HMDC Presents...

Key Words: Special Session on Terrorism

State Sovereignty and Intervention

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Word	Meaning (Oxford Learner's Dictionaries)	My note
sovereignty	complete power to govern a country	
intervention	action by a country to become involved in the affairs of another country when they have not been asked to do so	
terrorism	the use of violent action in order to achieve political aims or to force a government to act	
self-defence	something you say or do in order to protect yourself when you are being attacked, criticized, etc.	
sanction	an official order that limits trade, contact, etc. with a particular country, in order to make it do something, such as obeying international law	
militant	a person who uses, or is willing to use, force or strong pressure to achieve their aims, especially to achieve social or political change	
insurgent	fighting against the government or armed forces of their own country	
safe haven	a place where somebody can go to be safe from danger or attack	
repatriation	the act of sending or bringing somebody back to their own country	
extradition	the act of officially sending back somebody who has been accused or found guilty of a crime to the country where the crime was committed	
jurisdiction	the authority that an official organization has to make legal decisions about somebody/something	
mandate	an official order given to somebody to perform a particular task	
ceasefire	a time when enemies agree to stop fighting, usually while a way is found to end the fighting permanently	

Meanings: Oxford Learner's Dictionaries, oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com, Last Accessed: November 7, 2026.