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# 45 Years of Internal Conflict



# Colombia at the end of the XX Century



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# Illegal Armed Actors in Colombia 2002

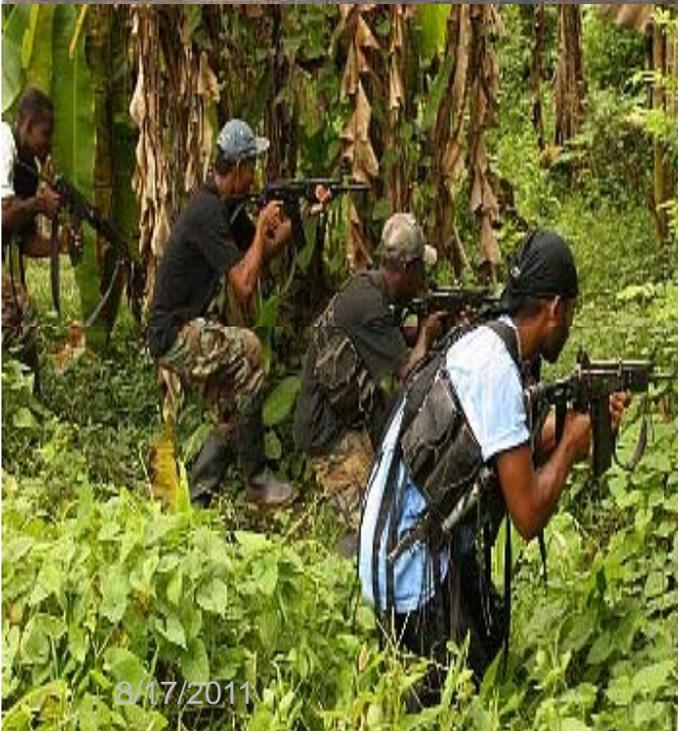


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# Type of Crimes that Society Confronts Nowadays in Latin America





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# Difficulty in the New Operational Environment

