water is considered as an object indispensable for the survival of the civilian population.

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prohibited to poison

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