



WATER CANNON EXPLAINED

THE FORCE OF WATER CANNON

- is strong enough to knock a person over;
- can pick up loose objects and propel them as missiles;
- can cause permanent loss of sight.





A LETHAL CASE

In 2015, South Korean farmer Baek Nam-gi was struck unconscious by police water cannon. As a result, he suffered brain damage, and died after more than 250 days in a coma.

HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS

- Water cannons are inherently indiscriminate and have the potential of causing serious injury and even death;
- the use of dye could lead to the arbitrary targeting and arrest of peaceful protesters, journalists, or simply local residents who were marked with the coloring.

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Water cannons must only be used in serious public disorder with potential serious harm to people, adhering to the principles of legality, necessity and proportionality.

It must be used for the sole purpose of dispersing the crowd, and therefore must not be targeted at individuals at short range.