5.3. Article 15(c) QR: indiscriminate violence in situations of armed conflict

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For general guidance on the country guidance approach to this section, see ‘EUAA, Article 15(c) QD/QR: indiscriminate violence in situations of armed conflict in Country Guidance: explained, February 2026’.

In armed conflicts, the targeting of civilians may have nexus to one of the reasons for persecution and therefore, refugee status may be granted.

The assessment for the applicability of Article 15(c) QR is based on the ‘EUAA, COI Report – Pakistan: Country Focus, May 2026’ and the ‘EUAA, COI Query – Pakistan: Major political, human rights and security developments’, July 2026, with reference period 1 November 2024 – 21 July 2026.

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This guidance should be considered valid as long as current events and developments fall within the trends and patterns of violence observed within the reference period of the mentioned COI product(s). New events and developments that cause substantial changes, new trends or geographical shifts in the violence, may lead to a different assessment. The security situation in a given territory should always be assessed in light of the most up-to-date COI available.

All the below elements have to be fulfilled in order to grant subsidiary protection under Article 15(c) QR.

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