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### Understanding a Nation's Right to Defensive Force During Turbulent Times



When, how, and why a nation has the right to deploy deadly defensive force is one of the most widely discussed and passionately debated legal questions of the day.

On October 22, 2023, President Biden joined leaders from Western-allied countries [reaffirming](#) Israel's right to deploy deadly defensive force against [Hamas](#), while also emphasizing the need to protect civilians.

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