

SECTION I INTRODUCTION

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This chapter provides US Army concepts and doctrine for internal defense and development (IDAD) operations and campaigns for host country security forces. Security forces include the civil police, paramilitary, and military forces.

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The degree to which security forces participate in IDAD will depend mostly on the level of insurgent activities. For example, police forces are critical in the prevention of insurgency before there are significant activities, and they fully participate at all levels of insurgency if it progresses.

Maintenance of law and order is a fundamental responsibility of government. During insurgency, the insurgents are often considered to be criminals or terrorists. They do not hesitate to seek their objectives through illegal means, and this includes the full range of criminal activities. Therefore, countering illegal actions of the insurgent is initially the responsibility of the police. The police are the initial security force defending against those who seek to destroy free societies through the erosion of public order.

Prevention of an insurgency is the most effective and economical method of dealing with it. If the police can meet threats early, preventive measures have a better chance of succeeding. Historically, those nations which have been crippled by insurgency reflect the fact that their police forces, even though paramilitary in nature, have been unable to cope with the insurgent movement in its early stages. In many respects, law enforcement officials are the first line of defense against the actions of insurgents and terrorists. The fate of the government and the nation may hang in the balance and the outcome may be determined by the success or failure of early police work.

The police are a sensitive point of contact between government and people, close to the centers of unrest, and generally are more acceptable than the military as keepers of order over long periods of time. The police are generally better trained, organized, and equipped than the military for handling low levels of violence, conspiracy, and subversion. Also, legal restraints may be more readily accepted by the people if enforced by local police rather than by combat elements of the armed forces.