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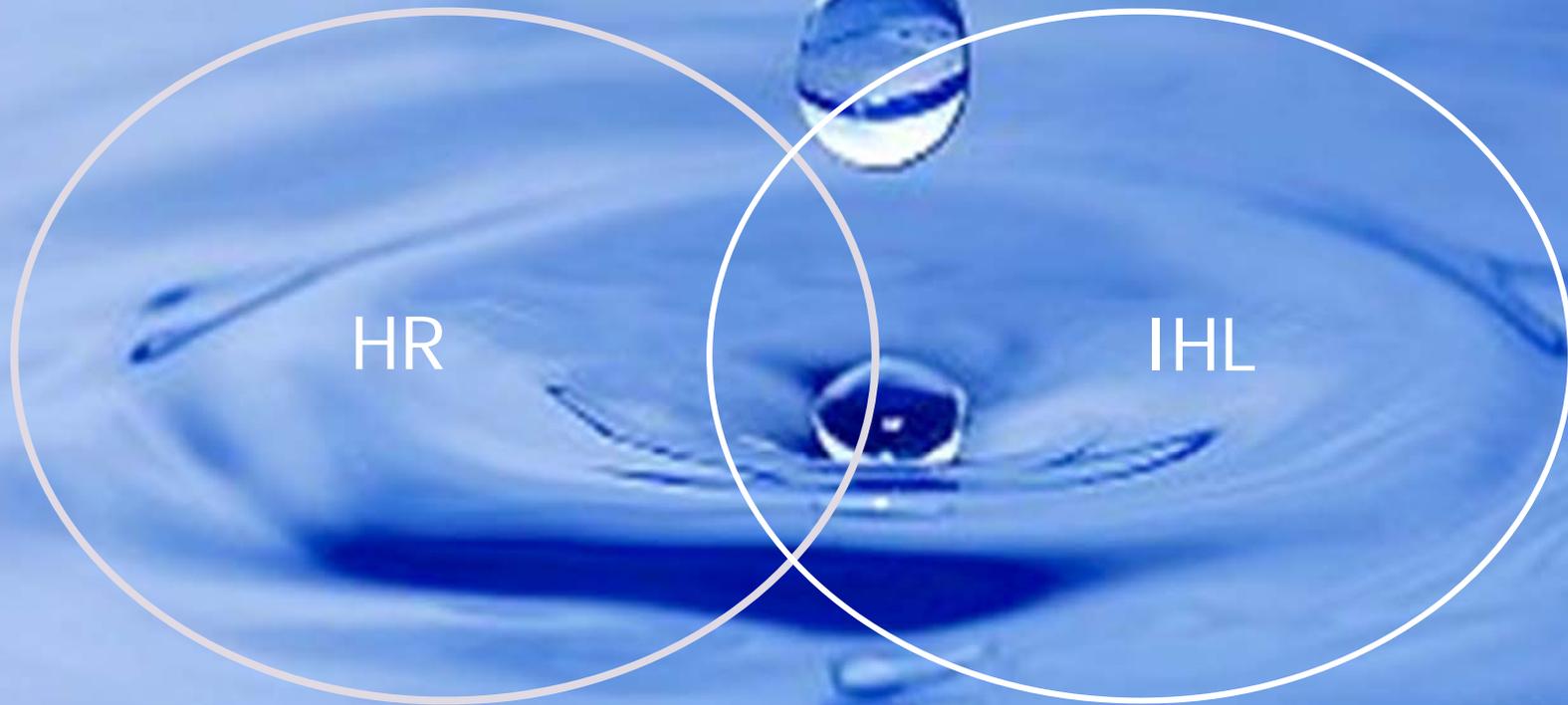
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