Military or civilian persons such as chaplains who are exclusively engaged either
temporarily or permanently in the work of their ministry (spiritual assistance) and attached
to the armed forces [1] or to medical units [2], medical transports, or civil defence
organizations [3].
Religious personnel enjoy the same protection as medical personnel [4] and are identified by
the distinctive emblem of the red cross, red crescent or red crystal [5] worn on their clothing.
The provisions governing medical personnel also apply to religious personnel.

See Protected Persons [6];
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[1] https://casebook.icrc.org/glossary/armed-forces
[3] https://casebook.icrc.org/glossary/civil-defence
[10] https://www.icrc.org/customary-ihl/eng/docs/v1_rul_rule30