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In view of the on-going hostilities in Iran as of 27 March 2026, some conclusions within this document may no longer be valid, especially those related to Article 15(c) QD/QR. When examining applications for international protection from Iran, please consider the most up-to-date country of origin information available.

Article 15(c) QD | Article 15(c) QR

This section focuses on the application of the provision of Article 15(c) QD/QR. Under Article 2(f) QD/ 3(6) QR in conjunction with Article 15(c) QD/QR, subsidiary protection is granted where substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person would face a real risk of suffering **serious harm defined as serious and individual threat to a civilian's life or person by reason of indiscriminate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict**.

As mentioned in 'Country Guidance: Explained', all of these elements have to be fulfilled in order to grant subsidiary protection under Article 15(c) QD/QR.

The contents of this section include:

- 4.3.1. Reference period
- 4.3.2. Assessment of indiscriminate violence in Iran

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