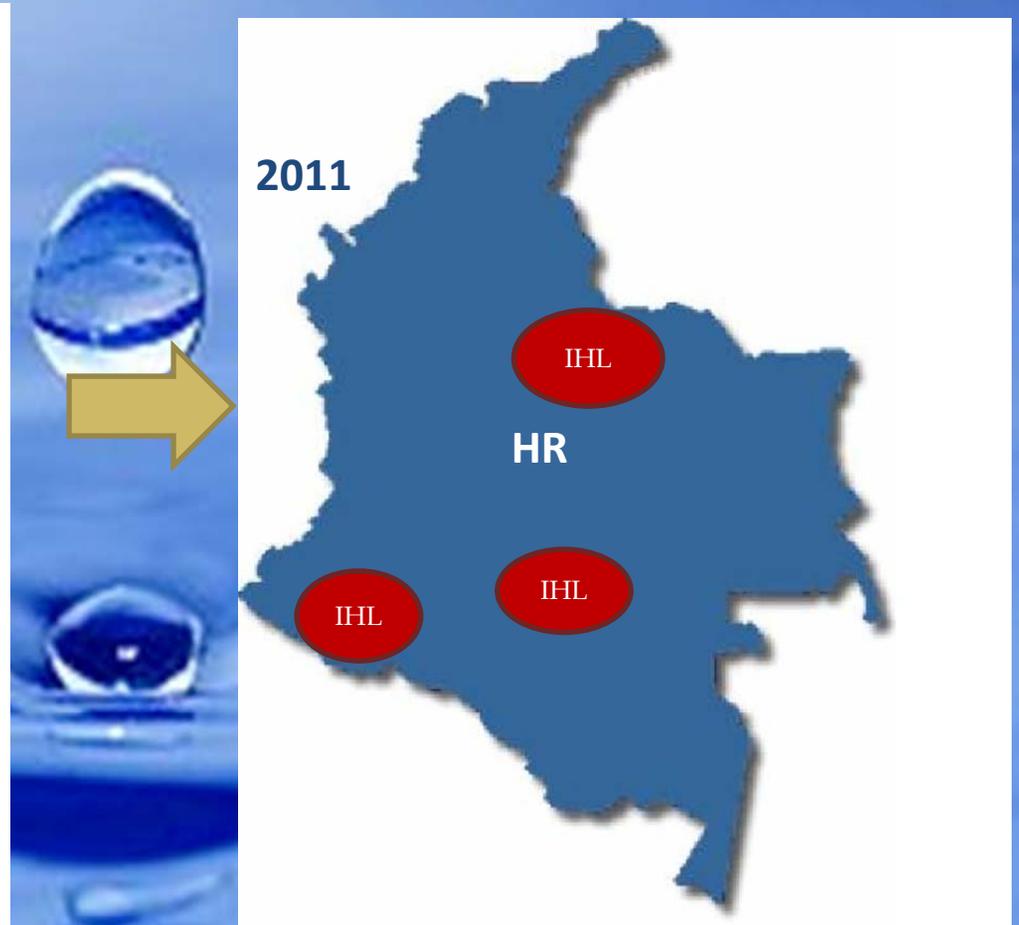
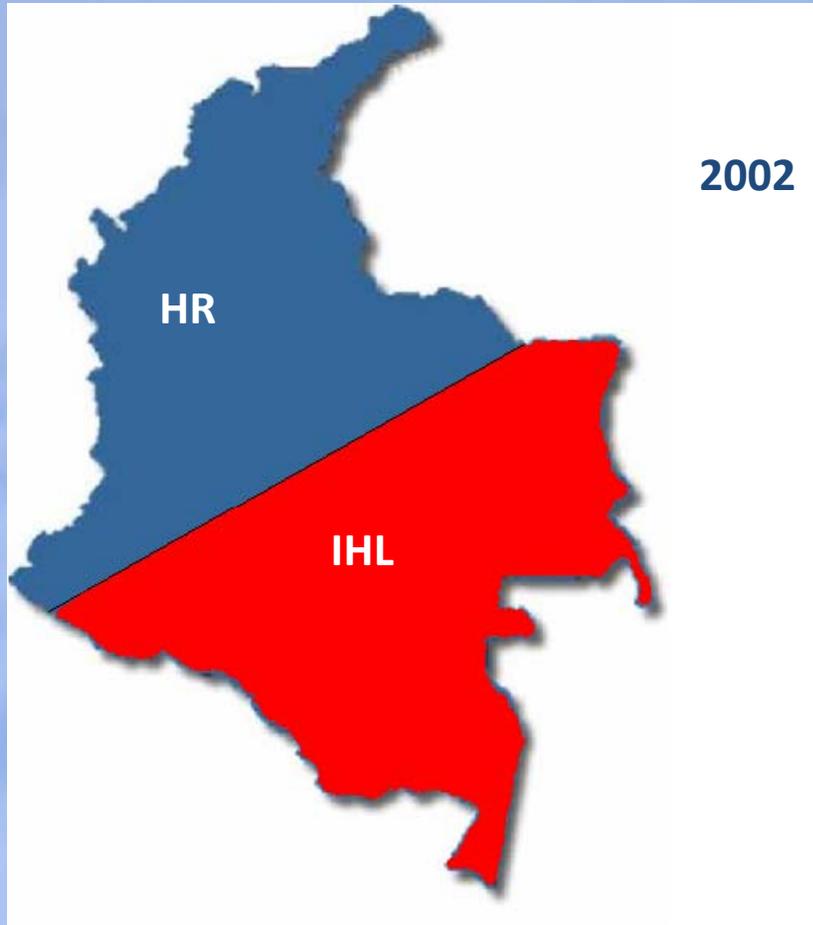
**Terrorism**  
**Organized Crime**



