

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

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This chapter provides a basis for understanding the general requirements for insurgency. It outlines the development, organization, and legal aspects of insurgency and factors to be considered when analyzing it. The Mass Strategy insurgent model describes the development and organization of insurgency (see section II). Based on case studies, it serves well as a general introduction to the study of insurgency. Many aspects of the complex organizational structure and operations of the Mass Strategy model can be related to other insurgent strategies.

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Stated simply, insurgency is an attempt by an organized group to incite the population into forcibly overthrowing its existing government. The motivations of the organized group can be many and varied, but almost certainly, their goals include seizure of power. Although we prefer peaceful and legitimate change of power, insurgencies are not necessarily either adverse to or within the best interests of the United States.

Obviously, all insurgencies will not fit any clearly established pattern. Some are highly charged by religious or ethnic divisions and rooted in longstanding emotional issues. Some are motivated by objectives such as separatism, local autonomy, or economic issues. However, each insurgency can be better understood by examining it in light of the factors presented in this chapter.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURGENCY

VULNERABLE POPULATION.

- There are conditions, as identified in chapter 2, that can affect a developing nation's ability to satisfy the wants of the populace. These conditions include a population expanding more rapidly than economic growth, drastically low