

tiers of forces upon which the commanders of unified commands and the chiefs of MAAGs can draw to support IDAD. In most cases, the US elements described below will be employed to advise and train host country forces, although elements can also provide combat support and assistance to these forces.

The first tier consists of US Army security assistance forces organized by the Army to support commanders of unified commands. The SAF is a specially trained, area-oriented, partially language-qualified ready force that is available to the commander of a unified command for the support of operations in situations short of open hostilities and in limited and general war. SAF organizations may vary in size and capabilities according to theater requirements. This force may be strategically located and can provide skilled and readily available MTTs to assist a MAAG in its training requirements. Page 128 contains additional information on the SAF.

The second tier is drawn from overseas-based general purpose TOE units that are designated as brigade-size backup forces. These may include forces consisting of combat, combat support, and combat service support units designated as backup forces for the SAF. These backup forces should be partially language qualified, area oriented, and trained in IDAD. They can provide MTTs and operational units of sizes and capabilities consistent with mission requirements. Generally, their elements are committed when the capabilities of the SAF have been exceeded. Page 134 provides additional information on backup forces.

The third tier consists of CONUS-based SAFs and general purpose forces. In consonance with contingency planning, area-oriented, brigade-size backup forces may be trained for FID and designated for employment in specific areas of the world. The third tier satisfies requirements that exceed those of the first and second tiers.

MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS

MTTs, one type of security assistance team, can be provided to fill training requirements which are beyond the capability of the in-country military assistance organization. AR 550-50 contains detailed information on MTTs.

The purpose of MTTs is to provide the host country a self-training capability in a particular skill. This is accomplished by training selected host country personnel who will then constitute an instructional base for continuing the training.

MTTs are not programed for more than a 6-month period.

The MTT will be tailored so that it provides the specific capabilities required for its mission. Under most circumstances, the MTT will operate directly under the operational control of a MAAG. A specific command and control element can be included in the MTT when required by the mission.

The MTT mission is a normal function of an SAF. When requirements are beyond the capabilities of an SAF assigned to a unified command, an MTT can be constituted from general purpose forces within the unified command. MTTs may also be furnished from SAFs or general purpose forces in CONUS.