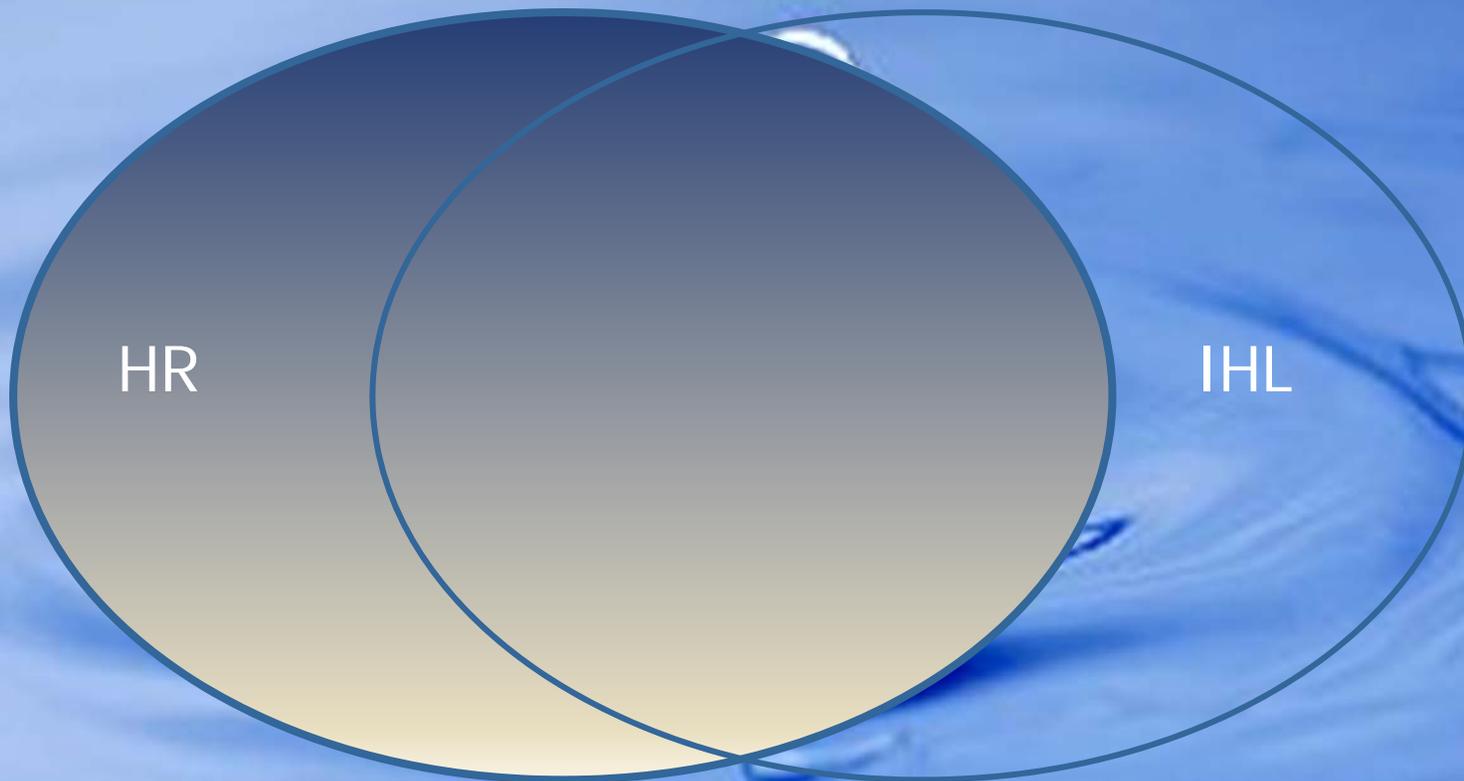
# How Does Law Apply in a Confrontational Environment?



