Defining Terrorism

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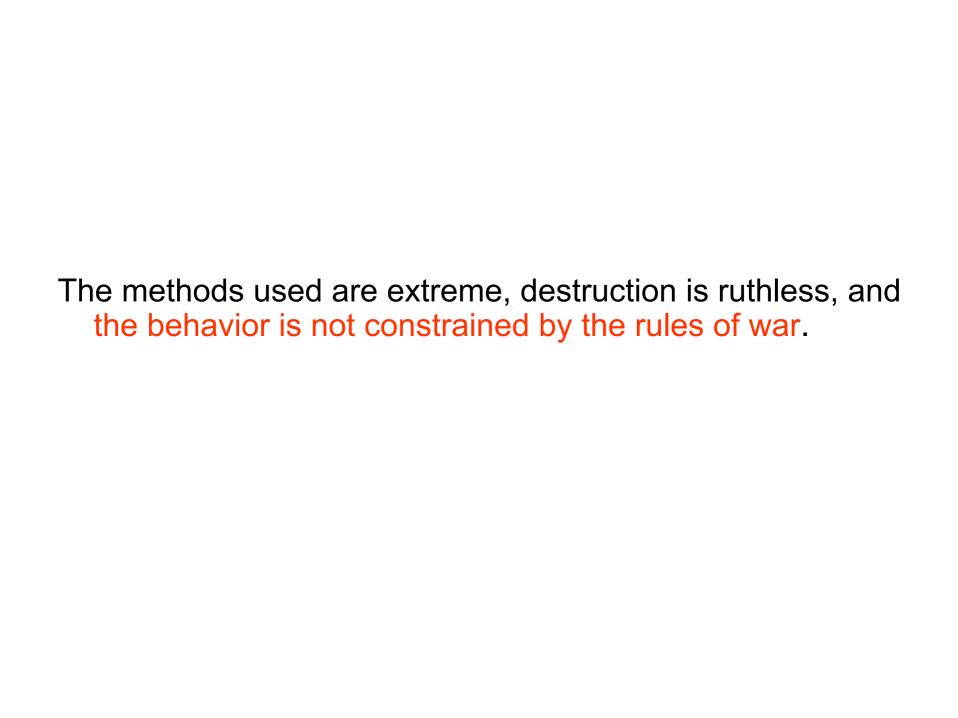Head of the Turkish Delegation of Parliamentary Assembly of The Mediterranean

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