The systematic and violent appropriation of movable public or private property belonging to the enemy State, to civilians, wounded, sick or shipwrecked persons, or to prisoners of war.

Pillage is a war crime.

When movable property belonging to civilians, wounded, sick or shipwrecked persons, prisoners of war or the dead on the battlefield is removed by non-violent means, the term “spoliation” is sometimes used. Spoliation is prohibited.
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