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International law requires each party to the conflict to search for persons reported missing by an adverse party, as soon as circumstances permit and at the latest from the end of active hostilities.

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