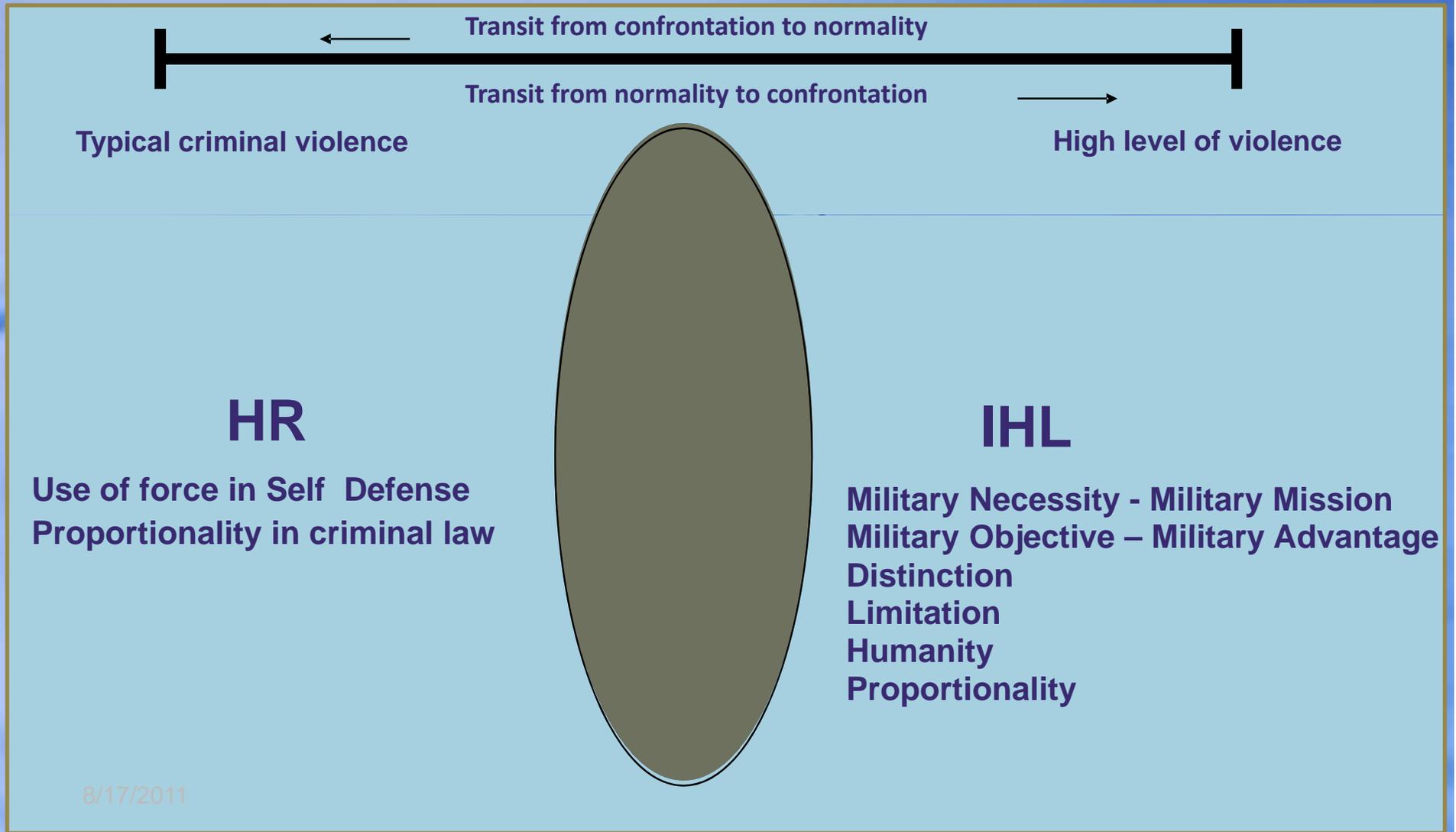
# Challenges: The Operational Environment Changed



