

should stress the need and benefits of law enforcement. Themes should also stress that the insurgents are the cause of operations such as curfews and identification card requirements.

CIVIL AFFAIRS (CA)

The information below is oriented toward host country military forces; however, the principles provided are also generally applicable to CA activities conducted by other security forces.

CA operations are a responsibility of military commanders at every echelon. They include any activity of military forces concerned with relationships between the military forces and the civil authorities and people in the area. Activities may range from military civil action projects to the exercise of certain authority that normally is the responsibility of the local government.

The scope of CA operations will vary with the type of local government and will be influenced by the economic, social, and political background of the country and people. The major CA activities include:

- Prevention of civilian interference with military operations.
- Support of government functions.
- Community relations.
- Military civic action.
- Populace and resources control.
- Civil defense.

The overall objective of CA in IDAD is to mobilize and motivate civilians to assist the government and military forces. The operations are directed at eliminating or reducing military, political, economic, and sociological problems. Close and continuous PSYOP support is needed to maximize the effect of CA.

All military units have a capability to conduct CA, particularly military civic action. Major roles in military civic action are frequently undertaken by engineer, transportation, medical, and other units having assets suited to support military civic action projects.

- Units as small as a battalion task force may be assigned CA elements to assist in carrying out CA plans. A civil-military operations staff officer may also be assigned to such a task force.
- CA liaison and coordination should be established between military forces and government agencies. This can be accomplished through organizations specifically designed for this purpose or through CA staff elements.

CA operations require good relationships with the population. To establish a good