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The key Islamic concepts and rules pertaining to the conduct of war and its jurisprudence, its arena and boundaries, and the subject of suicide bombings and the reckless targeting of civilians have probably never before been presented in English with such depth, clarity of thought, and breadth of scholarship in Muslim Law.

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