

CIVIL-MILITARY OPERATIONS

Civil-military operations are that complex of activities (political, economic, social, and psychological) in support of - -

- Military operations embracing the relationship between US military forces and civilian authorities and population.
- The development of favorable emotions, attitudes, or behavior in neutral, friendly, or hostile foreign groups.

The primary purpose of civil-military operations is to support the military commander. Two major activities comprising civil-military operations are PSYOP and CA.

When US combat, combat support, and combat service support units are employed in FID, CA and PSYOP units are normally employed to support the operations of the US forces. US commanders and staff officers must recognize that the activities, combat or noncombat, of all US military personnel and units have CMO implications. Staff responsibility for CMO in US Army units is assigned to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G5, CMO, or to the S5, CMO Staff Officer. When a unit is not authorized an S5 section, the commander should designate an officer to be responsible for CMO functions. FM 101-5, provides a detailed description of G5 responsibilities.

Psychological Operations

- Although the doctrine outlined on page 71 is oriented toward host country PSYOP, it generally applies to the planning and conduct of PSYOP by US forces in IDAD. FM 33-1 also provides PSYOP doctrine for US Army advisors and units employed in IDAD situations.
- The overall PSYOP policy and program in a host country is established and coordinated at national level. This program provides the general guidelines within which lower military and civilian echelons plan and conduct PSYOP. US Army units should insure that their PSYOP is in consonance with, and supports, US national objectives, the host country national PSYOP program, and the programs of the political subdivisions within which they are operating. Coordination of PSYOP - - both US and host country - - is made through appropriate area coordination centers.
- Host country PSYOP objectives, target audiences, and priorities may not be entirely appropriate for US PSYOP. For example, a host country may list its armed forces as the primary target audience, while US military PSYOP may consider the civilian population or the enemy forces as the principal audience. In general, however, US PSYOP should be in line with the host country PSYOP program.
- US Army personnel normally do not have the required in-depth knowledge of the target audiences and the language; therefore, US units usually rely on host country personnel to assist in the development of PSYOP intelligence, themes, message content, and illustrations. At the same time, host country