# Colombia's Legal System Today



# Legal Tools to Confront Enemies and Organized Crime



# Rules of Engagement in Colombia

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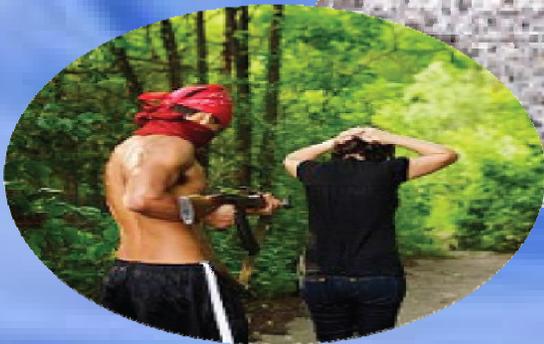
Self  
Defense

IHL

Military  
Necessity

**What could help to simplify the problem?**

# Confrontation in the Middle of the Population

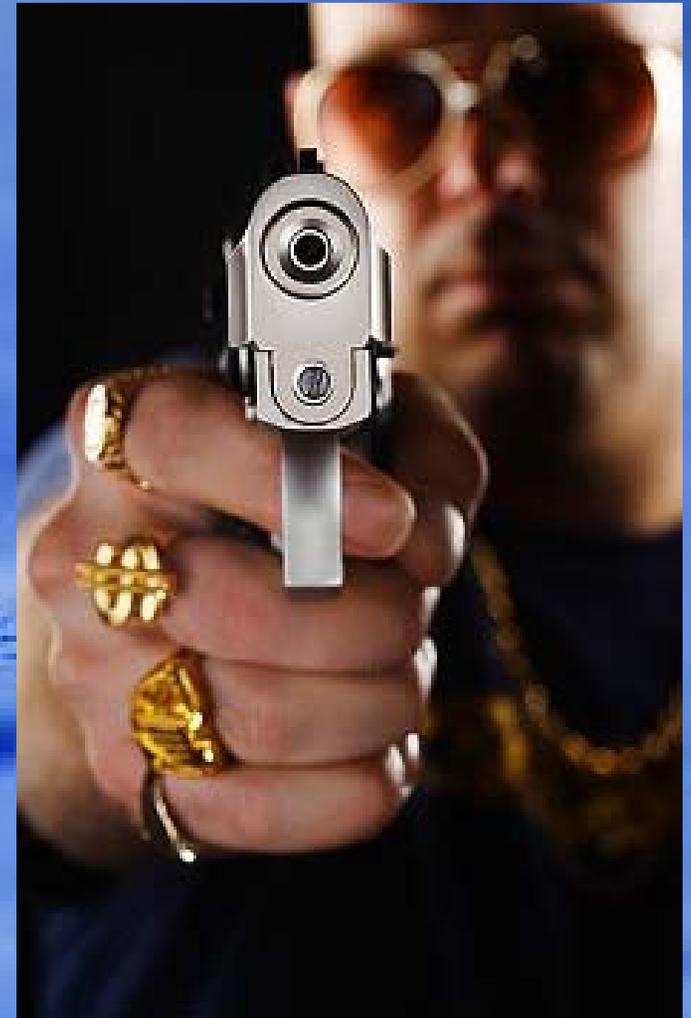


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General. Rupert Smith

# Today's Threats ...

- ❑ Have little to lose
- ❑ Not have territory to defend
- ❑ Survive in the middle of the population and use them
- ❑ As a State, you can't negotiate with them, you can only confront, weaken and prosecute them.



# What Can We Do?

- ▣ Plan any line of action
- ▣ Legal advisors and rules of engagement
- ▣ After action review
- ▣ The truth over all
- ▣ Confront each situation, do not underestimate anything
- ▣ Tactical situations could have strategic effects

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# Last Remarks

- ❑ Legitimacy as a state's center of gravity and it comes from population
- ❑ New threats overthrow law enforcement capacity
- ❑ New threats depend on the population and use them to subsist
- ❑ IHL is an important tool for military commanders and in some cases it could be used
- ❑ You can win the battles and lose the war



**“I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”**



**James Dean**