

POPULACE AND RESOURCES CONTROL

Page 77 provides information and doctrine concerning host country populace and resources control operations. The doctrine also applies to US forces when they participate in these operations. However, the enforcement of control measures on a nation's population should be performed, to the extent possible, by host country agencies; therefore, the populace and resources control activities of US forces will normally be limited.

Population and resources control operations are primarily a host country police responsibility. Since civilian communities usually have some form of law and order, a logical approach is to build on the existing law enforcement system - - the civil police. Some developing countries may use paramilitary forces to assist civil police in populace and resources control operations. Using paramilitary forces allows the local population to participate, thereby making these operations more of a local affair than one of outsider interference.

When insurgent activities exceed the capabilities of the police and their supporting paramilitary forces, host country regular military forces may be required to augment the police. Since the population is more likely to accept control measures enforced by host country personnel rather than by forces of an outside nation, US forces will normally participate in populace and resources control operations only when the situation is clearly beyond the capabilities of the nation's security forces, and US ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED.

When US forces are required to participate in populace and resources control, their activities may range from minor support in the countryside to complete control in US bases and their immediate vicinity. Their assistance should be oriented toward providing tactical and area security for the populace and resources control activities of host country security forces.

When conducting populace and resources control operations, US forces should be accompanied by host country police or military personnel. These personnel can provide US forces with language capabilities, detailed knowledge of the people and area, and advice as to the legal aspects of implementing control measures. In addition, the presence of indigenous police or military personnel will assist in conveying to the people that US forces are only supporting the host country program rather than enforcing a unilateral US program.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS

The doctrine on page 80 concerning tactical operations is applicable to US Army forces employed in support of host country IDAD. In addition, chapter 7 provides detailed information about counter guerrilla tactical operations in IDAD.